

SECOND CHANCE

It was common practice during the Vietnam War for those people convicted of a crime to be offered a choice: go to prison or join the military. The United States has the highest incarceration rate than any other country in the world. Though just five percent of the world's population resides in the U.S., it houses twenty-five percent of the world's prisoners.

Some of those prisoners deserve to be in prison. The rapists, those who kill for the sake of killing, terrorist, and those who are given several chances to do the right thing but have no desire to do so.

But there are some who deserve another chance. Those who caught a charge at a young age and were first time offenders.

Why not allow some prisoners the opportunity to enlist in the military. Surely the military builds better character than the prison system.

I would jump at that opportunity. I passed the ASVAB at age seventeen and was enrolled in community college on behalf of the Navy. I did not get the opportunity to formally sign in. (read my other blogs for more information)

I am considering applying for a conditional clemency, (Its not wise to file these things yourself, prose, but I have not another option at this time.) on the condition that I enlist in the military. Do you think

that prisoners who are in my shoes deserve the chance to regain there lives? I would love to know your answers.

Does anybody out there know if it is possible for a Governor to grant condition clemency on the condition that one must enlist in the military?

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