

PURPOSE OF THIS PAMPHLET

This pamphlet gives information to help a man confronted with the draft by:

- 1) defining his rights
- 2) presenting alternatives

The motivation for providing the pamphlet is the Vietnam War. Many men do not want to participate in the war, or in the military. There are alternatives.

THE QUESTIONS

Are you opposed to the war?

Can you participate in the massive killing?

Do you want the military to run your life for two years?

If you do not want the war, the killing, or the military, then you must choose an alternative course of action.

ALTERNATIVES

Your choices are the following:

- 1) I-A, a combatant position
- 2) I-A-O, a non-combatant position within the military
- 3) I-O, conscientious objection
- 4) non-cooperation
- 5) deferments (not permanent status)

The Selective Service System (SSS) provides 14 classifications. Most of these refer to deferments for a special status such as school, dependents, ministry, etc. (see below). The only alternative service provided by law to a I-A position is either I-A-O, or I-O.

WHAT IS CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION?

The Military Selective Service Act of 1967 provides that no "...person (shall) be subject to...training and service... in the armed forces... who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form." Further, it provides that a C.O. shall perform 2 years of civilian service "contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest."

MUST YOU: BELIEVE IN GOD?

HAVE FORMAL RELIGIOUS TRAINING?

No. The "...by reason of religious training and belief" clause has been given a wide interpretation by the Supreme Court.

THE DRAFT

YOUR RIGHTS

YOUR CHOICES

THE NEW DRAFT LAW

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

STUDENT DEFERMENTS

OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS

VIETNAM AND YOU

The decision to participate in the Vietnam War is your own, not the draft's, not the government's, not your parent's. It is you who will be involved in the killing of thousands of Vietnamese. Before you enter the military, it is your responsibility to know why you will be fighting. And it is your responsibility to say "No" if you do not think the United States should be in Vietnam.

OTHER DEFERMENTS

The 16 classifications of the SSS are:

- I-A: available for military duty.
- I-A-O: C.O. available for non-combatant duty.
- I-O: C.O. available for civilian alternative service (see above).
- I-S-C: High school or college student ordered to report for induction but deferred to complete his school year (see "student deferments" above). I-S-H is for high school students.
- I-D: Member of military reserve unit or student taking military training.
- I-Y: Qualified for military or alternative service only in time of war or national emergency. This is subject to change and review.
- II-A: Deferred for essential civilian work.
- II-C: Deferred for essential agricultural work.
- II-S: Deferred for college or graduate study.
- III-A: Dependency deferment.
- IV-A: Public official
- IV-C: Alien not subject to the draft.
- IV-D: Minister or ministerial student.
- IV-F: Not qualified for any service.
- V-A: Overage.
- I-W: C.O. performing civilian work.

The new draft law says that the National Security Council will advise the director of the SSS on the criteria for granting deferments for critical skills and essential occupations. This refers to II-A and II-C deferments.

IV-F and I-Y
If you have any physical or mental defect, notify your local board. Send them medical records and doctor's reports (registered mail, return receipt requested). Take all medical records with you to your pre-induction physical. Army doctors often miss defects unless their attention is called to them. Remember I-Y is not necessarily a permanent status. It can be reviewed and changed at any time.

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