

# Center on Conscience & War

National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors

**NOTE TO CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES:** *The Center on Conscience & War would be happy to assist you in handling difficult cases pertaining to constituents who are service members, regardless of whether or not they are conscientious objectors. As a participating member group on the GI Right Hotline, we offer individualized non-directive counseling in regards to a service member's rights and discharge options. Please contact us at [ccw@centeronconscience.org](mailto:ccw@centeronconscience.org) or 1-800-379-2679.*

## **To Extend and Defend the Rights of Conscientious Objectors...**

The Center on Conscience & War (CCW) works to defend and extend the rights of ALL conscientious objectors. We are committed to supporting all those who question participation in war, whether they are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, documented or undocumented immigrants, or citizens of other countries. CCW is a faith based non-profit founded by the Quakers, Mennonites, Brethren and Methodists in 1940 to assist in the placement of conscientious objectors during WWII. Our organization was formally known as National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors (NISBCO).

The Center on Conscience & War is the only organization in the country that solely focuses on the issue of conscientious objection. To support our mission of extending and defending the rights of conscientious objectors, regardless of whether religious or non-religious, we offer the following services free of charge:

- Counsel and support military conscientious objectors. (1-800-379-2679)
  - CCW is known amongst the military counseling community as an authority on military conscientious objection.
  - CCW has knowledgeable and experienced staff.
- Provide legal support for military personnel.
  - CO's filing habeas petitions in federal court such as Agustín Aguayo
  - Support international conscientious objectors (Greece, Israel, Russia, Colombia, Turkey)
  - Appeal for Redress
- Lobby Congress to extend and defend the rights of conscientious objectors.
  - Lobby for the Military Conscientious Objector Act (Advocating for selective conscientious objection)
  - Advocate against draft authorization and poverty conscription laws such as the 2007 DREAM Act
- Provide accurate information on Selective Service registration.
- Provide support to COs who refuse to register for the draft through the Fund for Education & Training (FEAT).
- Counsel soldiers on the GI Rights Hotline. (1-877-447-4487)
  - GI Discharges
  - GI Rights
- Provide military Truth-In-Recruiting information.
  - Alternatives to Enlistment, Alternatives to Killing Campaign
  - DEP Brochure
- Provide workshops, training and speakers on any of the above topics

Please do not hesitate to contact the Center on Conscience & War for more information. Don't forget to visit our website at [www.centeronconscience.org](http://www.centeronconscience.org)! Your support is greatly appreciated!

THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS  
INTO PLOWSHARES AND THEIR  
SPEARS INTO PRUNING  
HOOKS...NEITHER SHALL THEY  
STUDY WAR ANY MORE.

MICAH 4:3



“WAR WILL EXIST UNTIL THAT  
DISTANT DAY WHEN THE  
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR  
ENJOYS THE SAME REPUTATION  
AND PRESTIGE THAT THE  
WARRIOR DOES TODAY.”

JOHN F. KENNEDY

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“Stopping war one soldier at a time”