

Dear Friends,

I turned 18 years of age on December 12th, 2006. This is a time when young men are required to register with Selective Service. I registered as required, but feel it is necessary for me to put forth my beliefs so that they can be known to all.

I am opposed to war. I do not see how in this modern world when we can communicate with others so easily how conflict is needed. Added to the fact that we now have the ability to destroy our own world, how can sensible beings be willing to take such a risk by indulging in conflict. I believe that everyone should have the right to make his or her own choices in life. I think that war puts people in inhuman situations. Placing young men and woman in situations where they must do things that go against what they would consider common decency in any other situation.

Presently, as presented in this country, war is conducted in a manner in such a fashion that people don't really understand all the horrible results of war. People do not realize how war forces people from their homes, causes great harm to people living near it and participating in it.

The violence that takes place in a war is rooted in anger, and this anger is spread by war becoming a poison to our greater community. I've seen this anger while living in Africa and how it can spread from person to person, as each new person in the chain is hurt. And the anger does not die over time. After a war it is rare that people confront this poison in the population with reason, understanding and compassion and thus it never goes away. It grows in a community until something happens and the community releases the anger back into the world through more violence beginning a cycle of war, Diaspora, and hate.

I would like to request that the meeting keep a copy of this letter to document my beliefs.

Sincerely,

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