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PRINCIPAL PURPOSE To record enlistment or reenlistment of military personnel which are used to document personnel actions. The SSN is for positive identification.

If you join the military, you'll fill out a form that looks like this. But BEFORE YOU SIGN IT, there are some VERY IMPORTANT things you should know.

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.

3. HOME OF RECORD (Street, City)

5. DATE OF ENLISTMENT/
REENLISTMENT (YYYYMMDD)

8. I am enlisting/reenlisting in
this date for

years and **weeks** is considered an Active Duty Obl...

_____ weeks will be served in the Reserve Component of the Service in which I _____ initial
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 details 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 in the R United States (list branch of service)

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b. REMARKS: (If none, so

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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 A LIE*. Details on page 4.

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 of Enlisted/Reenlistee)

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KEY POINTS

Hey, listen up!

C. PARTIAL STATEMENT OF EXISTING UNITED STATES LAWS

9. 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 laws may affect this agreement are explained in paragraphs 10 and 11. I understand that I cannot change these laws but that Congress may change 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 that:

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

- (1) Required to obey all lawful orders and perform all assigned 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.

AND RESERVE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD.

a. **FOR ALL ENLISTEES:** If this is my initial enlistment, I will 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. 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, I may, **without my consent**, be ordered to serve on active duty, for the entire period of the war or emergency and for six (6) months after its end (10 U.S.C. 12301(a)). My enlistment may be extended during this period **without my consent.** (10 U.S.C. 12103(c)).

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

- **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 conditions at any time WITHOUT NOTICE. This includes your DUTIES, PAY, BENEFITS, and 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 60,000 GIs have been extended since 2003.**

g. During an enlistment period without consent (see paragraph 10), I am serving on active duty under authority of the President may, in order to active duty, extend my enlistment without my consent. If I am serving on active duty, I understand that I may be retained on active duty if he or his designee determines that my service is essential to the national security of the United States. An action may result in an extension, without my consent, of the length of service specified in this agreement. This extension is often called a "stop-loss" extension (10 U.S.C. 12105).

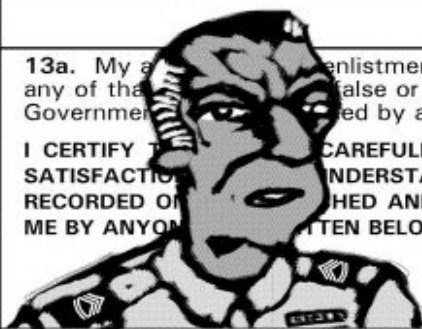
h. I understand that I may be ordered to perform active duty for up to 45 days if I am unable to perform my duties. If I fail in any way to perform my duties, I may be discharged. If the discharge is for other than honorable reasons, my membership in the Reserve Component will be terminated until I am discharged. If I am discharged for other than honorable reasons, I will be discharged until I am discharged. If I am discharged for other than honorable reasons, I will be discharged until I am discharged.

11. **FOR ENLISTEES OF THE MARINE CORPS:** If I am serving on active duty, I understand that I may be retained on active duty if he or his designee determines that my service is essential to the national security of the United States. If I am retained on active duty, I understand I will be extended for a period of 30 days. If I am retained on active duty, I understand I will be extended for a period of 30 days. If I am retained on active duty, I understand I will be extended for a period of 30 days.

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(Initials of Enlistee/Reenlistee) _____

NAME OF ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE (Last, First, Middle)	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OF ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE
D. CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE	
<p>13a. My enlistment is based on the information provided. If any of the information is false or incorrect, this enlistment is void. Government of the United States by a Federal, civilian, or military official.</p> <p>I CERTIFY TO HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT AND TO MY SATISFACTION I UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY THE INFORMATION RECORDED ON THE ATTACHED ANNEX(ES) WILL BE HONORED BY ME BY ANYONE. (If none, X "NONE")</p> <p>b. SIGNATURE OF ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE</p>	<p>13b. I have read and understand the contents of this document. I have signed the signature in item 13b to this document. I certify that the information in Section B of this form and in the attached Annex(es) will be honored by me. If the information is not effective and will not be honored.</p> <p>c. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)</p>
<p>16. IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH, I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, AND COAST GUARD; AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE. So help me God.</p>	
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<p>18. a. SIGNATURE OF ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT OFFICER</p> <p>b. NAME (Last, First, Middle)</p> <p>c. PAY GRADE</p> <p>d. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)</p>	
<p>19. ENLISTMENT/REENLISTMENT OFFICER CERTIFICATION</p> <p>a. The above oath was administered, subscribed, and signed by me.</p> <p>b. NAME (Last, First, Middle)</p> <p>c. PAY GRADE</p> <p>d. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)</p>	

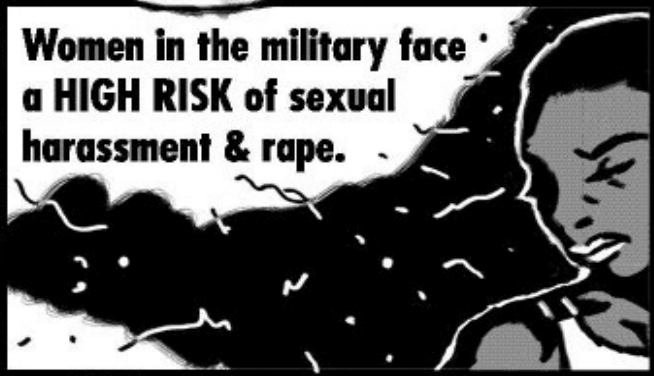


Before you sign, here's more* to think about:

Much military training is NOT useful in civilian jobs.



Many vets suffer LONG-TERM physical & psychological damage: PTSD, "Gulf War Syndrome," and more.



Women in the military face a HIGH RISK of sexual harassment & rape.

Military life is HARD on families, with higher rates of domestic abuse & divorce.

Veterans benefits: long delays, big backlogs, denials - especially for disability/PTSD cases.



Dozens of US soldiers are being killed every month. Hundreds are wounded.

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F. DISCHARGE FROM/DELAYED ENTRY/ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

20a. I request to be discharged from the
Component of the United States (list branch)

About the DEP – Delayed Enlistment Program: If you CHANGE YOUR MIND after you sign up for DEP, it's EASY to get out.

One sure way: Just DON'T SHOW UP.

Recruiters say you'll go to jail if you don't show, but that is NOT TRUE. For more about the DEP and how to get out, check this website:

www.GIRIGHTSHOTLINE.com or call 1-877-447-4487

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which
b. SIGNATURE OF ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

21. SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

a. The Reserve Component of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, branch of the Department of Defense, is hereby approved for enlistment in the
PA
DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)
(State, ZIP Code)

Recruiters are under tremendous pressure to meet recruiting goals, and the facts of military life don't make a great sales pitch.

But somebody has got to TELL IT LIKE IT IS.

H. CONFIRMATION OF ENLISTMENT OR REENLISTMENT

22a. IN A REG

I, _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will support the President of the United States and the laws of the United States; that I will obey the orders of the officers in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and that I will do so to the best of my ability and to the best of my knowledge and belief.
God.

ONE MORE TIME: Think HARD before you sign — your LIFE could be at stake.

b. SIGNATURE OF ENLISTEE/REENLISTEE

b. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)

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