Are you thinking of joining the military?

This is one of the biggest decisions of your life Make the best decision for YOU

> What do **YOU** want out of life? Seriously, what are your dreams?

- College?
- To make enough money to support yourself and your family?
- Adventure?
- To move away from a bad home situation?
- ✓ A rewarding job?

You deserve these things.

What career alternatives are out there?*

DO YOUR RESEARCH!

WATCH



Narratives

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READ



REFLECT

joining the military will change you forever!

CHALLENGE

your recruiter vourself

*For career alternatives: https://bit.ly/YWMilAlt

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT.

Being sex and gender diverse in the military

Different opportunities to pay for college

College **debt** and the military

Getting out of the **DEP** (Delayed Entry Program)

Military discharges and Conscientious Objection

First, the **MOST CRITICAL** but **OFTEN OVERLOOKED** question to ask yourself:

Am I willing to kill without hesitation,

be it civilian, woman or child

or be killed myself

in service to a mission I may have **serious**

doubts about?

Go here for more links, info, and stories bit.ly/YWBrochure

WHAT WILL LIFE IN THE MILITARY BE LIKE?

Even when off duty or on leave, you must obey your commanders without hesitation or face punishment.

No matter what job you're assigned, every position is a potential combat position.

> You may end up being paid less than the minimum wage for your hours.

> > Military life is dangerously stressful: very boring or highly traumatic.

> > > You can suffer a physical, mental, or moral wound as a result of your military service.

Some military families end up qualifying for food stamps!

The military is not a safe space where you can be yourself.

Racism and white supremacy are **REAL** problems in the military

The military always puts the needs of the mission first. Service members come second.



Being a woman in the military is tough.

Military Sexual Trauma (MST) covers everything from sexual harassment to rape and murder.





Official MST rates are 1 in 4. (including for male on male rape)

But much goes unreported.



REPORTING MST CAN RESULT IN TRAUMATIC AND **CAREER-ENDING** RETALIATION.

YOUR BODY IS NOT YOUR OUN. **EVEN YOUR HAIRSTYLES** ARE POLICED, NOT TO MENTION YOUR BODY MASS.



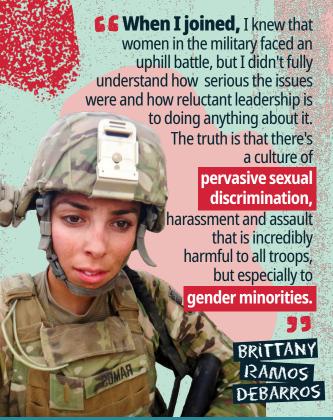


WOMEN IN THE MILITARY STILL FEEL THEY HAVE TO WORK TWICE AS HARD AS MALES TO GET HALF THE RESPECT

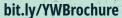
FAMILY PLANS CAN FAIL!

MANTAINING YOUR FAMILY OR RELATIONSHIP WHILE DEPLOYED IS STRESSFUL AND DIFFICULT. WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR KIDS

WHEN YOU'RE GONE?



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Before Enlisting

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AFTER YOUR MILITARY LIFE

You will be changed by your military experience.

Military training is designed to break down individuals and make them into one part of a unit. You learn to follow orders without thinking, at an instant's notice. It makes it hard to reflect and make wise choices.



MORAL INJURY

You may come home with profound shame and regret about things you participated in.

Suicide

In 2018, there were more than 17 Veteran suicides per day.

(including all veterans)

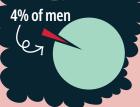
MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

> Drug and alcohol abuse is way high in veterans.

MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

41.5% of women





PERMANENT DAMAGE FROM WAR WOUNDS

- * Amputations
- * Blindness ★ Fertility Problems
- * Burns
- * Brain Trauma
- * PTSD
- * Miscarriages

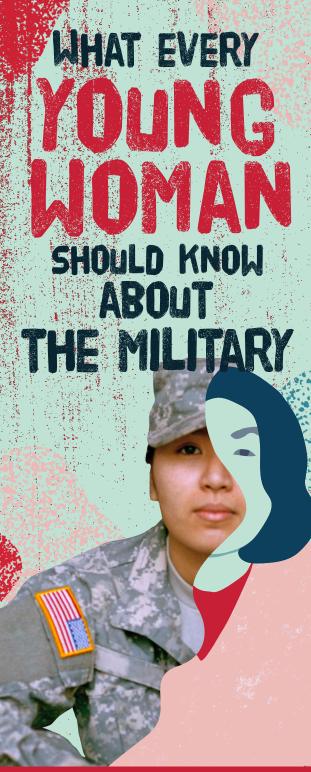
*****Hearing loss

- ★ Back/Knee/Neck trauma
- * Exposure to Toxic Chemicals (e.g depleted uranium, burn pit exposure, etc.)

OTHER PHYSICAL

- * Exposure to toxic water in military bases
- **★**Ionizing Radiation
- **★**Toxic Embedded Fragments





(AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT)