How Would You Feel If You Were Drafted and Had To Participate In A War?

Our armed forces are being stretched to the limit. Units are having their tours extended while others are being re-deployed without adequate time to rest and refit.

As we speak, there is legislation that will “correct” this situation. If passed, “The Universal National Service Act of 2003” (H.R. 163 in the House and S.89 in the Senate) will reinstate the draft, and this time it will include women.

If you are between the ages of 15 and 18, please join us at the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center for a new, FREE 8-week summer workshop series that will explore the topics of war and peace-making, nonviolence, and conscientious objection to war.

Participants will have the opportunity to gather with friends to explore their thoughts about:

- The role of the individual in war,
- The importance of the individual in making peace,
- How military experience impacts lives, and
- Conscientious objection to war.

We will also discuss alternatives to the military for:

- Community service,
- Life experience, and
- Education benefits.

Through focused journaling of their thoughts, those participants who find they are conscientious objectors to war will have written documentation that may be of use in the event of future registration for the draft or conscription. The workshop series is designed to be flexible and participant input that fosters leadership and a sense of teen “ownership” of the activities is welcome. Some of the weekly activities include encouraging the participants to express themselves creatively via:

- Journal writing
- A film or video project,
- Song lyrics,
- Artistic displays, and
- A brochure for the program’s fall sessions.

The workshops will be held every Wednesday (7 pm – 8:30 pm) from July 7th through August 25th at the JRPC, 519 South Higgins, Missoula, MT 59801.

For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center at 406-543-3955, peace@jrpc.org, or Colin Holtz, the project coordinator, at collamy@xci-mt.com.
Do You Object To These?

In your mall?

In your School?

On your caller I.D.?

On your doorstep?

How About These?

“War is an environment that will psychologically debilitate 98 percent of all who participate in it for any length of time. And the 2 percent who are not driven insane by war appear to have already been insane — aggressive psychopaths — before coming to the battlefield.”

Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman

On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society