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National Commission on Military, National & Public Service  
2530 Crystal Drive  
Box No. 63  
Arlington, VA 22202

**RE: RFI Comment**

Dear Sirs:

I want to give my opinion on military, national and public service.

1. I believe military and public service should be voluntary and not mandatory, and it should exclude women.
2. If the Selective Service System is retained, conscientious objectors to war should be allowed to participate in "alternative service" which is not administered by, nor connected to any military service. This was the policy for conscientious objectors during World War II and the Vietnam War.

For example: During World War II my husband (John Yoder, Jr) did alternative service by working in a mental hospital in Baltimore, MD, where he was the lone attendant over 81 violent patients for a 12 hour shift. He was working at a needy place, but not in the military where people are killed.

Thank you for allowing me to give my opinion.

Sincerely



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