



GIs — Know your rights

Some things to remember:

- It's wise to:
- Get civilian counseling before signing anything you're not sure about.
- Keep a log when seeking discharge or documenting harassment.
- Make at least two copies of documents — keep one and send one to at least one trusted person off-base, such as a counselor, attorney, friend, or family member.
- Rumors about automatic discharge upgrades after six months or whenever are **not true**.
- In the 1947 Nuremberg trials, the US government held that there was a duty to resist carrying out crimes against humanity, defined as "*murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war; or persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds.*"
- Congress members can conduct inquiries and initiate investigations of the military; an aide in each member's local office is supposed to help constituents with problems with the military. See www.congress.gov
Talk to a counselor first to find out how to pursue this option.

Helpful organizations, in addition to the GI Rights Hotline:

- National Lawyers Guild/Military Law Task Force — www.nlg.org/mltf
- Center on Conscience and War — www.centeronconscience.org
- Courage to Resist — www.couragetoresist.org
- Madres contra la Guerra — madrescontralaguerra.blogspot.com
- Iraq Veterans Against the War — www.ivaw.org
- Military Families Speak Out — www.mfso.org
- Bring Them Home Now — www.bringthemhomenow.org
- Proyecto Guerrero Azteca — www.guerreroazteca.org
- Veterans for Peace — www.veteransforpeace.org
- Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors — www.objector.org
- Vets 4 Vets — www.vets4vets.us

Discharges | DEP | Hazing | Discrimination | Gay | AWOL/UA | Harassment | Conscientious Objection

Information from a network of nonprofit, non-governmental organizations. The service is free. The call is confidential. Call M-F, 7 -10 pm (Central European time), to speak with a counselor, or leave a message any time for callback.

001-510-535-1104

In the U.S. call toll-free
1-877-447-4487

The GI Rights Hotline

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