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A. 2 years  C. 6 years
B. 4 years  D. 8 years

2) Is the military a good place to learn a skill for a career when I get out?
A. Yes  C. Probably not
B. No  D. Depends on my officer

3) How many women in the military are sexually assaulted?
A. More than 10%  C. More than 30%
B. More than 20%  D. More than 50%

4) What health issues do soldiers have after serving in the military?
A. Cancer, lung disease, heart attacks  C. Suicide, depression
B. PTSD  D. Traumatic brain injury-TBI

5) If I sign up for Delayed Entry can I back out of going in?
A. Yes  C. Maybe
B. No  D. Depends

6) Can the military keep me past my enlistment?
A. Yes  B. No  C. Maybe

7) On average, how many veteran suicides occur daily?
A. 2  C. 12
B. 8  D. 20

8) Since WW II, how many defensive wars has the US fought?
A. None  C. Six
B. Four  D. Seven

9) What’s the most important question to ask a military recruiter?
A. Will I get to see the world  C. Do I have to kill people
B. Will I get to decide what wars to fight  D. Might I be killed

ANSWERS BELOW↓
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Congratulations – you have completed Military IQ Quiz.

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   A. 2 years
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   A. 6 years
   A. 8 years
   **Answer is D.**

   “If this is an initial enlistment, I must serve a total of eight (8) years, unless I am sooner discharged or otherwise extended by the appropriate authority. This eight year service requirement is called the Military Service Obligation.”

2. Is the military a good place to learn a skill for a career when I get out?
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Probably not
   D. Depends on my commanding officer
   **Answer is C.**

   According to the Veterans Economic Opportunity Report, 53% of veterans on separation will face a period of unemployment. It is why the unemployment and homelessness among veterans is so much higher than the civilian population.
   As Dick Cheney famously said, “The military is not a social welfare agency; it’s not a jobs program.”

3. How many women in the military are sexually assaulted?
   A. More than 10%
   B. More than 20%
   C. More than 30%
   D. More than 50%
   **Answer is C.**

   At least 1/3 of the women in the military are sexually assaulted or harassed. 2/3 of the women who reported, said they had “had unwanted sexual contact”. Military Sexual Violence has been called an epidemic.

   Source: ‘What Every Girl Should Know About the U.S. Military’--War Resisters League brochure

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4. **What service related health issues do soldiers often experience?**
A. Cancer, lung disease, heart attacks  
B. PTSD  
C. Depression, risk of suicide  
D. Traumatic brain injury (TBI)  
**Answers are B, C, and D**  

“Folks returning from combat have a constellation of health concerns, including physical issues, psychological issues and psycho-social issues concerning things like work and family” said Dr. Stephen Hunt, national director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Post Deployment Integrative Care Initiative.

Live Science ‘After the Battle: 7 Health Problems Facing Veterans’  
Maureen Salamon 11/11/2010

5. **If I signed up for Delayed Entry Program, can I back out of my enlistment?**
A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Maybe  
D. Depends on the recruiter  
**Answer is A.**  

“One easy way to get out of the DEP is to do nothing. Simply not reporting on the day the person is scheduled to ship out sends the strongest signal to recruiters and military personnel that the person is no longer willing to become a member of the armed forces. If you are planning not to report on the ship date, it is not necessary to notify the military ahead of time of that decision. People are separated for not reporting whether or not they have given prior notice. This is the most commonly chosen way of getting out of the DEP.”

…Don’t expect your recruiter to help you, and you should NOT go to a military base if you are told to report there to get released.
For free help getting out of the DEP, contact the GI Rights Hotline, (877) 447-4487 www.girightshotline.org

6. **Can the military keep me past my enlistment?**
A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Maybe  
D. Depends on my Commanding Officer  
**The answer is A.**  

Once you enlist you are under military jurisdiction. Under “Stop Loss” rules thousands of Iraq soldiers were “stoplossed”. Stop Loss is the involuntary extension of a service member’s active duty service under the enlistment contract in order to retain them beyond their initial end of term of service (ETS) date and up to their contractually agreed end of active obligated service (EAOS).
–DD form 4 (enlistment contract)
7. On average, how many military and veteran suicides occur daily?
A. 4  
B. 8  
C. 12  
D. 20  
The answer is D.

Numerous public figures and public awareness campaigns in recent years have quoted the figure of “20 a day” in reference to veterans suicide, but VA officials last year clarified that estimate also includes active-duty troops, guardsmen and reservists.”

’Suicide rate among veterans up again slightly, despite focus on prevention efforts’  

8. Since World War II, how many defensive wars has the U.S. fought?
A. None  
B. Four  
C. Six  
D. Ten  
Answer is A.

Since World War II, no country has attacked the U.S. We are a superpower. The U.S. uses its military to go over to other countries and occupy them and change their government or oust their leaders we don’t like. They’ve all been wars of choice, illegal and without justification. Something to consider when you are putting your life on the line and thinking you are fighting for freedom and democracy.

To get into what we mean by “defensive”, see ‘Wars Are Not Launched In Defense’  
https://worldbeyondwar.org/wars-launched-defense/

9. What’s the most important question to ask a military recruiter?
A. Will I get to see the world?  
B. Will I get to decide which wars in which to fight?  
C. Do I have to kill people?  
D. Might I be killed?  
Answer is all of them – A, B, C, and D.  
Plus any other questions you feel is important for your decision making process.

Section 9b of the enlistment contract states “laws and regulations that govern military personnel may change without notice.....regardless of their enlistment document”, or what your recruiter promised you. Based on military needs, they can send you anywhere, have you do any job in the military, and change your “status, pay, benefits, and responsibilities without warning”.
A recruiter may answer these questions with what you want to hear; just remember there is no guarantee that you will get what you sign up for or what the recruiter promises.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Peace Literacy Institute
https://www.peaceliteracy.org/

Center on Conscience and War
https://centeronconscience.org/alternatives-to-enlistment/

National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities
https://www.projectyano.org

Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild
https://nlgmltf.org/military-law/tag/fact-sheet/

GI Rights Hotline – Military Discharge and Military Counseling
https://girightshotline.org/en/

https://www.vfp92.org/students/  https://www.vfp92.org/students/

https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/gamers-peace