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Truth: On average, there are 70 military deaths and 600 troops wounded in action each month in Iraq. Currently there are around 160,000 troops in Iraq—a rate of 70 deaths per month for a population that size is huge. The average monthly murder rate in New York City, with a population of over 8 million, is around 67. Which seems safer to you?

3. You are absolutely guaranteed to get the job listed on your enlistment contract.

Truth: What is actually promised is that you will be trained in a specific job. Once training is complete, there is no guarantee that you will be assigned to do that specific job. Even the training is not necessarily guaranteed.

4. If you don't like the military, you can simply quit.

Truth: No you can't. Not liking the military is not considered an acceptable reason for discharge. One you get to basic training, you are in for the duration, and getting out, while not completely impossible, can take months.

5. If you refuse to ship out to basic training you will go to jail.

Truth: This is the opposite of Lie #4. Some applicants have been told (after signing the Delayed Enlistment Program Contract) that they can't change their minds. Some applicants have been told they would be arrested or that they would lose their citizenship if they dropped out of the DEP. The truth is you can change your mind at any time up until the moment you actually ship out to basic training and go onto active duty.

6. Once your enlistment is completed, you get out and won't be called back again.

Truth: When you enter the military for the first time, you are signing on for a total eight-year service commitment. Even if your contract says you're enlisting for two, three, four or five years active duty, you are obligated for a total of eight years.

7. You have a good chance of getting the assignment (location) you want.

Truth: Most active duty assignments are based on the "needs of the service." That means your location will be wherever your particular branch needs you most. Right now that will probably be Iraq.

8. You can get up to \$70,000 "free" dollars for college.

Truth: Over half of all veterans who signed up for educational benefits end up with none of that money. You have to pay a non-refundable \$1,200 deposit in order to qualify for aid. But few end up with the qualifications necessary to take advantage of the program. So the military actually makes money on the recruits.

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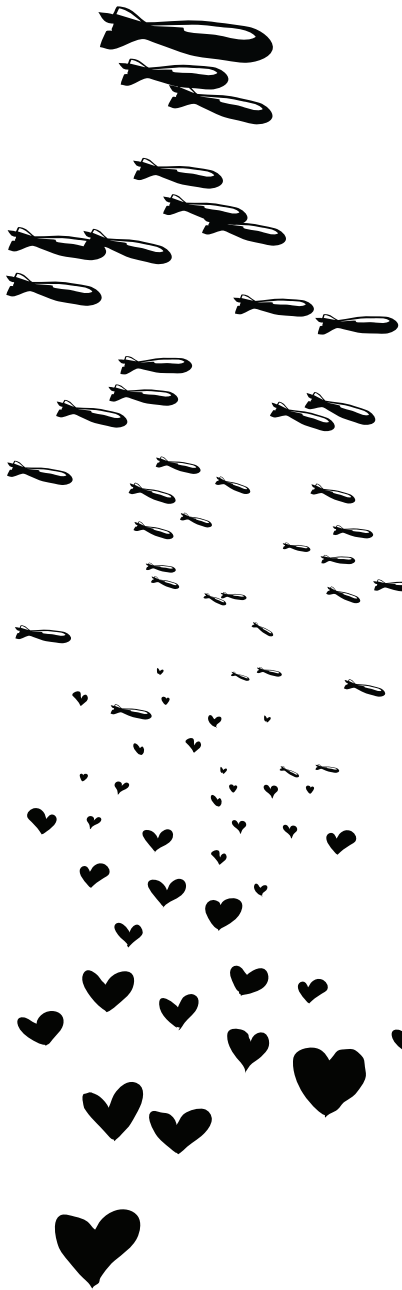
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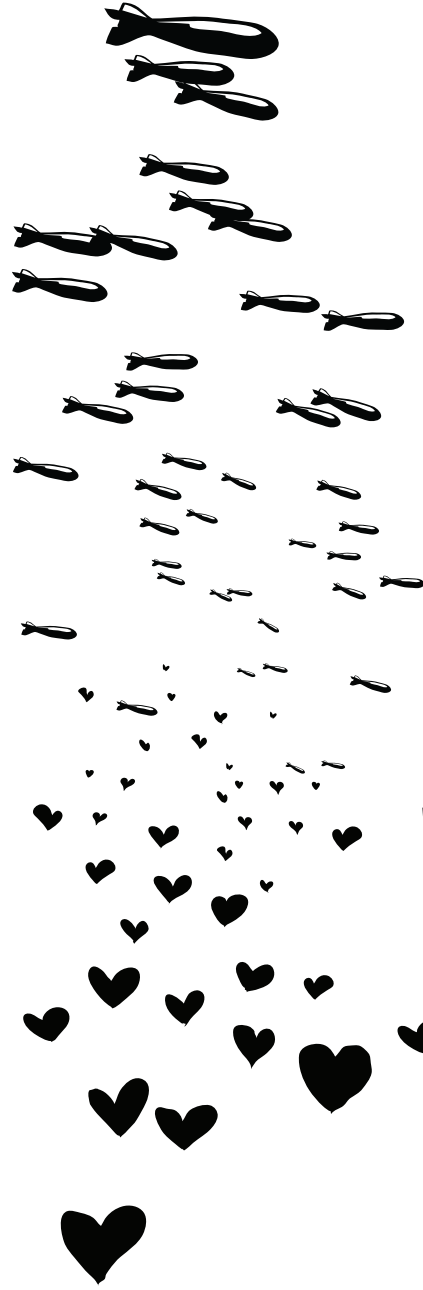
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