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APHA Considers Policy on Military Recruiting in High Schools

What is wrong with military recruiting in high school? Military recruiting in high school targets minors and at-risk youth, is far more invasive and aggressive than any other kind of recruiting (including sports), results in poor outcomes for young enlistees in mental health, education, and employment, and promotes war.

The Department of Defense recruiting budget exceeds 4 billion dollars. Thousands of recruiters maintain a presence in America's high schools, making military presence ubiquitous, and suggesting an apparent endorsement by educators and others whose job it is to keep children safe. Very few educators or counselors know anything about military enrollment- not even that the term of enlistment is for 8 years- or about veteran joblessness, homelessness, and mental and physical health issues. Fewer educators discuss the realities of war with their students.

Military service takes a toll on the mental health of enlistees in general, but younger people have far more health problems after enlistment. By allowing and supporting military recruitment in public high schools, the US educational system is prioritizing the desire of the military to recruit youth, rather than prioritizing the health and education of our children.

Partial list of sponsors of proposed APHA policy statement on military recruiting in high schools: International Health Section (prime) Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section, Medical Care Section, Occupational Health & Safety Section, Peace Caucus, Public Health Nursing Section, Social Work Section, Socialist Caucus, Linda Rae Murray, Immediate Past President, APHA, Cheryl Easley, Past President, APHA, Carol Easley Allen, Past President, APHA. Joseph Telfair, Executive Board, APHA.

Promoting Peace and Health in the Middle East: What Can Public Health Workers Do?

This year, members of APHA have a special opportunity to support Palestinians' human rights. You can consider signing a letter to retirement fund giant TIAA-CREF specifically for APHA members. The letter urges TIAA-CREF to create a social choice fund that is "occupation-free". This fund would remove companies that are profiting from the Israeli occupation of the West Bank & Gaza and from human rights abuses against Palestinians. Learn more about this campaign at session 5203 on Wednesday at 12:30 PM. You do not need to have TIAA-CREF as your own pension fund to sign. You can read the letter and add your name at: <http://bit.ly/TovbPa>.

Visit the Peace Caucus at the Physicians For Social Responsibility Booth 1720

APHA Public Health Exposition
Moscone Center

The APHA Governing Council will vote on whether to adopt policy on this issue at the upcoming annual meeting. APHA can urge Congress to follow Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by stopping recruiting in public high schools, and remove section 9528 from the No Child Left Behind Act. It can also urge the U.S. Department of Education to restrict access of military recruiters to students' home contact information.

Come to the hearing on Sunday, October 28th at 3:30 PM to let the APHA know your views on this important issue. The hearing will be in the Marriott Marquis, Pacific A. For more information contact Amy Hagopian, PhD, 206-551-5313 cell; hagopian@uw.edu

Peace Caucus Program

October 29 - October 31, 2012 San Francisco, CA

MONDAY (3257.0)

12:30 - 2:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, ESPLANADE BALLROOM 302

WAR, TERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH

V.W. SIDEL, MD AND B. S. LEVY, MD, MPH, PRESIDENTS

- 12:30 PM — A review of U.S. military policy and human rights. Victor W. Sidel, MD and Barry S. Levy, MD, MPH
12:48 PM — Tokens of love or symbols of war: How gold and diamond mining contribute to violent conflicts.
Martin Donohoe, MD, FACP
1:06 PM — Over-reliance on torture and abuse as national security “tools.”
Christy Carnegie Fujio, JD, MA and Kristine Huskey, Human Rights Attorney
1:24 PM — Working toward peace by providing civilian health and mental health services to active duty military personnel.
Howard Waitzkin, MD, PhD, Razel Remen, MD and Mario Cruz, MD
1:42 PM — Nuclear famine: A billion people at risk Ira Helfand, MD

ENDORSED BY: ETHICS SPIG, SOCIALIST CAUCUS

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MONDAY (3441.0)

4:30 - 6:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, ESPLANADE BALLROOM 306

WAR AND PUBLIC HEALTH: A LIFECOURSE PERSPECTIVE

B. S. LEVY, MD, MPH AND V. W. SIDEL, MD, PRESIDENTS

- 4:30 PM — Impact of war on children’s health. Barry S. Levy, MD, MPH and Victor W. Sidel, MD
4:48 PM — Impact of war on women’s health. Patrice Sutton, MPH
5:06 PM — Impact of war on service members of color. Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH
5:24 PM — Longitudinal perspective on veterans with Gulf War Syndrome. Robert Haley, MD
5:42 PM — Less than 1% for peace: How robust US foreign aid can promote global peace and national security.
Sarah Kalloch

ENDORSED BY: MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIALIST CAUCUS, VISION CARE SECTION

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TUESDAY (4238.0)

12:30 PM-2:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, ESPLANADE BALLROOM 306

CARING FOR CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN SITUATIONS OF CONFLICT

ALAN F. MEYERS, MD, MPH PRESIDENT

- 12:30 PM — Addressing the mental health needs of children and youth in conflicted African communities.
Suzan Song, MD, MPH
12:50 PM — Caring for a population under military occupation: The role of Physicians for Human Rights-Israel
Ruchama Marton, MD
1:10 PM — Caring for a civilian population under military occupation: The role of the Palestinian Medical Relief Society
Allam Jarrar, MD
1:30 PM — Discussion

ENDORSED BY: INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, SOCIALIST CAUCUS, WOMEN’S CAUCUS

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CERTIFIED HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST (MCHES), NURSING (CNE), PUBLIC HEALTH (CPH)

Peace Caucus Program

Patrice Sutton, MPH, Program Planner

TUESDAY (4415.1) ADVANCING APHA'S 2009 POLICY "THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS, AND ADVOCATES IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT AND WAR"

4:30 PM-6:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, GATEWAY BALLROOM 103

P. SUTTON, MPH, PRESIDER

The goal of this roundtable is to advance the uptake of APHA's 2009 policy "The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War" within and beyond APHA. This year's roundtable follows-up on the Peace Caucus' roundtables at the 2010 and 2011 annual meetings. Session leaders will facilitate small group discussion with the goal of exploring opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration to broadly leverage the benefits of war prevention across a wide range of public health issues and priorities. The first roundtable in 2010 provided an opportunity to learn the views of a wide range of APHA's constituents about how war and the prevention of war does or could impact their work. Five overarching themes arose from the 2010 roundtables, including: (1) identifying and implementing mechanisms for data collection, synthesis and communication; (2) ensuring training, curricula and competency development among health workers; (3) fostering international partnerships among key allies; (4) developing and sustaining a virtual gathering place; and (5) increasing capacity among APHA staff for implementation of the policy.

These themes were honed at the 2011 roundtable, two key outcomes of which were the organization of "A Toolkit for Global Health Professionals to Promote Peace," (which will be presented in session 4318.1 that precedes this roundtable) and the submission of a proposed policy statement that would put APHA on record as opposing military recruitment of adolescents in their high schools. This year's roundtable will build on and advance these and other previous efforts through small group discussion of specific areas of action.

- Table 1. A Toolkit for Global Health Professionals to Promote Peace
(follow-up to session **4318.1**, of the same title) Moderators: Shelley White and Amy Hagopian
- Table 2. Veteran's Health Issues (follow-up to session **3053.0**, Health Care for Recent Veterans)
Moderator: Ann Hirschman
- Table 3. Caring for Civilian Populations In Situations of Conflict
(follow-up to session **4238.0**) Moderator: Alan F. Meyers
- Table 4. Engaging Health Professionals. Moderator: Robert Gould

ENDORSED BY: SOCIALIST CAUCUS

TUESDAY (289.0)

6:00 - 7:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, ESPLANADE BALLROOM 306

PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY (5203.0)

12:30 PM-2:00 PM
MCC SOUTH, ESPLANADE BALLROOM 302

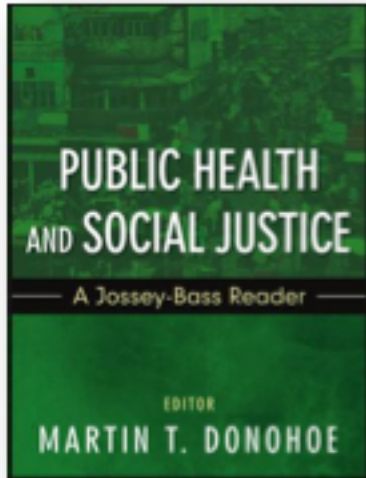
**ORGANIZING HEALTH WORKERS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
WITHIN AND BEYOND APHA**

ALAN MEYERS,, MD, MPH, PRESIDER

- 12:30 PM — Challenges and opportunities in organizing health professionals for peace and justice. Robert Gould, MD
- 12:45 PM — Central America health rights movement: History, effectiveness, relevance for today. Alan F. Meyers, MD, MPH
- 1:00 PM — Organizing for Veteran's Health. Ann Hirschman, RN-C, FNP, MPH
- 1:15 PM — Divesting from Israeli occupation. Dalit Baum, PhD
- 1:30 PM — The Arms Trade Treaty: What Can Health Professionals Do? Maria Valenti
- 1:45 PM — Discussion

Endorsed by: Socialist Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health

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(nr Stockton) in North Beach, SF, CA

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