SGT. ABE THE HONEST RECRUITER

OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

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So, you're looking for ADVENTURE, JOB TRAINING, and MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

If you join the military, you'll fill out a 4-page from just like this. But BEFORE YOU SIGN IT, there are some VERY IMPORTANT things you need to know!

12302, 12304, 12305, 12405; 14 USC 351,

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er, failure to fumish personal identification information may negate the enlistment/reenlistment application.

A. ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. NAME (Last, first, Middle)

3. HOME OF RECORD (Street, City, County, State,

5. DATE OF ENLISTMENT/
REENLISTMENT (YYYYMMDD)

6. DATE

On the first page, things seem pretty solid. But nothing is as simple as it looks.

Take the length of enlistment, for instance. Here, it looks definite & limited. But in fact it's **NOT**. The military can make it longer. If you don't believe me, turn the page!



8. I am enlisting/reenlisting in the United States (/ist branch of service)

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enlistment, I must serve a total of eight (8) years, unless I am sooner discharged or otherwise extended by the appropriate authority. This eight year service requirement is called the Military Service Obligation. The additional etails of my enlistment/

reenlistment are in Section C and Annex(es) (list name of Annex(es) and describe)

a. FOR ENLISTMENT IN A DELAYED ENTRY/ENLISTMENT PROGRAM (DEP):

I understand that I am joining the DEP. I understand that by joining the DEP I am enlisting is

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365 days, unless this period of time is otherwise extended by the Secretary cond a nonpay status and that I am not entitled limited to medical care, liability insurance understand that the period of time while I sweet promises. They might at

I also understand that the period of tildescribed in paragraph 10, below. While i recruiter informed of any changes in my p WILL be ordered to active duty unless I refor enlistment in the Regular component of the period of the

In this section recruiters make a lot of sweet promises. They might attach extra pages with even more promises.

But GET THIS-

THE MILITARY can BREAK ALL OF THEM! Why? Answers on the NEXT page.

NOTICE: if you change your mind about DEP, you can get out easily. If a recruiter says you can't, THAT'S NOT TRUE. Details on page 4.

EP, I understand that I am in Re erve, to include, but not ay if I incur a physical disability. I entry into a pay status. However, my military service obligation qualifications and keep my address. I understand that I

b. REMARKS: (If none, so state.)



c. The agreements in this section and attached annex(es) are all the promises made to me by the Government. ANYTHING ELSE ANYONE HAS PROMISED ME IS NOT VALID AND WILL NOT BE HONORED.

(Initials/s of Enlistee/Reenlistée)

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FOR ALL ENLISTEES OR REENLISTEES:

I understand that many laws, regulations, and military customs will govern my conduct and require me to do things under this agreement that a civilian does not have to do. I also understand that various laws, some of which are listed in this agreement, directly affect this enlistment/reenlistment agreement. Some examples of how existing taws may affect t agreement are explained in paragraphs 10 and 11. I understa that I cannot change these laws but that Congress may chang these laws, or pass new laws, at any time that may affect this agreement, and that I will be subject to those laws and any changes they make to this agreement. I further understand the

a. My enlistment/reenlistment agreement is more than an employment agreement. It effects a change in status from civi to military member of the Armed Forces. As a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, I will be:

 Required to obey all lawful orders and perform all assigne duties

(2) Subject to separation during or at the end of my enlistment If, my behavior fails to meet acceptable military standards, I may be discharged and given a certificate for less than honorable service, which may hurt my future job opportunities and my claim for veteran's benefits.

(3) Subject to the military justice system, which means, among other things, that I may be tried by military courts-martial

(4) Required upon order to serve in combat or other hazardous situations.

(5) Entitled to receive pay, allowances, and other benefits as provided by law and regulation.

b. Laws and regulations that govern military personnel may change without notice to me. Such changes may affect my status, pay, allowances, benefits, and responsibilities as a member of the Armed Forces REGARDLESS of the provisions of this enlistment/ reenlistment document.

a. FOR ALL ENLISTEES: If this is my initial enlist serve a total of eight (8) years, unless I am soone otherwise extended by the appropriate authority. This eight year service requirement is called the Military Service Obligation. Any part of that service not served on active duty must be served in the Reserve Component of the service in which I have enlisted. If this is a reenlistment, I must serve the number of years specified in this agreement, unless I am sooner discharged or otherwise extended by the appropriate authority. Some laws that affect when I may be ordered to serve on active duty, the length of my service on active duty, and the length of my service in the Reserve Component, even beyond the eight years of my Military Service Obligation, are discussed in the following paragraphs.

b. I understand that I can be ordered to active duty at any time while I am a member of the DEP. In a time of war, my enlistment may be extended without my consent for the duration of the war and for six months after its end. (10 U.S.C. 506, 12103(c).

c. As a member of a Reserve Component of an Armed Force in time of war or of national emergency declared by the Congress, may, without my consent, be ordered to serve on active duty. for the entire period of war or emergency and for six (6) months after its end.U.S.C. 12301(a». My enlistment may be extended during this period without my consent (10 U.S.C. 12103 (c)).

(Initials of Enlistee/Reenlistee)

Recruiters often skip this page, but YOU BETTER NOT! It shows

→ 1-2: This is NOT a normal job, and NOT a normal contract. You CAN'T QUIT, for one.

3: They can send you to WAR.

4: They can CHANGE your job contract at any time WITHOUT NOTICE. This includes your DUTIES, PAY, BENEFITS, & BREAKING ALL YOUR RECRUITER'S PROMISES. That's what this means. GOT IT?

⇒ 5-6: The military can even extend your enlistment WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT. Over 75,000 GIs have been extended since 2003.

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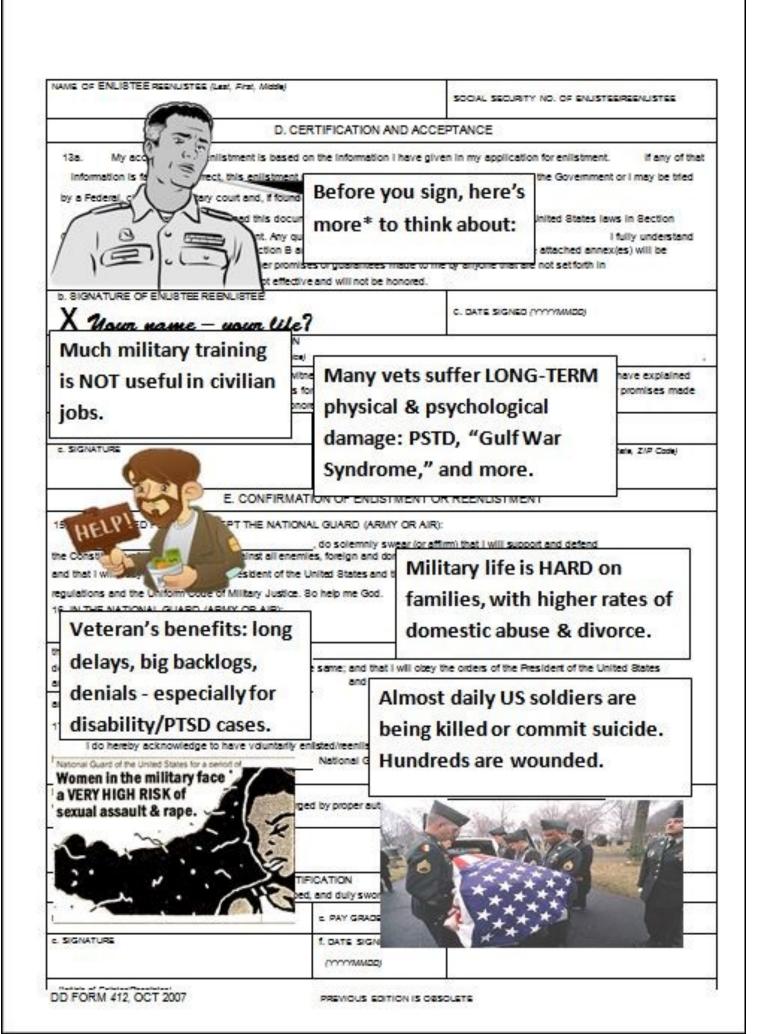
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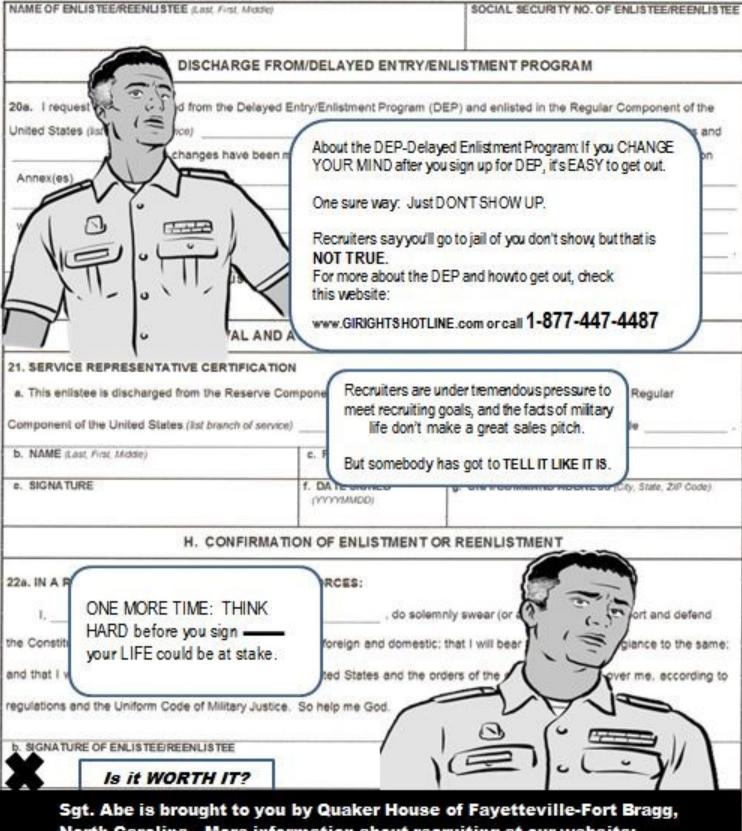
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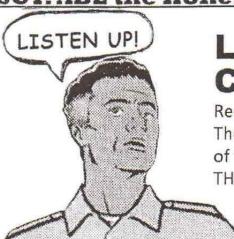


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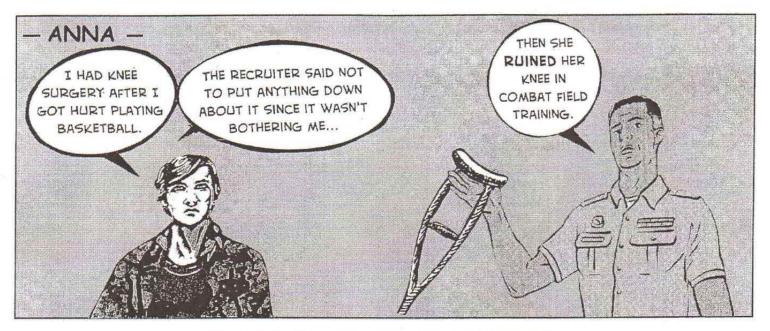


Lying on Enlistment Forms Can Get YOU in Big Trouble!

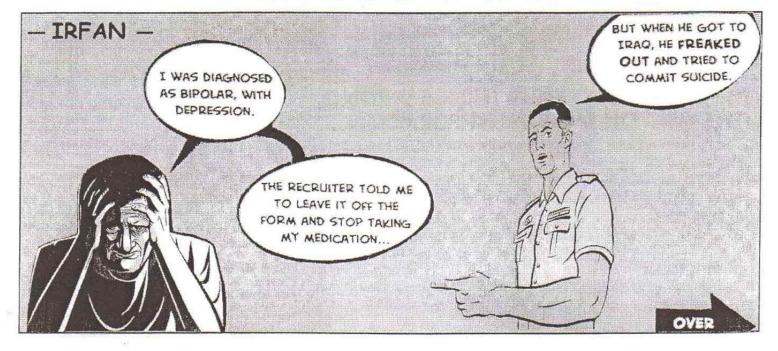
Recruiters may tell you to lie on your forms to get you in uniform. They might even help you cover up things that would keep you out of the military.

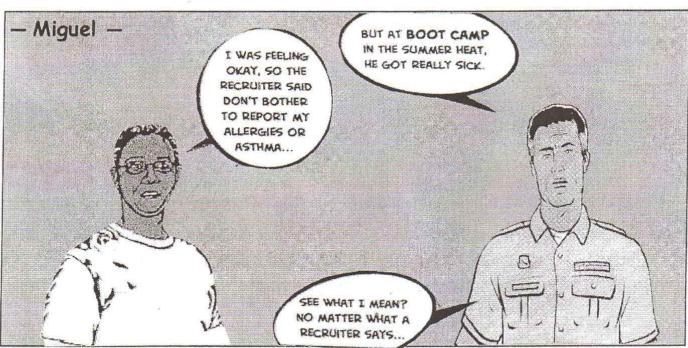
THIS IS A BAD IDEA! Why? Recruits like these learned the hard way:

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THERE ARE AT LEAST FOUR THINGS WRONG WITH LYING ON ENLISTMENT FORMS:

1. YOU will pay the price for the recruiter's bad advice, NOT the recruiter. They'll be long gone.

2. YOU could get seriously HURT. Old medical &psychological problems often come back, or get worse under the heavy stresses of military training and combat.

3. YOU could lose ANY CHANCE of getting HELP or compensation from the military. And they DO investigate claims to see if important information was altered or left out.

4. YOU could get in trouble with the law. Lying on an enlistment form is ILLEGAL. It could get you court-martialed, discharged, or even put in jail.

But if I tell the whole truth, they won't let me enlist. What then?

DON'T GIVE UP! There are LOTS of other things you can do: Go to school. Learn a trade. Start a business.
YOU CAN DO IT! check http://whatsnext.afsc.org for more ideas.



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