



What Military Service Members, Veterans and Parents Are Saying

Comments seen on news articles, videos and social media regarding military recruiting, recruiting crisis, woke military, etc.

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“As a current Active Duty Service Member, I can tell you that the military has become weak and woke at the leadership level.”

“It’s no longer the apolitical military the American people can count on. I’m done when I hit my retirement a year from now.”

“As someone that’s currently active for 19 years, the route that the military has taken would absolutely make me not want to do it again. I’ve had so many first term enlisted ask questions and opinions from me. Not because of going to war but because of politics and policies put in place.”

“My dad and father in law both served in the military, and now my son-in-law is in the Army. He says wokeness is killing the morale of the enlisted men.”

“The majority of military members don’t THINK the Pentagon has become politicized... they KNOW it for a fact. I’ve got a pair of sons in the Army. Some of the stories they tell me about the woke briefings they have to sit through...”

“My son is due to retire from the Navy after 25 years. He told me that due to these political policies he can't wait to leave. I'm just glad he is at the end of his career and not the beginning.”

“I just retired from the Marine Corps after 20 years last year and it’s getting out of hand. You’ve got leadership that doesn’t care about anything except these woke policies. I know lots of Marines that are getting out because they are tired of it, as well as Marines, who wanted to do more than 20 years but they are tired of the woke culture.”

“I’m retiring in July after 22 years 100% because of the new woke BS. We spend a significant amount of time dedicated to woke agenda and I’ve had enough. gender identification acceptance, pronouns, etc. I honestly DO NOT care what the person is or thinks they are, but at the same time I don’t want an agenda FORCED down my throat. I believe what I believe and other are free to believe what they want. Just let me do my job of defending this nation.”

“Same here. I’m almost able to retire from active service and can’t wait.”



“24 years in, about to retire. My son wanted to follow in my footsteps and join. I’ve discouraged him (his choice) from doing so. It’s a mess fight now.”

“Well, my son has been in the USAF for 14 years. He just visited us and said the morale is the worst he has ever seen. He said they are getting overwhelmed with a focus via training and propaganda on LGBTQ indoctrination. He is getting out after his next 4 years is up.”

“My son, who wanted to be a Marine his entire youth, left after 5 years, disgusted with the new 'woke' Marines.”

“A friend of mine has a son in the AF that is an officer. He has a masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He told his dad he is retiring in a few months and that it can't happen soon enough He says that the "woke" garbage being shoved down their throats is sickening, and he can't take it anymore. He says there are many officers and enlisted that feel the same way and will be leaving the service. As bad as the Russian military has performed in Ukraine, I doubt if we could even defeat them on a battlefield.”

“I proudly served 25 years in the Army. Most Soldiers I know today, including two of my sons, are just hanging on until they hit 20, if they're close, or until their current enlistment expires. It will take massive investments of time and money to rebuild our military once this administration ends.”

“I retired from the military 2 years ago and I don't want my kids joining. It was a pretty good gig for me and I'm happy to have served, but there's no way I would recommend it to anyone. Having to walk on eggshells in order to prevent ruining your career and future definitely isn't worth it now. Wokeness and cancel culture are ruining everything.”

“My kid came out after six years, finished up his engineering degree, and told anyone who would listen to never enlist.”

“My son is a Navy Lt flying Seahawks; I'm retired USAF Lt Col/ former pilot of God's gift to man, the UH-1N. I pray for the day he can leave. I could not recommend anyone join today, our oath was to the Constitution, not to ideology. USAFA '90”

“It's terrible. I retired last year from the military, 27 1/2 years, am very proud of my service. Things changing over time is to be expected, however, the changes in the past several years have been drastic & disappointing. We need to do better & change course. Will stop there.”

“When I was in, they allowed transgenders and it didn't make any sense. We got talked to by an admiral and did like 10 meetings on transgender sensitivity training. I am no longer in.”

“Met a young man a couple weeks ago who was medically discharged from the Army. Gave me an earful about all of the DEI training now. That is not my US military!”

“It's true. The woke agenda was a leading factor in my decision to retire after 22 years. I was seeing a new generation of Soldiers that I would not want in a foxhole with me.”

“I retired after 25+ years last February. I made this life changing decision after what I deemed was CRT indoctrination. They called it something else. My inner voice became an external tirade of disagreement, and I knew this was a battle I was going to lose. Cowardly, I decided to exit with my pension intact. The problem with this is so did a great many of my cohort of technical and tactical experts. The “Great Purge” continues.”

“I s surprised when my youngest son enlisted in 2012. A Black Hawk Crew Chief he was on his way



to flight school when he attended a leadership class on 'What to do if your male soldier becomes pregnant or has their period.' He had complained that half their time was spent in HR classes instead of training. Lack of flight hours, field training, competency in individual and collective tasks and skills. And so, much to the disappointment of this old soldier, he made the right decision, giving up his opportunity to become a pilot and got out. Today he has a degree in mathematics and a master's from Embry Riddle in Aerospace Aviation Management and Safety and is employed as the Director of Safety for a cargo airline. He and his family are doing quite well, and he certainly doesn't regret his decision. Regrettably, neither do I as his father. US Army Retired."

"It's because of the wokeness. My hubs retired after 38 years in. A fellow soldier told him he was forced to sign agreements accepting men dressing as women in the Army. The guy told his commander "I'll sign it but I'm telling you I don't agree with this." He still received a negative mark in his record just for an off the record opinion."

"25 years active duty and still work for the army as a civilian. This army is way more concerned with social issues and equity than warfighting. Discipline is lax and I sometimes think the commanders from company to brigade are severely concerned about not doing anything to get relieved, much more than training for war. I don't see this ever reversing, one reason I would not recommend service in the Army. Sad to say...."

"My son recently retired from the military. They spent more time in classes that taught political correctness than they did in flight briefs. Within a three month period, his squadron lost almost 60% of their pilots and crews. The airlines pay much better anyway."

"I'm so happy I got out in 2017. I'm proud of my service, but I would never let my kids join. Sadly, the Army has changed so much over the last decade. Not sure if we are the good guys anymore."

"We know 2 brothers who are young, patriotic, dedicated Marines who joined the corps carrying on a family legacy of service. They both fulfilled their first term of enlistment and then got out because of the indoctrination and woke ideology."

"I couldn't wait to retire because of the wokeness and climate change agenda that was being pushed & he's right the ads are absolutely ridiculous, and I'm embarrassed at the direction of our once great military."

"I stopped by the Unit I retired from in 2016 later that year. They were getting ready to have the usual classes the Military requires periodically. My Commander wanted me to stick around for the Transgender training."

"They spend more time peddling redundant irrelevant social training than military skills training. My husband and I retired just in time, however our oldest daughter is only spending her initial enlistment in the Army due to all the woke distractions."

"As someone who served in the Marine Corps from 2013-2018, I have three words for those considering joining: DO NOT JOIN."

"As a retired USAF member, I can unequivocally state that there is far too much emphasis the woke agenda than there is on the mission."

"I personally have 2 family members separating from military duty ASAP, due to the woke policies, the jab mandate, and the resident in the White House, and his idiotic police policies. Two other family members were considering military service,



to uphold our strong family tradition of military service, but will not consider joining now, due to the above reasons. 4 people from one family. That says a lot, I think.”

“As a Veteran I discouraged my son from taking a military route. Not because of my personal experiences with combat but because of the things I hear about today’s military, not only from those currently serving but those recently discharged. The whole new ideology that that military has adopted these last two years is the issue.”

“My husband served twenty-four in the Corps. He retired in 2010. The military is not what it once was and my husband and I discourage anyone from joining.”

“My family has a long history of serving that goes back generations, both mother and father are vets. My older brother in the Army hates it. The wokeness is terrible, he’s had to attend a number of CRT sessions – one where he had to wear an “oppressor” sign around his neck for the day. He said it’s all very humiliating and has created bad morale. Despite wanting it since I was a kid, I decided I’ll find another way to help my country. I’m not joining an organization that will treat me with contempt for who I am. Very saddened by what has happened I’m not sure we win wars.”

“My nephew retired from the 82nd Airborne in the last year. Thank God he’s the last family member to leave the “Joke” Military. He wanted to be a lifer and he served more than 15 years, but said to Hell with it when the Military became a Woke Joke.”

“I’m a retired Army engineer, still work for the Army as a civilian and I can tell you that I would not recommend it. The officer corps is now more worried about getting in trouble with all the gender issues and having to deal with a bunch of spoiled children as Soldiers.”

“They missed the giant elephant in the room, that being the woke culture and leftist indoctrination taking place. Instead of focusing on excellence and warfighting capabilities, they’re more interested in the diversity, equity and inclusion nonsense. The sad part is that the biggest advocates they used to have for military service, those of us who spent an entire career in uniform, are no longer advocates. None of the fellow retirees who I know recommend military service anymore.”

“I served 25 years; both my kids said no thanks to the military. One was even excelling in ROTC. They see what was/is happening.”

“Every young person I’ve spoken with in the last couple of years that once thought about military service has specifically said that new policies, most of which came under Biden, are the reason why they won’t join. EVERY ONE OF THEM. These are people from all around the greater Washington DC many of which had parents and grandparents who were military. This is a pretty good sign that people don’t want to join the new “woke” military.”

“Daughter has 7yrs to retirement and she is just holding on at this point as bad as it is getting. I remember affirmative action promotions from when I was in the Army during the 80’s. People with no business being in charge of anything getting promoted. One of our E5’s couldn’t read at a grade school level.”

“I retired with 21 years of service and have worked as a contractor for the military for 20 more years. The military culture has changed dramatically in 40 years... for the worse. Standards seem to be out the window and there’s very little motivation toward achieving goals. Commanders are scared to make decisions without consulting an army of lawyers, and every decisions has to be politically correct and “woke”. Those type of decision-making cycles get soldiers killed. It’s no wonder kids no longer want



to serve. Military vets are warning their kids and others not to join. Remove the woke and esprit de corp will return.”

“My father retired from the Air Force with 30 years. I retired from the Army with 21. I still work as a contractor for the military, and I can say with great discomfort that the military I knew is no more. Physical requirements have been rolled back, aptitude tests have been dumbed down, and standards in general are waved for many categories. It scares me that soldiers have to serve under a president that doesn't value their lives nor cares about the military in general.”

“I am on all branches bases, installations conducting business. Must say, as a veteran of 2 wars-conflicts, 14 years Active Duty, it is VERY discouraging and scary to see the utter lack of decorum, respect and discipline we were taught makes the greatest fighting military in the world! Is it a coincidence the USA is at its weakest point over these past 3 years? I think NOT!”

“A friend of mine's Grandson just got out of USMC Boot Camp. He went to the rifle range twice, bivouac once. diversity training the rest of the time. Sad to say that the boy feels very disappointed after his Grandfather told him what the Marines USED TO BE before he enlisted! My Buddy, his Grandpa, had no idea it had gotten that bad, me either.”

“I retired from the USAF in 2009, still work on the base I retired from and trust me, the standards started getting lowered years ago. It's so sad and maddening to see the quality of young troops these days. Almost every young airman, and many NCOs, that I cross paths with look like they want to kill themselves, have no pride in their uniforms. I don't know what's going on but it's shameful.”

“As a veteran, I would not join the military today. I advise young people against it when they ask me about it. Individuals I know who are currently serving echo my sentiments. I find this incredibly sad, as I come from a line of veterans...”

“I'm a retired 5th generation officer. I'm actively encouraging my kids to pursue another path so long as people like you are running the military. There is no honor in fighting for the priorities of this admin/congress. But good luck fighting climate change with diversity.”

“My family has served every generation since immigrating to this nation since the 1800s. Me and my brother are the last who will ever enlist. Thanks for ruining our honorable tradition of military service.”

“I deployed twice to Afghanistan and served in the 82nd and 173rd. I am not interested in sending my children to join an organization that is headed by woke commissars who do nothing but aggressively push for “diversity” and wokeism. I will be discouraging them from joining.”

“Your primary recruiting base was the sons of conservative families. You went woke and now they don't want their sons anywhere near your new fabulously diverse train wreck. Go woke Go lose the next major war.”

“As a legacy American (settler, not immigrant) my family has served in the US military in every war since the Revolution. Some died, some lived to tell stories. My wife's uncles and mine were on opposite sides in the War between the States. My uncle Cecil died at Normandy. My Dad landed Marines on Iwo Jima. Two dead relatives in Korea. Four in Vietnam. My wife and I served in the 70's. My son did three tours in Afghanistan. All that to show my history and I WOULD NEVER SUGGEST ANYONE JOIN THE CURRENT US MILITARY! It's



simply not the same country and I fear it never will be again.”

“You forced experimental vaccines on servicemen and women. You ignored your own regulations and told them it was experimentation or their livelihoods. You ignored their right to religious freedom. No one wants to subject themselves to that. You made your bed.”

“I don’t know a single person that got out in the last 15 years that recommends joining right now.”

“I was grateful to have served in the Army National Guard for 8 years. I have told my sons to NOT follow in my footsteps. I cannot and will not recommend to anyone to serve in today’s Armed Forces.”

“Males in my family have serviced since the Revolution. I’ll be the last one to have a DD214. #notmychildren”

“I was enlisted from 99-07. At least 1 male from each generation served pre-dating the founding of the US in my family. It ended with me, when I barred both of my son’s from joining as I watched our military become a joke. Our national defense is no longer in uniform, it’s us.”

“Having served in the military under President Ronald Reagan, what the left is doing to our military now with this DEI and CRT garbage, the military is an embarrassment! It's no wonder that morale and recruitment is way down!”

“Believe me when I say...as a veteran, with three other family members who are/were veterans...this new crap means everything. Plus, reservists are retiring early; active duty members are not re-enlisting. The leadership of our country...including the military...is destroying everything good and strong and moral about us with this focus on personal (fictional) identities & climate sh**,

instead of colorblind combatting of evil. And we cannot help but pay the price in the future. So tragic.”

“This is our military today? May God help us. We are no longer a superpower, we are just another 3rd world country. I served back in the mid 60's and loved it. I wouldn't encourage any young person today to go into it.”

“The very day I de-assed college in June '67 I went to the recruiting office & enthusiastically enlisted. (I even tried to re-up after 9/11, at 55--but was told "We'll call you if we need you, sir") But today I'd sooner pull my own head off rather than enlist.”

“I’m a USAF veteran. 90% of the people I served with were conservatives, the remaining 10% were moderates. Not a liberal in the bunch. One of my nephews is a Navy SEAL and he is a conservative Christian. The military, by going woke, has guaranteed it'll drive off the very people normally attracted to military service.”

“Fellow air force vet here. And I totally agree with your post. Our mission is to protect this country, not to learn about pronouns and victimhood. If this keeps up, the primary language of North America will be mandarin Chinese.”

“I am also a USAF veteran. Never was deployed anywhere (early 80s). I never met a Liberal in uniform when I was in USAF, not in enlisted ranks, and not in the officers I knew. Both of my sons in law are also US military veterans. One was in the Navy the other is a Marine. They are both, now, medical doctors. Both are staunch conservatives and they both HATE what the Left has done to our military (why neither of them is still in the military) and neither can stand Joe Biden or our SECDEF.”

“I served 32 years and I will NOT allow my adult children to join this joke of a military, zero leadership, pathetic.”



"I joined because I believed it was my Duty to do so. I served when the Country was worth serving. I now tell young people not to serve. That doesn't make me happy, but it is necessary."

"Totally agree. I'm not exactly ashamed of my service, USAF 1979-1985, but I don't advertise it anymore. One thing I do say, to my sons, grandsons, and anyone else who will listen is, don't serve. They hate you and everything you stand for."

"Wokeness is exactly why I won't join. Why should I or any young person be subjected to weirdness? It would be the worst military experience ever. I would rather be chased up a tree by spotted hyenas than serve that freak show that calls itself a military."

"That has long been the overwhelming reason for people to join. It was for a sense of loyalty to and a love of the country. Now if someone joins the military and talks about their country being the greatest country, they will be labeled as extreme, or in the case of a white male, "a White nationalist." The military has become a joke. There are still many men and women who serve with honor, but the leaders have failed the servicemembers and the country. How could someone follow an order from General Millie knowing he went to the Chinese and said he would let them know if President Trump was going to do something? Isn't that called treason? Then that same general said we have a problem with extremist in the ranks. We didn't, but with all the lgbtqxy\$%+)-:?: we do now. I served for 10 years and I am proud to have done so, even though there were sacrifices made. Now, I would not recommend for anyone to join."

"For those of us who lived in communist Eastern Europe, it was called "political education"."

"Thank god my son change he's mind after seeing all this woke crap."

"I joined the US Army in 1985, would I join it now? That is a hard No..."

"My sons are the first generation in our entire family line to NOT serve in the military. I retired from active duty a few years back and have repeatedly discouraged both my boys from serving at all costs strictly BECAUSE of woke leftist ideology that has taken hold. Rare is the real war-fighter found serving in the current uniformed leftist indoctrination regimes. They've been phased out through years of "tolerance" training and soulless 'yes-man' promoting regardless of mission decay. PC culture has massacrred any and all military tradition & lethality. Nothing but soft betas now."

"BTW, my husband and I both served in the USAF and are so grateful our son hasn't joined the US military."

"We are a Marine Corps family. It hurts me to say that I would urge a young man to stay very far from any military service."

"My school is small. Graduating classes around 30 or so. Around 5 kids a year entered some type of military service. In the last 3 years, zero have entered the service."

"When I was a Marine pilot many years ago I and no other pilots in my squadron could survive in today's Marine Corps. When in combat and when your body and mind are focused on one thing, there is no time to analyze the situation to see if it is proper or not. The camaraderie of the men and women in a platoon or company has to be totally family in nature or the trust will not be there. There can be no offended members who resent others or who demand to be something they are not. It is also absurd to allow transgender personnel into the service because of the drugs they must take to



survive and the questionable mental state that they are living with. “

“There is NOT a chance in hell that I would join today’s military. Ex-U.S Navy.”

“Simply put, I would not voluntarily join today’s politically correct military. The military exists for only one reason, defending this country by breaking things and hurting people as directed by the leaders of this country. After serving nearly 29 years (1967-1995 and reaching the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, I must conclude that I would have never made Staff Sergeant, even in the shortage intelligence field I worked in if the current upper-level management had been in power then.”

“I am retired from just short of 37 years of Military service and right now I would direct people to not let their children join the military right now.”

“I’m just glad my wife and I both retired before this garbage went further south. The military we served in was proud of what we did. The "new" military has zero discipline, even less pride in what they do and integrity is a thing of the past. As a country we are doomed if it's up to our government and fighting forces to defend us. The civilian populace is better armed, better trained and more willing to defend what we worked to have. Sad but true.”

“Real men don’t want to shower with tranny’s - real men don’t want to fight for a woke government - real men don’t want to be called racists and white supremacists and oppressors- real men don’t want to be forced to take an experimental vaccine - real men don’t want to fight for a President that used them for fodder like the disastrous Afghanistan surrender- real men don’t want to fight for Joe Biden....”

“No one in their right mind would ever consider volunteering for the military these days. The Pentagon is no longer interested in protecting our

country - they are interested in only protecting the democrat party. We have removed our son from his JROTC high school program and put him in a private school. We support our country, but no way is he voluntarily entering the military or participating in ROTC at the college level. The military is destroying itself.”

“I retired from the Military and will do everything possible to talk my kids out of joining based on this awful corrupt woke leadership.”

“There are a lot of US veterans like me who are paying attention and are saying, "This is NOT the America I fought so hard for!"”

“I retired with over 30 years of service and before I was required and have actively discouraged my children to join the military. This will be the first time in four generations not to serve.”

“Spent 20 years in the Navy. With the new policies and feminization of the military, I don't recommend it to any of my 7 grandsons.”

“My family since 1914 has been legally immigrating to the US, generation after generation... and at least one of each generation (often more than a few) serve as a show of thanks to being allowed to immigrate to the US. This is the first generation that we've had that will not be serving in the military. The damage done not just to the military by the Left, but also to the young generations in general by the left are why if/when we fall, it will be from within, and not from without.”

“Anyone who is / was in the military knows the success of the mission and their survival in combat requires that commitment to their other members of the unit. Whether you're in a foxhole or flying a jet aircraft your survival depends on every person committed to the mission. Unfortunately, DEI has the exact opposite impact. Instead of creating a unified unit, DEI creates mistrust between



members of the unit. It destroys the unity that is the key to not only combat success, unit harmony and more importantly the persons survivability.”

“My father was a Marine. My grandfather was a Sailor. My great grandfather was a Soldier. And I am a retired Soldier. Service to this country is one of the greatest things you can do in life. That being said. I discouraged all 3 of my sons from enlisting. The current military is beyond broken. It has nothing to do with the enlisted or junior officers. The problem lies with the upper leadership.”

“The whole thing with the COVID shot or out was nothing but a pure power play and a culling method. I was in during the anthrax shot controversy, and people who didn't take it weren't kicked out, just placed in a non-deployable status.”

“Retired from the military in 2017. I will not allow my children to serve in this current climate, especially when we have a “CinC” who has a habit of putting our service members in harms way.”

“Sad, I've been a contractor for almost 30 years and the quality of the military recruits are way down from even 10 years ago. At some point military officers are more concerned about making rank instead of doing what's best for our country. If the President tells them to go woke, they'll do it regardless of the consequences. They become more of a politician rather worry about the troops.”

“I started seeing this as early as 2006. I served with a mid-level NCO(E-6), that was brainwashed and was in the beginnings of being "Woke". He was a contradiction to the Army mindset at the time. But, he got right for the direction the Army was going as he retired as an E-9.”

“My son has dreamed of being an "army man" since he was a child but the reality of it is that the current government sees them as cannon fodder and does not respect the soldiers as American

citizens. They are forcing left wing political beliefs rather than American greatness that was once instilled into our brave soldiers and it's just not the same. He doesn't want to go fight wars for liberal beliefs or values. He will instead go to trade school and learn to lay bricks or operate heavy machinery. If Trump wins the next election, and changes the way the military operates he may reconsider, but for now its trade school.”

“My son has 10 plus years into the Army; infantryman. Currently a captain and ready to be promoted to a major. Unfortunately he wants out. His complaint- he has been made into a glorified babysitter. My friend's son; a major in the Air Force. Got out for the same reason.”

“I am an Army officer with 30 years of service. My 19 and 17 year old sons are not joining the military and that is because I told them it is not a good option. This opinion story is an accurate representation. Also, I believe the withdrawal from Afghanistan was demoralizing to both those in uniform as well as anyone considering joining. Retention is at an all-time low at the same time that recruitment is as well. This is a leadership problem that starts with the administration. Military flag officers serve at the pleasure of Congress and the Executive Branch. They have become de facto political bureaucrats.”

“21 years of service with some of the best people in the country. Now, when people ask me about whether or not to go into the military, I pretty much say not in a million years.”

“I served 8 proud years in the military in the late 80's, through mid-90's. I used to recommend the military to young people all the time. No more. And that's pretty sad.....”

“I never thought I would say this: I spent 4 years active duty then 30 years in the active military



reserves. During the same 30 years I was on the San Diego P.D. I retired from both on the same Friday. For obvious reasons because of today's political climate, I could not in good conscience recommend either one of these professions to a young person. I enjoyed my time in both jobs, but that was a different time."

"Recruiting hasn't looked like this since the end of the Vietnam war after 55,000 fatalities in 450,000 battle injuries we walked away. We have done the same thing in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya... as a retired, lieutenant commander. I have counseled many to avoid military service at all cost. We don't mind risking our lives. But risking our lives for fools is not in our interest."

"My family has always encouraged service in the military. Both parents served in WWII, my brother in Vietnam, my son retired after 5 deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I was called out of retirement to serve in Afghanistan. We have always cherished the traditions and service of our military. As my grandsons are reaching the age of service and have expressed an interest in joining the army, our family has decided to discourage them in this endeavor. We don't want them to be cannon fodder in one of Biden's misadventures and be sacrificed because of a lack of training and mission focus. I am saddened that the military has declined to this sad state of readiness."

"The branch of the military I served in and the nation I fought for are totally different today. Personally, I don't feel my nation deserves my son's blood and sacrifice. I would do everything in my power to discourage him if he ever considers joining."

"I am a 30 year retired veteran of the US Army. It was my pleasure to serve the greatest nation on Earth. I served in Desert Storm, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. I am not sure I would serve today

under our current Commander in Chief. Granted, I served under Carter and Obama but the attitude toward our current Armed Forces by this administration is frightening. It seems our military forces spend more time learning about hating their fellow countrymen (CRT, LGBTQ and other sensitivity training) then they do training to fight and win our nation's wars. We will definitely get our nose bloodied when we go to war against the Chinese and or North Koreans."

"I spent twelve years in the Marine Corp, but I would discourage any young person to join today under this current Biden Administration or any future Democratic Administration."

"Back in the old days, everyone in was green, and there was no need to preach about equity or racism. this is a monster of their own creation."

"My father served in the British Royal Air Force toward the end of WWII, I served 21 years in the US Army - I used to encourage young men to join, but no longer. Now I try and talk them out of it. The military that used to be a matter of patriotic pride to serve in is now a sad joke."

"I was in the ARNG for 13 years, 1 year in Afghanistan. After seeing how quickly US/NATO's little nation-building project crashed and burned, how quickly everything we sacrificed for circled the drain, and how we basically replaced the Taliban with a Taliban armed with our own equipment. And then the US Govt wages a propaganda war against those who love liberty and also tries to lecture us on "gun safety" after letting the Taliban basically run wild with machine guns and military equipment. And you have the audacity to plead with the young people of this country, that they risk life and limb for a lie? Absolutely not, I tell everyone I can to NOT join the military, and don't serve the very political elites that hate them for existing. With no due respect, up yours."



“I’m an army veteran. I’ve never been so ashamed of our military as I am now. And I served when Bill Clinton was president.”

“You’ve lost the trust of the American people and many veterans. I served for 19 years and resigned because of your unlawful mandate and intentionally destructive policies. You’ve become the enemy of the Constitution you’ve sworn to defend.”

“Y’all kicked me out over an ineffective vaccine series for the sniffles. You think y’all have a recruiting issue now? Wait till this generation’s sons aren’t encouraged to join like we were. This family’s 150 year tradition of service ends with me.”

“My wife and I both served, proudly. Both of us enlisted under Reagan. Under Reagan. I have two children. I would lock each of them in a closet if they ever considered enlisting or taking a commission right now. The US military went woke, and now it’s extremely broken.”

“Told my kid 10 years ago that he would not be joining the Army. I did 21 years, 96-17, and the changes during that time were horrible. The last 5 years of that were the worst and have been getting worse every year.”

“I’m a fifth generation veteran. My great great grandfather fought for the Union in the Civil War. I convinced my son not to join. He’s making a six digit income as a chemical engineer now. My family will no longer serve in the future.”

“I spent 30 years in the Infantry and seeing what has happened to the Army and the military in general I have told my grandson do NOT go in the military. It has gone from a war fighting organization to a woke, feel good at all cost, give me what I want civilian organization.”

“I tell any kid that signing up is simply not worth it. It used to be patriotism, love of country, honor and duty. Now the military is squishy woke and a grand social experiment for the Dems.”

“I joined veterans at a university to tell interested parties that the military should only be their fallback option. We all got to talking about our military families and someone asked how we can be proud of that while giving them the impression that it wasn’t for them. I think I had the best answer: “What makes a profession great is not how much money it makes, but how much professionalism it can instill. Where you are sitting, you see your potential to be a warrior, and we know it is only your potential to be indoctrinated right now”.”

“I am third generation military, and my beloved Marine Corps has been destroyed. I do NOT want my sons serving, they both dropped out of scouting when they were required to obtain woke merit badges just prior to Eagle Scout rank. Liberals destroy every think they touch.”

“Despite my 35 years of service, I would not encourage anyone to join the service under the leadership put in place by this regime. They will not support the troops or appreciate the sacrifices those troops make following the foolish demands of their woke leaders. Who wants to be constantly told they have to step aside and watch others get promoted because of diversity, not merit?”

“I am a vet, enjoyed my time in when it was a professional military combat force and discouraged both my sons from enlisting into the new woke military and any of their friends. It is no longer a professional fighting force, its current purpose is indoctrination into the woke agenda.

“As an Army retiree/Vietnam Veteran, so far I have talked all of my eligible grandchildren out of joining



the military. All services have changed dramatically for the worse. (5 of my children served)."

"In an economy like this one, recruitment should be up. The one recommendation I would make is very simple, get rid of the woke training. That's all they have to do. People like myself, retired Navy vet are encouraging others not to join under the current depraved administration. Seems woke training has supplanted military ops training which will put people at risk in the battlefield. They are using the military as their grand social experiment rather than protecting our country against current threats."

"23 years, retired combat engineer officer. Have actively discouraged my family from considering today's military as a career choice. Breaks my heart."

"I served and am a combat veteran. Was poisoned by your bullshit anthrax "vaccine" then watched your politically appointed Generals literally shit on our nation for their self-advancement and profit. The 4th generation of service in my family ended with me."

"As a recently separated veteran, seeing a she/her in a leader's email to the soldiers contributed to my disdain for the military."

"My family had a long history of military service and patriotism which influenced me at the time. I can't think of a single veteran whom I know or associate with who will encourage or support someone in enlisting for this new "woke military" nonsense. I have 3 adult children and 6 grandkids, none of which will be going into the military under this present failed administration."

"Five generations of Naval Service, I think we have seen the last of encouraging the tradition."

"I have 22 years active service, and I would discourage anyone from serving under this Administration. Their priorities are all backwards. Instead of building a cohesive professional fighting force, they are emphasizing diversity and wokeness. There is no color in the Army but green, and they should be brothers and sisters in arms."

"What did I just read? I'll tell you why in a few simple reasons: Social engineering, equity, demoralization, unscientific mandates, and a distrust of the Democrats and the DoD brass is why."

"I did 20 in the Air Force, '84 to '04, and I could not in all honesty recommend today's woke military as a career to any kid today."

"When the Army reverts to being a war fighting organization instead of a social experiment organization it will meet its recruiting goals."

"Two years ago after a year in college and not quite knowing what he really wanted my son was considering the military. His grandfather a 20+ year Navy vet told him not to do it and I couldn't really recommend it either. I worked 30+ years for the AF as a civilian. It was generally a good experience, but you could see the changing environment getting more woke. I told him I'd support his decision either way and recommended the Air Force as the best. He decided against it. If you can't convince people who've been around the military their whole lives it's got to be hard getting others to consider it."

"I come from a family with extensive military service and no one is encouraging our young ones to join. Not even up for discussion."

"I would never enlist as long as the government is composed of socialists and woke leftists intent on destroying the country from within. What would be



the point? The US used to fight Marxists, now it is governed by them.”

“It is hard to recruit people to be willing to pay the ultimate price when they have been indoctrinated to HATE their Country!”

“Grandfather, WWI; Father, WWII; ME, Vietnam Era volunteer, Son, retired USCG. Now? Our family is done.”

Re Army commercial: “Nice ad/propaganda. Too bad appealing to the historic patriotism of the Revolutionary War and two World Wars does nothing to mitigate the reality of the modern US Army. If you want that type of man, you need to change the current culture of the US Army. But wait, you just spent the last few decades dumping on those men. The men in the ad were mostly straight, White, Christian men of Anglo Saxon and Anglo Celt descent, with a healthy dose of Teutonic blood. Those men have been vilified and marginalized by the politicians in charge, and in popular culture.

I spent 20 years in, neither of my sons is going to join. Ever. Let the strong independent women, the BLM crowd, the homosexuals and transsexuals fight the next war. Another good idea (for the Joint Chiefs and politicians) would be securing the Southern border, unless you are going to enlist all the millions of illegal immigrants.

Young men, before you join the modern woke Army, have a conversation NOT with your recruiter, but with someone who served in Iraq and Afghanistan as an enlisted man of your demographic. Listen to what they say. If you agree with it, or like it, by all means sign up. If you don't like what you hear, don't. Experience is the best teacher, not an appeal to history the current D.C. or academic elite regimes hate.”

“I joined in 1989. I had watched the “Be all that you can be” commercials. I didn't know much about the

Army, but I knew that I wanted to be an “Airborne Communicator”. After graduating AIT @ Gordon and Jump School @ Benning, I ended up at Ft Bragg and was assigned to B Co 50th Signal Battalion (Airborne). Come to find out, A Co. 50th Sig BN (ABN) were the ones to film that commercial. So it had come full circle for me.

I had an arguably blessed career....17 years on jump status....15 years supporting Special Operations and some of the Finest Americans the world had ever known. Stationed in Stuttgart, Germany for 6 years, WORKED in 22 different countries in the Middle East, Europe and Africa. I was a part of things that made movies about. I ended my career, assigned to the Joint Staff, working at Raven Rock Mountain Complex (NMCC-Site R), something else people tend to talk about that have NO clue what they are talking about. I retired in 2011, after 22 years of Service.

So, would I recommend a young man or woman join the Army today? Not on your life. Nor the Navy, nor the Air Force/Marine Corps/Space Force/etc. The woke nonsense that has infiltrated and permeates every facete of the US Military. It's like a cancer, continuously SPREADING and GROWING within our armed services. Young Men are looking to be WARRIORS....they aren't looking to receive classes on some DEI/CRT point. Young women are looking to PROVE themselves....not have standards LOWERED so they too can compete.

At 6 ft, with no vertical jump, I KNEW that a basketball career was out of the question for me.....was that FAIR? No.....but it WAS reality. What I didn't do was try to make basketball “FAIR” for me to participate in....I found something I was good at instead. Fairness is for 4 year olds....not for men and women.....Life is NOT fair in any way, shape or form. Quit pushing EQUITY in the Armed Services.....we already HAD EQUALITY.”



"I have bad memories of what at the time was called AAEEEO training that was regularly required; usually someone came down from G1 or AG to present it. In units where there was little or no racial discord, this training always incited it. In units where there was racial tension, this training always made it worse. Never been more glad to be out of that mess."

"You: Spend decades demoralizing, emasculating, humiliating and holding down men in all social and economic environments across the West in the name of "equality" and "feminism". Also You: Please fight to defend this system! Men: No. Please hire the strong, brave, courageous, independent #girlpower #girlboss feminist career women working easy email jobs in corporate offices to go fight your battles now. Good Luck!"

"I'm never dying for people who hate me. NEVER."

Re Army commercial: "That's a nice history lesson, about a country that doesn't exist anymore."

"As a veteran I'm absolutely disgusted with the so-called leadership in all the branches right now. I used to send a lot of young people to the recruiters, but I can no longer in good conscience do that until things improve."

"My grandson was the same. I have actively discouraged him the last few years because of the horrendous current leadership of the military. The last four generations of my family have served in the various branches with honor. Today, I see no honor leading those branches."

"The military has always depended on patriots to serve their country. But the new policies in the military are making it very unappealing to patriotic people, which is leaving a huge gap in recruitment and retention. The left has this idea that they can recruit more "open-minded" woke people to fill that gap, but they are learning the hard way that

those woke individuals are generally far too self-absorbed to ever consider serving. So here we are with a recruitment retention crisis."

"As a 4 year Navy Vet Grandma, I would be against any of my grandchildren serving in today's WOKE military."

"My son has always wanted to be soldier. As a little boy he ran around in fatigues, he looked for any reason to. He's been in JROTC. He volunteers for everything he can... Food pantries, hospital help, picking up garbage around the town. He has a chest full of ribbons, and he's extremely proud of himself and America. He is 16 now and wants his mom and I to sign him into the Marines early when he turns 17. I can't stomach the idea under this current administration. He'll go anyways when he's 18. I want him to have a great experience. I don't want him or myself to regret it."

"Most vets I know are telling everyone that will listen to keep their kids as far away from the government as they can."

"Military service is a kitchen table topic. Conservative families in today's world aren't likely to encourage their child to enlist or incur an obligation to serve through college ROTC. The current CINC, the SECDEF, and the Chairman don't inspire families to encourage their children towards military service. Hard. Cold. Truth."

"Because of the state of the Government, I'm discouraging my sons from enlisting in the military and if there is a draft later on when they are old enough to join, I encourage them to leave the country. I don't agree with what the Government and military represents anymore as these ideologies conflict with our beliefs. And honestly I can say the United States isn't a free nation as liberties are trampled into the ground by the



Government. What my grandfather and father fought for is gone.”

“I knew I wanted to serve in the Air Force when I was still a junior in high school. I had a teacher who was a veteran combat pilot in WWII who extolled the virtues of the citizen soldier. To him, there was no higher honor than to serve in the armed forces, and he was an inspiration to many of us. I joined delayed enlistment in October of 1978, and went to basic training in September of the following year. I graduated from basic on my 18th birthday and served twenty years. If today’s recruiters reminded prospects not only of the benefits, but also continued to remind them that to serve one’s fellow countrymen by placing themselves between their beloved country and the wars desolation is still the most honorable of professions, instead of the woke BS they try to push, they might inspire a whole new generation to serve. Speak to their hearts as well as their minds.”

“Speaking as a 20 year veteran: They won’t say what the real issue is, because they can’t without punishment.”

“Man, I did my time in Army Active Duty from July 2010 to April 2018. Almost eight years and unfortunately had to be medically discharged after being run over in 2015. Still don’t regret it. I was born into a military family, my father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncles. Pretty much grew up in a hanger watching Huey’s and Apache’s being worked on. Now I talk to guys still in and instead of being mission ready w they have classes on pronouns. How is that important in a fight?”

“My grandson was thinking of joining the US military this June. Shortly after New Year he said that he had changed his mind. “The government sucks ” was his excuse.”

“As a Vet, I do my best to steer everyone away from service.”

“I can see it turning, I am Retired DOD and was a Marine in the early days, I still go on base to workout and can see it getting soft. Kids want a soft life now.”

“We live in a time where all they do is shame men for being men. Why would anybody that’s a guy want to join a society that craps on us.”

“My son has been in the Navy for 13 years and I’m a big military supporter. Given the changes in the military I would not recommend it to people and I never thought that would be the case!”

“I was a U.S. Marine, and I can tell you that a lot of guys decided not to re-enlist because of this woke foolishness.”

“I was USAF in the 1980s. Here’s the problem: Military is trying to recruit “woke” young people and those folks are NEVER going to join up. 85% of my service mates were conservative types, the other 15% moderates. This is like a steakhouse advertising in Vegan Monthly. It’s just not happening.”

“I am a veteran of 36 years Sea-going Navy service and a two combat tour VietNam War veteran. I love the Navy and the Marine Corps ; I absolutely despise everything that they have become.”

“Give us an America worth fighting for again and watch the recruiting numbers jump.”

“How about this: Knock all the woke garbage off. Military service doesn’t appeal to the woke sheep. It appeals to Americans who still think this country is worth fighting and dying for. And as the repeated low recruitment and retention numbers show, more and more Americans feel the country is no longer worth fighting for.”



“I’m from a military family and since Biden has started U.S on a path headed for destruction we have had every single active member in our family get out as soon as they could.”

“When the young are taught to hate everything about this country, why would they enlist to risk their lives for something they hate? Not too hard to figure out.”

“So just like that and despite calling men and boys toxic, they still need them to keep their fantasy society safe. Young men got the message loud and clear and are not going to defend such a feminized regime.”

“The Army used to be a place for people to become soldiers. Now, it is just another indoctrination center. As a veteran, I am appalled by what I see.”

“In short order, she will have the Army very reflective of the current administration – incompetent, unable to meet standards and worthless. Keep calling all white people racists and continue to see recruitment and retention suffer. Continue to be led by poor leadership and continue to see recruitment and retention suffer.”

“Retired in 2017 with 23 years and some change between the Navy and Army Guard. Gone are the days that selfless service was important. With woke new ideologies, the military has become a joke, as the Marines are the only ones still trying to hold on.”

“You would have to be insane to join the military under this administration.”

“As a 3-decade retired Army veteran, I would not encourage anyone to enlist in a defense organization that trades Wokeness for readiness. The only way our kids will return to us from hostile overseas deployments is in body bags.”

“Why would young people fight for an administration that hates the Constitution, hates liberty, and hates groups of Americans? The reason for low recruitment is obvious.”

“The low enlistment is due to Military policy changes and the push of CRT by high level Commanders/Leaders. The military leaders are weak compared to past, Gen Reimer, Gen Powell, Gen Sworkoff, Gen Bramblett etc.. The loss of benefits for retirement. Now soldiers have to invest their income instead of having one built for them if they stay for 20 years. It’s a difficult transition to serve and takes a special person and family to adapt. It’s not like a civilian job and live in one place all your life and get paid a lot more. Service members can have to move every 36 months or less. Some can stay longer in one place. They are separated from their families often by deployments or field exercises. I was one separated for 20 months due to my position. Change back to old system needs to happen. ”

“First, you need to restart the draft. Second, you need to include females, and others, in the draft. Third, stop with all the “woke” nonsense and work instead, to build a lethal fighting force. Young people....find a nice trade/technical college and learn a trade. You will be your own boss and make plenty of \$\$\$. Me...21 years active, 7th ID, 3rd ID, 4th ID and 10th Mtn division.”

“Not a viable option for my son or daughter. Sadly, the patriotism I teach at home is all they are going to get.”

“When you teach children that their country is bad for the past 20 years, you shouldn’t really be shocked when nobody wants to volunteer to defend it.”

“It could be that intelligent and patriotic candidates don’t want to fight for a corrupt government.”



“Sorry, I’m not dying for this country. It left me, I didn’t leave it.”

“The U.S. military has forsaken its mandate to protect American citizens and American interests. Its current leadership is more focused on social “equality” and woke principals. It’s no wonder recruitment is down.”

“A tight jobs market usually increases recruiting, since service is seen as a hedge against unemployment for many. Having worked in and around DoD for 25 years and watching the mass exodus of E-7 to E-9 and O-4 to O-6 take retirement earlier than expected, I can emphatically say that it is due to the social training/requirement aspect. I won’t call it “woke” because it’s beyond that. Many recruits come from military families and many of these retirees are simply not pushing their kids toward service because they feel that the purpose and direction of the military is no longer defense of the nation.”

“Wokeness has no place in the military. I would not want to be in the military now because much of what is being taught is against my beliefs. It would be hard to serve a country that has for now abandoned many American values at the top. On patrol and in battle, who would care about he/him/his bla bla bla. I hope we can turn things around. Ex-Army, and proud of it.”

“The author left one HUGE thing out. Any young person who is paying attention will be reticent to serve this president. Police recruitment is problematic as well, since candidates have good reason to doubt that (leftist) politicians will stand behind them. I personally know several military members who have left the service due to their distrust for Biden. Likewise, I know experienced police officers who have retired early, as they are unwilling to have themselves thrown under the bus by their political bosses.”

“As a former combat veteran, with two deployments to Iraq, I would not recommend woke military service to anyone.”

“As a retired Air Force vet I would never recommend the military to anyone until Milley, Austin, and Biden are gone.”

“I was able to serve in the military under Presidents Reagan and Bush. Reagan rebuilt the military and Bush formed a large coalition against Iraq and kept the military strong. I wouldn’t want to serve under Bewildered Biden, his administration is absolutely clueless.”

“Likewise, I served from 1971 – 1993 and wouldn’t think of serving or recommending anyone enlisting today. Our current commander-in-chief is clueless and a coward, let alone not upholding his oath of office.”

“Let’s not forget the military failures have led to no senior leaders being fired. The botched NEO in Afghanistan whose responsibility fell on Austin, Milley, and McKenzie. And, now failing to protect our skies by VanHerck, NORTHCOM commander. As a veteran of 26 years, I won’t recommend military service for those thinking of joining.”

“According to a recent Heritage foundation poll, 68% of active-duty service members shared that the politicization of our military — particularly this administration’s focus on climate and gender issues as top national security priorities — would negatively impact their decision to encourage their children to join,” Florida GOP Rep. Michael Waltz told Fox News Digital. THIS is why my son is getting OUT this year from the Army! This admin and the joints chiefs is staff have ruined the military’s moral!!!”

“I served from ’86-’92 and would not recommend anyone serve in today’s military. It’s too Woke and



heading in the wrong direction.—79 – 89. Glad I'm out."

"After 23 years in the Army, I'm so glad I'm not in today's political excuse for the military. I advise all the young folks that ask me nowadays to learn a trade or go to a trade school or college, but to stay away from the military, it's no longer the way to go!"

"Unfortunately, since I retired from the military in the mid-90s, the services have become extremely politicized, and in its current state I doubt I'd have enlisted, let alone, made it a career."

"Ditto! Retired Navy."

"So true. We have generations connection with VMI and military service. My oldest is a graduate and currently serving. The other three have declined due to the woke direction of the military,"

"I spent 35 years in uniform, E-1 to O-5, 1979-2015. Leftist democrats used the military as their laboratory for social experiments. Obama accelerated the rapid politicization and decline. It has never been worse. The Leftist plan to destroy our institutions continues."

"Mr Waltz, Navy, retired, 25 years. I knew in 04 when I got out we were screwed. What these clowns in DC have done to the military is an f—g tragedy. Patton/Bradley/Nimitz/Halsey/Ike, and Marshall, would be rolling over in their graves. It's sad what they have done to warriors."

"Word of mouth and family history is the leading recruiting tool. Over 60% is family history or friend's recommendation to join. That has ENDED. My son is the first in 7 generations to not sign up."

"I work as a contractor at a military base. Most of my coworkers are veterans. We are constantly having to be careful not to offend the new kids in the service. It's gotten pretty ridiculous."

"Wokeness has no place in the military. I served over 26 years and if I had to do it again, I won't. I can assure you that China and Russia could care less about being to touchy or feely."

"Was in the Corps from 85 to 95, and a Navy CSAR/SPECWAR squadron from 95 to 98. Did 3 tours down range. My son and daughter did combat tours in the 'stan. I work and council veterans every day, and THE one question most asked by vets is, "Is this the country we fought for?" I know longer have an answer to that..."

"Steady erosion over time, accelerated over the last two years. Would never recommend serving at this time. The mission, the nation's security has taken a back seat to diversity, equity and inclusion. Female this, black that, it's exhausting. We had a 22 year old black female assigned to be a DEI facilitator for a group of 40, 50 and 60 year olds, mostly white guys. Needless to say, she couldn't run the meeting, couldn't define what extremism was and couldn't answer the simplest questions, this was during Austin's stand down."

"I was in the artillery from 1968-70. I would have my grandchildren kidnapped before I would let them serve in what passes as an army now."

"I served in the same Infantry Battalion with my late Dad. We were both career soldiers. My sons are in the military and are now reaching the 20 year mark. My whole life was centered around serving the country like my forefathers did at Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary war. I hope this woke trend can be reversed so my grandchildren can also serve this greatest nation on earth."

"I have 3 teenage boys. 10 years ago I encouraged the oldest to join the Marines because he expressed interest in it. Last year I told them all this isn't the same Military of old and that being white, straight, male, and Christian they have NO place in



America's military anymore. Someone close to me asked if I was willing do nothing if America was attacked and my reply was that if the enemy comes on American soil, I'll be there."

"Who wants to go to a foreign land and fight or die in a war Joe and his appointees started?"

"I'm retired Army, and five years ago I was discouraging people from joining the military. Now I would probably handcuff a friend to a light pole to keep them from entering a recruiting station."

"I'm a retired Army vet with 27 years of service and if asked by ANY young man or woman if they should go into the military , sadly I would have to say ABSOLUTELY NOT ! It pains me deeply to say that because our Republic is worth saving and the U.S. military is the echelon to protect and fight for it. This rot has to be cleaned out immediately if not sooner. With these D.C. democrat traitors in power I see little to no hope that, that will happen. My hope is that we as a Republic can last the next two years. God save our Republic !"

"I spent 25 years defending a Country that, it turns out, no longer exists. Proud I did it, but it seems like it was all for nothing."

"Join the military and be forced to be injected with poison. No thanks."

"As a veteran, I no longer recommend joining our military to any young person. At least not for the present moment."

"Ditto. Our family of Vets will not be joining the military as long as they have to salute men wearing dresses, along with the rest of the woke nonsense."

"Count me in. 25 years in the Air Force, and I would be EXTREMELY hesitant to see my kids serve. COMBAT CAPABILITY was the overriding concern during my career. Now? Just look at the

transgender mess, forced vaccinations, and the Afghanistan withdrawal debacle to see where DOD's priorities now lie."

"I served in the US Navy for thirty years (active and reserve). I loved being in the military; however, I would strongly discourage anyone joining THIS WOKE military. This is not your country's military. It is the radical Leftist military, which hates Christians and heterosexual males."

"No way would I recommend joining the Armed Services to anyone today."

"Of course it's politicized. I served six years in the USAF(SAC). I convinced my grandchildren to not join the military because of all the woke nonsense."

"As a veteran I would not advise my son to join I don't trust the leadership nor their woke policies. I was thinking after watch another Wounded Warrior, DAV commercial that there are so many of those commercials showing such grave injuries I wonder if that is also contributing to lower enlistments. When I joined in 1981 I don't recall so many commercials often 6 or more an hour."

"It's not just the commercials, but even the movies virtually every veteran is riddled with PTSD or is a woman heroine? what's the incentive for those young men to join up in an organization that clearly doesn't respect them or want them other than the catch a bullet."

"When I retired in 1989 the politics and the woosing down of the Air Force was well under way. We now have woke generals and staff and whatever warrior officers we had or have are now gone or silenced. I too used to recommend the military to young folks, but no more. It truly is a tragedy what the politicians have done to our armed forces."



"I am a veteran and I would not advise anyone to join our military at this point in time. Who would want to serve under Biden or, God forbid, Kamala?"

"I spent 21 years in the US Army. It treated me good. I worked some the finest people I have ever met and had faith in our senior leadership during my time of service. Seeing what I see now, I could not in good conscience recommend anyone to enlist in our military under the current so called leadership."

"Not since Stalin's purge and mass murder of the officer staff has a nation done more to destroy its fighting force than the clot shot attack on our military."

"When I was a recruit in '71 while in boot camp I remember a trainee getting dressed down by a DI and told "This United States Army is NOT a gawd d@mned social experiment"(can't recall what triggered it). Bet he is spinning in his grave, because it sure as hell is now."

"I did my 20 years and retired. However, these days, there is no way I'd recommend military service to the 1% of kids that now qualify for it."

"Ret. Army Nurse 1984-2009. Ronald Reagan to Barack Hussein Obama. The woke crap that accelerated under Clinton to Obama. It turns my stomach what's happening with Biden and friends. I would advise my kids or grandkids don't enlist. Also public education carries over into the military....scary."

"I was not, to the surprise of many, selected for Staff College. When I went on to another service school, I discovered that an African-American woman, one rank below me, was on her way to Staff College next. I had a master's degree, fluency in a foreign language, years in the line, and graduated top of my class at that particular school. She barely passed the PT test and graduated near

the bottom of our class. The Army thought it was more important that she be around to lead troops than I be around. Very glad to have resigned and have happily found a new and rewarding career."

"Twenty-three Air Force career and retired for 28 years. No way in hell can I recommend a young man or woman join the US military. Find an apprenticeship program or tech school to attend."

"Retired from the Air Force in 1993. Didn't regret any of it. Today, I would not recommend joining."

"For me, it was when the SecAF said the USAF was systemically racist, showed no proof, and the simp GOs, who had commanded in this "racist" military for 20 years, agreed. Not one of those generals resigned for their part in the "systemic racism" though. Then those same lowlifes had the audacity to use words like accountability. To hell with them all. If they want to go down in flames over Ukraine or Taiwan, they can have at it. My kids won't be there."

"I loved the Air Force back in the 60's ad 70's. They lost me when they started this shjt."

"In 2009 after Obama purged the flag ranks of more than 135 officers, you knew what was coming. Did 23 years and I told my kids to never join the military."

"I got out of the service when the Clinton BS started, thank God. I could see the writing on the wall. In no way would I encourage my children to join the military today."

"I would never allow my children to go into the military now. Even though my son was thinking about taking them up on his medical school education. I told him my wife and I would find a way to pay for it. No way is he going into that mess. Not now not ever."



“One of our dear friends has a son who just passed his medical boards in the Air Force he is of Indian descent. His CO is constantly pushing him to propagandize for the military. So much so that he has become very uncomfortable. He relayed that to my wife and I when he was last home. Prior to last year he was going to re-up. But now he just wants out.”

“I did 22 years in the USAF. I loved my time serving America and the CiCs I served under. Now, I would never urge anyone to join. And although I am way too old to ever serve again, I would never want to serve with the current military with its current so-called leaders.”

“I was in the Navy many decades ago. There is no way I would join today. There are many in my peer group who feel the same. That should give everyone pause. The Armed Forces of this nation are what keep this nation safe, and it is a very dangerous job. Get rid of the woke insanity in the Military and recruitment will go up.”

“I served 13 years in the US Army, including time as a basic training officer. I would not be able to tolerate these new “woke” requirements. The service has to be shaken up from the top down.”

“I served 20 as an Infantryman, retired as a 1SG. I want my son to serve one, 3 year stint as a character Builder. But not in this trash service created by Dems.”

“I used to encourage people to join the Navy. Not anymore.”

“If you’re still wondering why the Army is 25 percent short of its recruiting goals, and the National Guard is losing people, and now the Navy is short of personnel, look no further. Despite my 35 years of service, I would not encourage anyone to join the service under the leadership put in place by this regime. They will not support the troops or

appreciate the sacrifices those troops make following the foolish demands of their woke leaders. Who wants to be constantly told they have to step aside and watch others get promoted because of diversity, not merit? Many soldiers join the guard after a tour of active service, but the experience of active duty is no longer a positive one for many. Also, The regime underestimates the impact of older and retired veterans influence on their children and the young people who they come into contact with.”

“You say there’s a recruiting crisis? What?? You mean most people don’t want to join a military that is woke and immoral, and which enforces and defends an out of control and equally immoral Federal government? I’m shocked, just shocked!”

“The military went woke in the 1990’s. If you are in, get out. If you are not in, stay out. Let Trudeau and Biden go fight. I served as an officer in the US Navy in the 2000’s and it was horrible, wokeness, political correctness. (N)ever (A)gain (V)olunteer (Y)ourself. If you are an American and a patriot it’s not worth serving. You can get all the training you want or need on the civilian side.”

“As a proud 20 year US Army retiree, I do not, did not and will not encourage my grandchildren and great grandchildren to join today’s military. That fact saddens me, yet my love for these children is greater than the sadness.”

“In my 21 years in the US Air Force we concentrated on cohesion. In training, combat or contingency operation, your life depended on the men and women around you who worked as a team. Your combat effectiveness (and life) depended on that shared mission. Inject “identity politics” into the equation destroys unit integrity and reduces the ability of the unit to successfully compete its mission. Like everything else in the



Biden Administration the objective is to destroy America as she existed.”

“I know 5 kids, all Christians, who told me over the Christmas break, they were going to join the military after graduation but due to what the Biden Administration has done, they have changed their minds and will not join now.”

“It is so sad to what our military has become. I saw this 10 years ago before I retired from the military. People who couldn’t do their jobs were promoted because no one had the guts to get rid of them. Numbers you know. Some even made it to General. So much touchy feely policies now. So much wasted time on trying not to offend someone that there isn’t any good training happening.”

“He is not wrong. I am a GB like him, and I was flat out told get the shot, or lose my retirement. Accept the CRT and my whiteness. For the senior SOF members, it is widely known that the first thing they threaten you with is your retirement and benefits. It’s a horrible place to be to have to compromise your own values, at the pressure of toxic leaders, for the love of providing for your family after 23 years. because that is the leverage, they hold the future of you family hostage. the retirement and benefits are just the means (the weapon) the know will work.”

“I’m a United States Marine for life and have been since 1949. The reports of what’s happening in our military is very hard for me to handle.”

“As a Marine I can personally tell you that the USMC is going woke and it started in the early 2000s, then got much worse under Obama..now the Obama days are coming back for another round.”

“Army here, 1978-80. Those Special Ops guys are the experts, they know. And he’s right. We had all races, we had gays, even back then. Nobody cared,

we are one team, with one overall function. Not anymore. Thanks for having the stones to say it in a platform where people will read and understand just what is happening. The weakening of our military is the globalist plan as well.”

“Proud to have served when there were men and women working together to keep our freedom. Hard to understand why this administration would want to destroy the spirit needed to fight together as a family to protect our nation.”

“Today’s military is a joke, when I served 82-88 we had none of this stuff. we addressed officer’s as yes mam and yes sir, it was not a democracy. So sad, my youngest daughter wanted to join the army, I talked her out of it. The PT test is a joke from what I hear.”

“This is disturbing. I served in the USMC in the mid 80s and to see what our beloved Corps has become is saddening.”

“I took an oath to defend the constitution against all enemies both foreign and domestic. It says nothing about defending woke policy or that I should be ashamed of my race. I served with a lot of blacks who would defend me as I would defend them. In war we all bleed red. In these times, I would be very hesitant to join the military because of what is happening.”

“As a Drill Instructor x2 I’m absolutely disgusted and disappointed in our MC.”

“As a prior service member that was deployed and served in two wars this makes me laugh and sick at the same time. What a load of crap.”

“I’m a Vietnam vet ; I’m so ashamed of our military and it’s so sad!”



"I would seriously discourage my kids from joining today's military. And my family has long been involved with the armed forces."

"I spent 23 years in the Army, I'm happy I retired when I did. These good idea fairies are destroying our war fighters."

"As a veteran, I'm completely disgusted with what's happening to our military."

"I wouldn't recommend the military to anyone. I used to and I joined in 1982."

"I'm glad I served when I did. At the present time, I would not want to enter the military."

"When you are a soldier, you're part of a group, with one common goal, defend our country and your fellow soldier, defeat the enemy. Our government seems to be undermining that thought process and weakening the rank and file. When you go into battle, you go in as one solid board. Not as a splintered piece of wood."

"When I served in the Army, every promotion board I appeared before or served on had at least one question on the Federal Constitution and another on American history as it related to the military. I would not volunteer to serve on the Biden-Harris military."

"Retire Combat Engineer officer here, and I am so, SO grateful I am not in now. I would be a walking Article 15!"

"This is horrible. The standards are too low now. Especially for the ASVAB. If someone cannot score at least 30 on the ASVAB, they have no business in the military. It isn't like the military has ANY real grunt jobs anymore. Even infantry members have to deal with a lot more than shooting a rifle. They need to be proficient with all the tech gear that the military employs today. I was an Army recruiter in

the late 90s and I know what caliber of kid cannot score over 30 on the ASVAB. They are not they kind of kid I would want to go to war with and need to depend on in a bad situation."

"If young fit qualified men are not volunteering and you have to lower the standards to meet quotas. Then you are not addressing the "real" issues. I served but would not recommend anyone serve in today's military."

"I spent 6 years in the navy and 2 years of that underwater. Nuclear submarines and basically all naval vessels are not the place for "low quality" applicants. They are dangerous places and you need to be able to depend on your shipmates to be able to do what it takes to keep safe. I served at the beginning of the all volunteer military and at the end of my 6 years, they were already lowering the standards and it was getting scary to go to sea with some of these guys. By lowering the standards, The military is just asking for accidents that should never happen. Maybe they should spend less time on the "woke" nonsense and vaccine mandates and then maybe they wouldn't have to lower the standards. I know if I were a young man today, I wouldn't want to be in the military with today's leadership (or lack thereof)."

"As a former Navy Instructor and Training Program Designer for the Military and a State Govt, it's dangerous when you're just trying to get bodies. Dropping the quality of recruits to a level of almost incompetency means mistakes will happen, big mistakes."

"I am proud to have served in the Army back when all we had to worry about was Soviet tanks invading Western Europe. Now our Army is so concerned with gender-affirming, climate change, white supremacy, diversity and other issues that nothing is left to defend America from invasion and conquest."



“Come from a long line of people who served in the Military. I did 20 years myself. My daughter has 16 years in, and my other two sons have served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan but not one of them wants their children to serve in today’s military when they grow up. People don’t want to serve in an organization where you’re not proud of the organization you’re serving, and it represents everything you’re against.”

“I won’t give my exact age, but I was born in the 1990’s. Here’s my reason why I chose, and continue to choose, against joining the “U.S.” military. Time has proven that the United States armed forces have recently been used to protect and defend the sovereignty of multiple foreign countries — while practically nothing is done to defend our own country’s sovereignty. Swaths of criminal migrants, who share nothing in common with our nation, are swarming our border; this is of little concern, but sending what amounts to 100 billion dollars to Ukraine for their defense is apparently a top priority. Why would I choose to potentially sacrifice my health for a foreign country while our own is losing its sovereignty and self-determination? Furthermore, I will not act to spread the “values” of destructive “LGBT” behavior, and the right to place elementary school children on hormone blockers and “sex reassignment” surgery. The top brass of the U.S. military’s “values” are neither mine nor of historical American values and principles. At home, our national history and heritage is being sought for removal, along with our constitutional freedoms being subject to infringement. And this human garbage by the title of Gen. Miley, who would be my superior, is expressing his desire to learn about “White rage” in a European-derived Western country!? I want nothing to do with this usurped U.S. military; and many, MANY more feel the same way. If you have a child or grandchild, wise would it be to advise

against joining that which stands for nothing of value to the United States of America at this time.”

“How can you expect young people to enlist to defend a country that they have been taught to hate in school and by athletes kneeling for the National Anthem?”

“I’m a US Army retiree with 2 sons, one whose served in combat as Military Police, my second son is 9 years younger than his brother. I would not allow him to serve with current leadership in place under any circumstances.”

“I as a veteran have lost trust in the upper echelon leadership of the military not the rank and file.”

“When my son came back from Afghanistan considering re-uping in Ranger training as the offer was there. My brother in law and I teamed up and convinced him to stay out. We did that because he’s a brave young man who saw a lot of action in a forward moving area and this military woke agenda and equity BS was in contrast to what he is. Being white and the pussification of the military could have gotten him killed. I suggest to all nephews, stay away from wokeism and lack of true military leadership as it has all the underpinnings of disastrous consequences as witnessed with the Afghanistan withdrawal.”

“I am glad my kids are out of the military now. My son spent 4 tours overseas and has shrapnel throughout his body. He suffers PTSD after watching friends die in front of him. I would never let a child join at this point and time. This administration has destroyed our military. God bless the young men and women currently serving.”

“As a veteran I’m wondering why with the anti-American president anyone would go into the service.”



“Each of my parents and my husband spent 20 years each in the military. Now that my sons are getting close to graduating high school, we have told them, “No way.” The amount of wokeness in the military now means it isn’t about protecting country and more about coddling big babies who have been told they are special.”

“As a veteran from a long standing military family, I’ve made sure that my children will never join the current Woke military. Get Woke, Go Broke.”

“I’m an army veteran, and what’s happening to our military is heartbreaking. And the problem is definitely from the top down. We don’t win any more on purpose. It’s all political and about money. And no, I don’t want my son in this military, and that’s sad.”

“I am retired Navy with a son who is beginning his career in the Navy. We all have suffered through the sensitivity training and growing wokism but I still believe that the best performing individuals will rise to the top. We all know that there will be unacknowledged quotas for advancement but even then, most that get the quota nod are still the best of those groups and have been exceptional leaders in their own right. Leaders will always have to deal with the underperformers who will pull out the “intersectional card,” but documentation and standards solve those issues. As long as the government doesn’t change the UCMJ, the military will adapt and overcome in the end.”

“I have one child left at home, and I’ll be damned if she’s going into the service.”

“Just retired. Told my kids no way they can join.”

“A history of service back to WW1, I did 25 years in Army, my son turns 18 in a few months and I told him that by no means did I want him to enlist under this administration to be sent off to die for this failed president!”

“Happy to have served when I did but today I try to talk young people out of joining the military. Poor weak leadership and political correctness has ruined most of our military.”

“I served in 2/327, I got out in 2019 and I would never think of joining back up with the country the way it is now.”

“Reasons why I (US Army Veteran honorably 1994-2002) refuse to allow my adult children to participate in the military. My dad and Grandfather were both military. #1. Mandatory experimental vaccines. #2. Political correctness #3. Wokeness #4. Getting rid of shark attacks and yelling (weeding out weakness).”

“Glad my children and I are out of the military, none of us would have served in the current environment. I guess it goes along with the rest of this crappy administration.”

“I thought about joining before they decided the mRNA was mandatory.”

“I am a proud (and disabled) veteran. I do not suggest anyone volunteer to serve at the moment; especially under this “leadership”.”

“I spent 22 years in the Marine Corps. My father fought in Korea (USMC). Both grandfathers in WW2. For the first time in my life, I can’t recommend joining any branch.”

“I served proudly and honorably but in today’s climate I would not do so. There is nothing honorable in today’s senior military leadership!”

“No way in hell would I allow my kids to serve under this administration....all the men in my family served.”

“I served in the USAF 20 years ago. I would not enlist if I were 19 today. I have two boys now. I will



not encourage military service. Clown world the USA has become.”

“I would never allow my young kids serve in the military nowadays, it makes their sacrifice obsolete. Shameful.”

“I am 7th generation US Navy and my 12 year old son will NOT be the 8th.”

“Nope. As someone who volunteered during GWOT, I tell any kid now that joining is a bad idea. Too many woke leaders, including yourself who value showing diversity down our throats instead of building an Army to fight and win against our enemies.”

“My family has been in the US Military since 1850. I served 22 yrs, 16 act. 6 res. most in an Elite Unit, the 160th SOAR 2 of my sons, 1 SEAL, 1 Green Beret. I’m Pro Military. I will NOT encourage anybody to join now woke, pronouns, weak leaders, Biden--that shit will kill the Military & you.”

“I agree ! I served USMC 50 + Years ago, and I would not serve in today’s military.”

“My husband is active duty Navy right now. I totally get what you are saying!”

“My father WW11, Lt Cruiser Boise in Pacific; myself 71-91 USAF Engineers Prime Beef & Red Horse, my brother USAF Nuc weapons tech, my son USAF Special Operations MH53, my nephew Army Major armor, my grand nephew USAF air battle manager. I can’t encourage my grandchildren to join.”

“I can trace my family’s military back to the Revolutionary way. I grew up as an army brat. 2 brothers served, 2 sons served. I will do everything in my power to talk serving out of my grandchildren. This is NOT the country/military my forefathers fought in and for!”

“As a 21-year Navy Vet, I fully support his post. This administration has one concern, make money for themselves and use all our assets and money to get this done! I watch a Marine tell his story on how they had no support from leadership!! It is time to draw a line and say no!!!”

“My family served in every war from the War of 1812 until Desert Storm. My father gave 35 years of his life to the military. I agree with you completely.”

“I love the United States Army. It gave a poor kid a home and a start in life for me. I have friends as close as any brothers by blood I served with. It saddens me but this is not the Army I knew. Saddens me listening to my kid who served tell me how bad woke is in all branches.”

“I’m proud to be a USMA grad. I’m proud to have been an army officer. I’m proud to have been a battalion CDR (until wrongfully relieved). But most of all, I’m proud to have had the integrity to walk away once it was clear the Army stood in opposition to Constitution and country.”

“No. You all squandered and destroyed every bit of good will I had. I am the last to serve in my family because of your ineptitude. Every branch is now a hollow shell and fancy PR campaigns won’t solve the sickness. You’re blind or wilfully ignorant of the problems.”

“My family has served since this country was created. I have a few tabs, a scroll and a couple of trips to Afghanistan. Guess who will encourage my family to enlist? Not me. Be all you can be my ass.”

“As someone who got out in no small part because of the Navy going woke, I can illustrate it with ease. Name one Medal of Honor or Navy Cross recipient of Pearl Harbor.... Doris Miller will be the most common answer. Why, because we get briefed on him every February. Throughout the year we learn about every culture and gender and how they were



slighted in the past in one way or another. What we don't learn about is how we are all sailors, sure lip service is paid, usually 10secs at the end of the brief about how so and so was discriminated against in the 1940s or 1840s, or the 1970s. And since that is the message sent for 29min 30s of the brief. What message are you sending? I will tell you the message sent is not one of unity. Not one of we are all sailors.

DEI is woke. Its roots are in Critical Theory, which is an offshoot of Marxism from the Frankfurt school. Whose intention was to divide the United States from within via culture and gender because workers vs bourgeois wasn't working.

Second point of the Navy is going woke. Onboard a CG we had 2 transgender sailors. They went through boot camp, came to the ship, declared they were transgender went through the hoops of proving it to medical, whatever those hoops were, and were sent up to Oregon for Gender reassignment, hormone therapies, etc. That takes about 2.5 years to complete and hundreds of thousands of dollars. By which time they are at the end of their contract and get out with little to no benefit to the Navy or the nation. Before, transgender would have been a failure to adapt and good luck. The Navy is not welfare program, it is not free medical service. It is a warfighting entity."

"The more we focus on our differences, the more divided we will become. The DEI, transgender and sexuality based will defeat the Navy in time. In ways our adversaries could never dream of. Want proof? The economy isn't doing that great, normally that is prime time for recruiting. So about those recruiting numbers....."

"As a formerly proud AF vet, count on losing recruits and soldiers leaving as soon as their enlistments are up. BIG mistake....."

"I come from a long line of patriots who served the US with great respect and honor. I will not encourage my grandchildren to serve. Democrats did that."

"My (18-year-old farm boy) dad volunteered to Army in 1940. Then to Army Air Corps and Indochina. Then to USAF OCS, then Korea, and a 30 year career as bomber pilot, wing and base commander, then Pentagon Joint Chiefs of Staff. He could not have handled this sick disease that has penetrated the USAF. Shame. Shame. I am so glad our daughter looked at USAF ten years ago but then declined. She works for Lockheed Martin as her "duty" on those F35s."

"So glad I am retired from this woke military. These senior leaders are absolute cowards and should all be fired. DEI has never been a problem in the military. We have people from all cultures, races and backgrounds that come together and complete their missions. Look at Iraq and Afghanistan. Guys on the ground doing the fighting weren't the problem. It was the incompetent and cowardly senior leaders and politicians that handcuffed REAL warriors from doing what needed to be done. I'm so disgusted at the senior leaders both on the officer and NCO side."

"The vast majority of recruits come from red states, are conservative and have little inclination to be lectured to on race, gender or climate change."

"The progressives gained control of the "educational" institutions decades ago. They've been grooming and brainwashing the American youth for decades. The next inevitable target was the military. When I was in the military, it was "don't ask, don't tell" not it's "heyyyyy, scream it from the roof topssss!" Next thing that's going to happen is outlawing views that hold to traditional/biblical views on sexuality and marriage.



My guess is it will be within the next 10 to 20 years."

"We also need to thank our Woke Military leadership for this problem. I know many in the Military will not re-enlist because of the many weak policies they have put in to discourage our young military personnel."

"These are not blunders, they are deliberate policy decisions to "encourage" traditional patriotic soldiers to get out of the military so woke soldiers with flexible values can climb the ranks. All of which is intentionally designed to weaken are military."

"The "recruiting crisis" has nothing to do with China. People with aspirations of joining our military do so out of love of country and don't want to be subjected to "woke" garbage such as "proper pronoun use," "diversity and equity," and allowing "transgenders" to share their locker rooms. These are diseases that seem to be permeating almost every part of our lives lately, and until it's stopped, recruiting will STAY at all-time lows."

"This the power struggle of the Leftist leaders in DoD against the people serving. Instead of stopping this tyrannical effort against service men and women, they continue to punish them for not obeying. The new NDAA eliminates the vaccine requirement, yet DoD under Austin is slow rolling this guidance. They are surprised when no one wants to sign up to the woke military. Army, 14,000 recruits short in a single year. The other services thousands short. As a 26 year veteran, I will not recommend young people join in this toxic climate."

"The military has lost its way and no longer has sight of its mission. The woke policies of the last several years has resulted in a major decline in readiness. Armies of our adversaries are much

stronger physically and mentally because they focus on the realities of war, not gender issues and making sure some soldiers feel guilty for what their ancient ancestors did."

"The left is turning this country into one that fewer men and women are willing to risk life or limbs to defend. Meanwhile, the Chinese have passed the US Navy in number of ships."

"To young people considering joining like I did: would you risk your life for the politicians that "lead" this country right now? Because that's who you will be serving if you join, not your country, not the Constitution. Would you lay down your life for their personal profits?"

"When I was 18, I literally walked out of a college classroom, and joined the Army. Joining an Army with leadership that hates me is the last fucking thing I would now ever do at age 18."

"4 combat tours and 1 peacekeeping. you will never get my vote of confidence. After the debacle and the way ya'll handled it in Afghanistan. who was held accountable? Who was accountable for the drone strike? Ain't no way as a vet I can tell kids to join."

"I know several Democrats in the corporate world and they are tired of the woke and DEI nonsense. It is dividing America and weakening our military. We should all be concerned."

"You kicked out good Soldiers for not getting the jab, you drove out performing Soldiers in the name of diversity, you gave out weapons and ammo to a war that we should have zero involvement in, we still have troops in Syria for some reason.... Anything else?"

"Former #11B here. Will be the last in my family to have a DD-214. Would never recommend the



current US military to any of my kids or family.
#wentwokebecameajoke”

“I served 23 years in the army I used to say I would do it again but not now. Too much BS and we fight for everything we earned while useless people get handed everything. I tell everyone to never join!”

“I spent 7 years as an O311 from 07-14. I will do no more for this country while corruption leads us. Our enemy is here at home first.”

“Families with generations of Army service dating back to the Civil War are now counseling their kids to not enlist. This is for two reasons: 1. A Woke Army. 2. Politicians will throw their lives away on a whim.”

“No. I served in the USMC infantry, and most of my family before me has served as well. But after what “leadership” has done to our service members over the several years, no child of mine will serve until you’ve all been fired, punished, and your shitty policies have been repealed.”

“I spent 20 years. 10 years ago, I would not recommend military service to anybody. Now would not need much persuading to picket recruiting offices and beg potential recruits to think again.”

“Let’s see:

- Woke, and CRT is telling white recruits they are responsible for all ills for all time
- You get wounded and have to rely on VA medical centers for your treatment, assuming you can find an appointment with one
- You can get tossed out for refusing to take an injection of a substance whose long term side effects have not been studied and whose short term side effects are particularly pronounced in your age group

- You get to fight in places and for “causes” that are in no way the business of the US and are, in fact, a poorly paid mercenary
- You’re fighting to supposedly defend a country that has a policy of not defending its own borders, so why bother
- You’re fighting for a political system that actually hates you
- You have to take orders from a person (C/JCS) that has, arguably, committed treason and another person (Biden) that has also, arguably, committed both treason and embezzlement

What’s not to like?”

“The war movies always glorified war. They said we fought wars against other people to defend our country and way of life. I am old. Our way of life has been erased and the country We fought for doesn’t exist. They stole our election and opened the borders and expect us to go fight for them. My people have been fighting wars for this country for the last 200 years. I think we need to sit out the next few wars.”

“Nope. I’ll never recommend to any of my grandkids. Yes, I served.”

“4th generation gunfighter here. Zero chance my son goes to OCS.”

“This Cold War vet finds it hard to defend (in words or deeds) the nation that acts almost totally like the communists I wanted to defeat.”

“At our family reunion in 2020 where there were over 100 adults we discussed the issues of today’s military and jointly recommended that any of the youngsters reconsider and NOT join. Note that most adult males in my extended family are vets and quite a few females too. We had a tradition of service going back generations. We think the US is



headed down a very dark path, Intentionally or not and didn't want family to be caught up in it. They can still join (I knew I wanted to join the navy from around 8 years old and follow in my father's and grandfather footsteps) and we will not censor them but since it isn't a worthy organization any longer (any branch) we urged other paths and our help to follow those paths. No one has joined since."

"Proud retiree: disgusted with the woke crap being forced upon our service members. I and many others aren't encouraging young people to join under an administration who'd just as soon have them butchered, brainwashed or killed as have them sit in a classroom learning about abhorrent pronouns. No thanks."

"The military is mandating all personnel become human guinea pigs to get an unapproved, unverified injection while having diversity training rammed down their throats. The U.S. is no longer the policeman of the world but a conquering thug that has destroyed hundreds of countries economically and socially for the past 70 years. The U.S. has become so corrupt that elected officials are no longer elected, they are appointed. The military needs to look at supporting the constitution they swore an oath to protect."

"They should not 'serve', because the US military is no longer serving America. If we can have a President who was not elected. and who has no mind — so who is really calling the shots? — and who serves foreign masters who helped him subvert our election — then why should our young men serve such creatures?"

"My grandfather served, my father served, I served. I will do everything in my power to ensure my children do NOT serve. Why should they fight and die in forever wars that have nothing to do with protecting their own lands or ideals? Why should they be willing to be sacrificed like the 13 brave

souls who were murdered by this regime and its botched Afghanistan pull-out? Why should they risk their lives to serve under a tranny commanding officer to spread the culturally poisonous rainbow jihad across the globe while politicians line their pockets laundering tax dollars through NGOs supporting the "war effort"? Through policies like the jab mandate the military is being whittled down to a force that will be willing to fire upon the citizenry. That standing army we're so proud of looks wonderful until the tanks are pointed at us."

"There are no leftist patriots and the mask is off, America has a more Marxist government than Red China. Parking the military in Afghanistan was the last straw, Uncle Sam has no more credit with the American body donor public."

"People watch their country and countrymen sacrifice for 20 years only to have an inept idiotic president and left wing administration flush it all away with a disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal. Then they see a diversity hire secretary of defense and a woke senior leadership embrace CRT and demonize straight white males, promote "equity" and diversity training which only creates a divisive culture. Is it any wonder recruitment is lagging. The next administration faces quite a task of rebuilding our military. But it's the same thing every time the left is in power."

"I proudly served 22 years in the Marines Corps and retired in 2004. It would be a cold day in hell if would join in today's woke military. Combat readiness is at an all-time low."

"They are teaching CRT and racism. In combat, there are no colors only your brothers who are fighting to ensure everyone comes home safely from the theater of operations. We are doomed."

"People want their sacrifice to mean something. They don't want to be associated with LGBTQ



weirdness. They don't want to be the "rainbow generation". But more importantly they don't want to sacrifice themselves in conflicts that don't matter — Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea, hundreds of other minor skirmishes around the globe — there's no feeling that any of them truly mattered. This manufactured Ukraine fiasco won't matter either. It will just get thousands (perhaps millions) killed. For what? For corrupt politicians in Ukraine and America? For a defense contractor to get a big bonus? People aren't joining because they don't want to sacrifice themselves for something that isn't honorable. Period."

"As a veteran of two branches of the military, I am discouraging anybody, especially my kids and grandkids, from joining the military. Why? Because they will be brainwashed into hateful, woke zombies."

"Between the strong arm tactics used with Covid vaccines and the focus of the likes of Milley, Austin, and Biden himself on equity, the American people don't trust you anymore. Most kids who join have been encouraged in that direction by a parent. When you lose the parents, you have absolutely lost the children."

"The top echelon of the military is a corrupt tool of the Deep State, and they've been undermining morale in every possible way for many years. The COVID "vaccine" mandates are only the latest outrage. Furthermore, the US military has now for a generation been indoctrinated into targeting the currently non-existent domestic terrorism that the authorities expect and fear is coming as they tighten their totalitarian grip on the county. If you are a decent person and a loyal American, you should get out of the military, and if you're thinking of joining, DON'T."

"Decades ago I was so proud of the US military but with it being destroyed over wokeness, LGBTQ

acceptance and CRT c*ap. Why would any young person today want to serve. Generations, who haven't thought for themselves but have become indoctrinated to hate capitalism and our American freedoms. We are not war ready and could be taken over by foreign enemies. But they will do so when we are destroyed from within which is happening every day in our once great and strong country destroyed by Democrats, illegitimate (not elected) regimes and ignorant liberals who actually voted for this!"

"Go Woke, Go Broke. I volunteered for the Viet Nam war. I wouldn't do so now. I would want nothing to do with the Woke/DEI/Marxist military of today. Defending "the Hiden Biden" regime and a country controlled by insane Far Left, Marxist Demonrats, no thank you!"

"I'm a vet, but my kids won't be going near the military unless there are some serious changes like no mandatory experimental medical treatments and drop all the pervert pedo bulls—t and stop fighting stupid wars for globalists."

"I wouldn't let my children join the military now. This government is too fond of unnecessary wars and lying to us about them. It makes me sick to think how many brave young men and women have sacrificed themselves so politicians can get rich off the war machine. Don't get me wrong....I'm grateful to all who serve and have given their lives, but I don't think we should continue to sacrifice our children if our constitution is being stomped on."

"The cause is obvious. No self-respecting patriot who believes in duty, honor, country and has any other option would support the farce the current system (DOD) has produced. I recommended military service for years to friends and family no more. The military compromised its policies and principles to willingly become politicized for the



sake of individual advancement in the chain of command.”

“We used to encourage to everyone how awesome it was to be a military family. Ha! What’s a joke that was. They tried forcing my husband to get the death shot and since he won’t, they’re trying to boot him. Now, we discourage everyone, and I mean everyone, from joining. Besides, they’ve gone woke.”

“I grew up in a PROUD Military Family...Dad went in at age 17 1940. Stayed in and retired 1970. Continued to work for the military as a private citizen for 15 years. My granpa moms side and dads side both career military. I grew up as a military brat and hey, I lived all over the world. I married military. Now, I’ll say: anyone with any patriotism is smart enough to know not to join this POS woke liberal communist military.”

“I’ve always wanted to be a Navy fighter pilot. I’d have to get surgery to fix my eyes. I’d do it in a heartbeat if I were guaranteed a place where I could do my job to the best of my ability and serve my nation proudly, even if I ended up somewhere other than a fighter jet. If they would do away with woke and vaccine mandates, I’d walk over to the recruiting office and sign up right now. Have had an interest since I was a young thing, and after Top Gun: Maverick and realizing at 24 years old it’s my last shot, I would be there today if they wouldn’t kick me out for not being vaccinated or gay enough.”

“These are socialist ideas. One of the reasons I left the service. No matter how hard I worked and excelled at my job I was passed over for promotions. I had intended to make the service my career.”

“Former USMC here...if I had a military aged kid that wanted to enlist today, and if I couldn't talk

him / her out of it, I would knee-cap them. I wouldn't let them dishonor themselves or their country by joining this circus clown show of what was once a cohesive, highly trained, military whose only mission was national defense. What exists now is just another platform for exhibiting wokeness and socialism. Totally disgusting!”

“Austin, I'm a veteran from the days when serving in the military was an honor. I served in Vietnam, but would never lift a finger to serve again, seeing what my once great country has become. You are a disgrace to your uniform and unfit to lead a flock of sheep. I, as do many of my fellow veterans and VFW members, find you and your willing accomplice, Milley, disgusting, deplorable and totally unfit to hold your offices at the very top of our military chain of command. I don't include our Commander-in-Chief because he doesn't even know what day it is. If our military is unable to meet its recruitment and retention challenges, look in the mirror instead of blaming real Americans who want dignity and respect restored to our military!”

“What parent would let their kids serve in this new woke armed forces. As a veteran myself I would advise my kids against serving this administration.”

“I'm retired military and I would advise in the strongest term my kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, not join. American principles and values are definitely worth fighting for...but apparently Washington DC doesn't think they're worth following.”

“The military chose to cater to people who are ill suited nor inclined to serve while demonizing & denigrating those who traditionally have. They pissed all over the right while making no new inroads with the left. Now they’ve got no one.”



Wonder why.....what's changed? Maybe the constant drumbeat of vilification of the segments most likely to join the military has caused them to reject military service?

"Maybe... we shouldn't have kicked out perfectly healthy and able soldiers for refusing an experimental vax. Also, alienating soldiers via social engineering political whims was never a good idea."

"The absolute largest and cheapest recruiting factor was family tradition and family support. That's DONE. Veterans no longer recommend or speak positive about military service. My son will be the first in 10 generations to not enlist."

"As a retired veteran who joined after the Viet Nam era and retired after twenty years, I know that if I were young enough to do it again, I would not enlist."

"My MOS was 0847 and I strongly urge nobody serve for these clowns."

"My son was in the ROTC program at his college and was on track for a contract with the Air Force to serve when the US govt mandated the vax. He is studying to be a constitutional lawyer and left the ROTC program because if he didn't stand up for himself how can he stand for others."

"As a veteran I advise other young men who are like me not to serve under the current regime."

"Seeing Afghanistan flushed down the toilet, and not a single person in the State Department, nor the White House, nor any of the Joint Chiefs faced any repercussions, is also a huge blow to American confidence. Our leadership at the highest level is rotten."

"The people whom America needs in the military won't go because it's value system does not align anymore."

"Explanation: Regular men & women who are natural candidates for military service don't want to join a military where woke lunacy will be foisted on them; and woke androgynous weirdos don't want to join any military regardless. Hence, our unserious country has a recruitment problem."

"If I wanted to destroy the US without firing a shot, I'd work super hard to make it so red blooded American patriots hate and distrust things like football, the military and the Justice system."

"You guys kicked out anyone who wouldn't get the Vaccine and u also demonize straight white men and tell people not to be proud of being an American and tell them not to love America No wonder why no one wants to serve for you."

"This was always the result of mandating a useless vaccine and placing an emphasis on cultural issues. The morons making those decisions either knew this would be the outcome and didn't care or are completely oblivious."

"One of the most dangerous outcomes of toxic leftist culture. The US military is more focused on gender ideology, neoracism, and everything except fighting. Add in the actions of braindead Biden dismissing people over COVID vaccines, and you wonder why anyone would join."

"Why nobody wants to join the military. Grab a coffee. Recruitment numbers are way down. Sign on bonuses are at an all-time high. The Government has no problem recklessly spending money on the military, so what's the problem? I'll tell you. (Veteran of Iraq wars):

1. No faith in the administrative state. Come on...Is this one really so hard to figure out.



Most combat arms troops generally come from right-wing or conservative backgrounds. You've been spending the last 4-6 years dragging police and military through the mud, most conservative.

2. You've got a weaponized DOJ, ATF, FBI, CIA, and God knows what else. It's no mystery that they are being specifically used to target Conservatives. Do you really expect a rural Conservative to join a combat arms MOS when you're telling them they are terrorists and extremists?
3. A woke military. I can't believe this one even needs to be mentioned, but isn't it obvious? Like it or not, the military is an environment of alphas who are being trained to kill human beings. The political token of the woke culture has no place in military ranks.
4. War is a deadly environment, and soldiers need to be focused on their job, not on your made up Marxist bullcrap. Don't even mention soldiers being kicked out over the coof poke. Get out of here with that cowardly BS.
5. 20 years of lies will make you wise. Some of us have been there and bought the T-shirt. You know that the Government is willing to lie to get their way. They don't care who they hurt, or who dies. As long as those military industrial complex checks are wet, they are good.
6. To make it even worse, we know Dick Cheney lied about WMDs. He lives a comfortable life outside of a prison cell while our troops live on the streets. Experience is the greatest teacher, so obviously why would a young person with half a brain sign up for that?
7. The people who are currently serving are treated like 2nd rate citizens. I

mean...would you join the military if you knew the answer to inflation was to "go get on food stamps". That's not a very comforting prospect, is it?

8. Also, knowing your going to be subjected to woke critical race theory, inclusiveness, and no telling what leftist politically driven "training" is enough to make anyone run the other way.
9. You're not worth dying for. Think about it. Society has spent the last 4-6 years telling us how bad America is, how bad military and law enforcement members are, and how unfair life is in our Country. We've been told our masculinity is toxic and that we are racists.
10. Society is sitting on their butts and have zero work ethic, and there's a lot of great jobs out there that pay better than the military and don't subject you to loss of life and limb over half of society wanting you dead because of who you are and your political identity.
11. They don't want to fight Americans. Yep...I said it. The writing is on the wall. Many areas are already starting to peacefully Balkanize, if only in the logistical sense of banking, goods, and services. It's happening Geographically, too. Look at the mass exodus from CA.
12. Depression in our youth is at an all-time high. They feel defeated and downtrodden. They feel like society doesn't support them. All they have is their family and friends for support. They aren't dumb, either. Gen Zs are very well educated. They see the turmoil our Gov is causing.
13. The God honest truth is that Gen Z is more afraid of our own Government than anyone else in the World. Why should they wear your uniform when you support disarming



us? Why in the world would they risk their lives for you?

14. Troops from the last 20 years of war are parents now. What do think we are telling our kids? LOL. You're INSANE if you think we are recommending our kids sign up for your endless wars.
15. We are tired of endless wars. I don't think Gen Z is comprised of cowards. I think they are smart enough to realize what they are signing up for. They would rather take their chances with the thousands of GWOT veterans in the streets of America if we are invaded.
16. Invasion is the only way you'll get a lot of them to be willing to take up arms. In which case, they will have 1,000s of capable GWOT vets to help them survive. Don't worry, we will find equipment. While y'all are playing drag, we will defend the Country.

"Very comprehensive and well stated case for the current state of why military recruitment is in the dumpster. As someone who made military service a career, I'm ashamed to say that I firmly believe the senior military leadership cannot be trusted. There's no place for woke in war."

"As a current service member, I can wholeheartedly agree with all of the points made on this post, and it's such a tragedy to see what our military has become. It's only going to get worse from here, ladies and gentlemen."

"Excellent thread! I did serve, but now I don't encourage any young person to join."

"Entered in 86. Retired in 2006. I saw the writing on the wall then. We used to train warriors. We trained hard and played even harder. We read books on warfighting, tactics, and history. We

didn't worry about "white rage" because we were brothers and handled business in house."

"Yep. This is accurate. I know when I got out Dec 2020 there was a mass exodus at our unit. Large segments of enlisted E4-E6 were bailing, me included."

"My neighbors kid came over wanted me to be reference for his enlistment tried to talk him out of it, & I have two honorables."

"Well said all around. I was 10 when we invaded Iraq. The lies were glaringly obvious. My family knew. Sometimes I regret not joining, but mostly I don't. I'm the first person in my family line since the American Revolution not to serve. I'm not dying for THIS."

"Exactly why I didn't reenlist, just wasn't worth it anymore. I wanted to stay but my last straw was the vax."

"Good thread! When our son was in high school, we talked about it for as long as it took my husband, who's now retired Air Force, to say no. Hell no. Not sure he would've considered it anyway, he saw the govt for what it was long before I did. Smart kid, he tried to tell me for years."

"If you've spoken to a recruiter lately, they'll tell you. It's the mandatory shot more than anything."

"I got out just in time to avoid the wokeness. I have thought about going back in, but since the military adopted the opinion that masculinity is toxic, I have no desire for a return and neither do any of the others (men and women) I served with."

"You nailed every point. As one with over 30 years of active duty and civil service I can attest to what you're saying is right. It's disgusting."

"Family member maxed ASVAB, had great grades, scored super high on PT (3rd best 3-mile run in



nation) yet wasn't awarded the Marines OCS scholarship due to quotas, & flat out told that. So, good luck USA (go to hell) w/ the next war."

"This is 100% accurate. My husband is ret'd Army. Our eldest was offered an ROTC scholarship, full ride. This was 20 yrs ago, but we had already seen the writing on the wall. Promotion went uber political, yes-men over those w/actual tactical abilities. My son turned it down."

See #We the People Pulse on the STARRS website for posts with collected comments:

<https://starrs.us/tag/we-the-people-pulse/>



EXTRA



Re DOD tweet saying DEI is a strategic imperative:

“Your entire mission is to deter an attack on the US homeland, and if there is a war, to effectively and efficiently destroy the enemies of the United States. That’s it.”

“The DOD is a total woke clown show now. The military was always diverse. We all worked together as a team. Now you are dividing the forces by race and equity. It is a receipt for disaster.”

“DE&I have zero to do with defending the homeland. You are wasting taxpayer funds.”

“My husband fought and died for this crap??? I’m a military GoldStar widow. You people made me fight for his EARNED benefits, and you dishonor his memory with this? I’M BLACK. This is a waste of my time and tax money.”

“Incredible that you’re bragging about this when recruitment is in the toilet. Any connection, do you think?”

““Diversity is a strategic imperative critical to mission readiness”. This is completely untrue and it’s quite concerning that this theater is permitted in the DoD.”

“It’s probably just a coincidence that our historically low confidence in the DoD began when the DoD’s strategic imperative changed from

defending our country to diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“Diversity actually means destruction of diversity and enrollment into a cult of woke ideologues who you keep away from your children. It’s a societal bone cancer.”

“Entirely irrelevant to your mission. Defend America. That’s it.”

“Hire the most competent and best people for the job you f—ing ‘s” — *Hodgetwins*

“Do you seriously think Russia or China will be more deterred by the US military if our military promotes ‘diversity’ as a strategic priority? Really? Seriously?”

“Absolutely ridiculous and totally unrelated to the quite significant national security threats we face. China and Russia are laughing at you/us and when we encounter big ticket problems, people will look at this moment and posts like this to see where our priorities went wrong.”

“Diversity of thought and backgrounds are important, but it has nothing to do with skin color or what you do in the bedroom.”

“The Pentagon is being run by an HR department for a Silicon Valley corporation.”

“This is embarrassing. The only diversity we need in the military is Army , Navy , Air Force and Coast Guard. That’s it. None of them should identify as anything else other than their rank and their MOS. This is a ridiculous and dangerous road y’all are taking. I bet it’s why you are having recruitment issues.”

“Apparently, you lost the mission.”



“Our country is failing in catastrophic ways at every level on every metric & this is what they have chosen to make a top priority?”

“What a disgrace your department is. How about you select the best people and not worry about what they look like. China is sitting back and laughing while we destroy ourselves.”

“We are more at risk than ever because you have lost sight of your mission. Employ the BEST – period.”

“This should NOT be the priority of anyone, let alone the US military. Our military-once something to be proud of-has turned into an SNL skit thanks to woke leadership.”

“Diversity has nothing to do with force readiness. You are destroying the best fighting force intentionally. Why? Who’s pulling the strings to weaken the US Military?”

“America is going to lose a major war because of the focus of advancing racism and bigotry through DEI programs.”

“You make us the laughing stock of the world. If we are attacked... We will hold you woke Generals accountable.”

“The only strategic strategy is to ensure the readiness and defense of our great nation. That’s it! Diversity weakens, not strengthens. Do your job!”

“I don’t care who’s in the DOD, they better just be the best of the best and not selected because of their skin color or gender.”

“Exceptional competence is a strategic imperative to mission readiness and accomplishment. Comes before all else.”

“If I were in charge of the greatest military on earth, I would focus on competency and capability

instead of sexual and gender diversity. Just my opinion.”

“How about hire on merit and actually defend the United States.”

“I become more and more ashamed of our military everyday and I’m a veteran. Do your JOB and cut out this woke bull crap!!”

“I really hope this is some Sun Tzu “Appear Weak When You Are Strong” thing, otherwise- we are well and truly forked.”

