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## CCW Travels Around to Support Peace Work!



*Bill Galvin supervises counselors in training for the GI Rights Hotline by listening in on a counseling call.*

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## Bill Galvin Flies to New Mexico to Train New Group on the GI Rights Hotline

In June Bill Galvin went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to mentor and train a new group member of the GI Rights Hotline.

CCW and Quaker House of Fayetteville, North Carolina, had been mentoring the group via phone since April. Since the mentoring consisted of the new counselors taking calls with more experienced counselors listening in, it was easy for them to defer to the more experienced counselors rather than deal with the calls themselves. The

intent of Galvin's visit was to allow for them to have a total immersion in counseling, to gain some experience and confidence.

During the week Bill was in there, both CCW and Quaker House forwarded all their evening GI Rights Hotline calls to Albuquerque. Galvin was in the room while they answered the calls, but made it very clear that he would not get on the phone to counsel. It was on them, and if they were stuck,

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# News Briefs

## German Total Objector Arrested Fourth Time

German total objector Silvio Walther began his fourth disciplinary arrest of 21 days on July 18. During three earlier arrests, he was arrested while ill and on another arrest he refused medical evaluation for determination of fitness to enter the Bundesweher.

His commander told him that they would also request a fifth disciplinary arrest.

It is the usual practice of the German military to impose consecutive disciplinary arrest on total objectors, up to a total of 63 days—and in some cases even 84 days—before the case is passed on to the criminal justice system for criminal prosecution, which can in theory lead to imprisonment of up to five years. In practice, imprisonment has been rare in recent years, with most sentences either being suspended sentences or fines.

The repeated disciplinary arrest for total objectors however is reason for concern. The official purpose of disciplinary arrest is to change the behaviour of the person concerned—it is not a means of punishment. Therefore, it is not according to the rules to impose disciplinary arrest when a change of behaviour cannot be expected. No case of a total objector is known where disciplinary arrest achieved a “change of heart”—arrest therefore amounts to punishment and is illegal.

*(War Resisters International, July 18, 2008)*

## National Guard Launches New “Rock Star” Marketing Campaign

In August, the Army National Guard launches a new marketing campaign that will travel to music festivals and other outdoor events aimed at the youth demographic.

Featuring a “rock star” theme, the campaign will be called the “Rock Star Hero Challenge” and will include tour buses with virtual mission simulators, interactive kiosks where potential recruits can pose with images of rock bands. Each event will last up to 12 hours and will attract 50,000 to 100,000 youth.

## Armenian Jehovah’s Witnesses Imprisoned

Sixty-six men, age 18 to 24, are imprisoned in Armenia for failure to perform alternative service work. They were seeking to do alternative service, but found their work to conflict with their beliefs. After Joining the Council of Europe, Armenia implemented an alternative service program that was under the Defense Department and did not release the men.

## Alternative Service for COs in South Korea Reconsidered

South Korea has started to review from scratch whether or not to allow COs to perform alternative military services, according to a statement by a defense ministry official. The ministry will hold a series of public hearings and debate sessions before making a final decision, he said.

All able-bodied South Korean men over 19 must serve in the military for about two years under the compulsory conscription system.

Hundreds of conscripts are annually jailed for their refusal to serve in the armed forces, according to the Military Manpower Administration. There were about 570 conscientious objectors last year.

The South Korean National Human Rights Commission recommended in December 2005 to allow alternative service for COs, such as working at public welfare facilities for a longer period of time than active service members in contrasted with a Constitutional Court decision in August the same year which affirmed that religious beliefs could not override national security.

Most military members also view alternative service for COs as an “undeserved privilege” granted to those who refuse military service.

South Korea already allows those with health conditions to serve their time at administrative offices instead of active service, following a four-week basic training program.

*(Korea Times, July 11, 2008)*

*Founded in 1940, the Center on Conscience & War works to extend and defend the rights of conscientious objectors to war. In pursuit of this calling, the Center provides these services free of charge:*

- Counsel military conscientious objectors.
- Provide legal support for military personnel.
- Lobby Congress to extend and defend the rights of conscientious objectors.
- Provide accurate information to the public on Selective Service registration.
- Provide support to COs who refuse to register for the draft through F.E.A.T student loans.
- Counsel soldiers on the GI Rights Hotline with accuracy and honesty.
- Military counter-recruitment information
- Provide workshops, training, and speakers on any of the above topics.

## CCW Gains Three New Members of the Board of Directors

### Dallas Wisehaupt

Dallas Wisehaupt is a Senior Systems Administrator at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA. He is also a former Captain in the United States Army. While living and travelling extensively outside of the U.S., Dallas observed the world as a single community and came to the realization that he could no longer participate in acts of war. With the assistance of the CCW he was discharged from the Army in July 2007. He currently lives in Dunmore, PA, with his wife and twins, a son and a daughter.



### Joan Broadfield

Joan Broadfield grew up in a Quaker circle, migrated briefly to the Episcopal Church, and is part of a religiously eclectic larger family circle. She and her spouse of 41 years joined Friends in the 1970s. It was a time when life was handing the couple some tough circumstances, including an unexpected draft of Ed into the army due to the war in Vietnam. It was this circumstance—forced military service in a family that included a child (in 1968)—that convinced Joan such service was not in the best interests of the country, of the people, and of world peace. A committed pacifist, active and trained in mediation and bias awareness, Joan works as staff for Quakers on the broad spectrum of peace issues. She has a degree in teaching music, serves on Friends General Conference’s Central Committee, and is active in her Meeting and community.



### Dan Mach

Daniel Mach is the Director of Litigation in the ACLU’s Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief. He litigates and coordinates a wide range of religious liberty cases nationwide, and often writes, teaches, and speaks publicly on religious freedom issues. Prior to his work at the ACLU, Mr. Mach was a partner in the Washington, DC office of Jenner & Block, where he specialized in First Amendment law.



#### 2008 CCW Consultations on CO Discharges

Branch	Consulted	Filed
Army ROTC	1	1
Army	11	10
National Guard	4	3
Navy	3	2
Marines	1	1
Air Force	3	2

Two applications have been denied (one is being refiled) and three have been granted.

Three applicants are women.



# “Supporting our community...”

## CCW Trains Albuquerque

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...they could put the caller on hold to discuss the case with Galvin. And after each call, they would discuss the call—how they responded and how it might have been handled differently. During the course of the week, Galvin saw tremendous progress in their ability to handle calls on the Hotline. Some counselors improved dramatically between their first and last call in one evening.

While there, Galvin was interviewed on the local public access TV channel. On Saturday, Bill led a training for the counselors in Albuquerque. He left feeling pretty confident that this group could handle calls fairly well, and that they knew to call us for help when they needed that kind of backup support.

## Galvin Attends Presbyterian General Assembly

In June the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in San Jose, California. Among the business before the assembly were two overtures that relate to conscientious objection. Bill Galvin was there to advocate for these two proposals.

One of the proposals actually extended the church’s policy of support of COs. The Presbyterian Church has had a registry of COs who are “communicant members” of the church, but those who are active in the church but haven’t joined could not register as a CO with the church. This assembly extended the registry to include those who are active in the church community, whether or not they are officially members. One would still have to go through a local church that would affirm that he or she is a part of the church community.

The other overture was about the war in Iraq, and it covered a wide variety of issues related to the war such as withdrawing troops, commending peacemakers who have worked nonviolently to end the war, rebuilding Iraq, and medical care and

other support for returning veterans. It specifically called on the government to “grant speedy discharges to conscientious objectors...”

Both of these overtures passed the assembly.

## Galvin Participates in New York Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)

July 20 to 26 the Society of Friends (Quakers) gathered at Silver Bay for the 313th annual session of the New York Yearly Meeting. Bill Galvin of CCW was in attendance, and he spoke with every group of young Friends in 4th grade and older. He also worked with their Committee on Conscientious Objection

to Paying for War, and helped them set up an exhibit that encouraged Friends to write a brief statement of conscience.



*Galvin testifies for a Presbyterian General Assembly resolution supporting conscientious objectors.*

## CCW Supports IVAW Bus Tour

Andrew Gorby, CCW Staff, GI Rights Hotline Counselor, and IVAW member, traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the weekend of July 26-27, 2008, to conduct training on GI Rights Advocacy for members of the IVAW 2008 “State of the Union” base tour. This training focused on the importance of using non-directive counseling skills, basic knowledge on types and characterizations of discharge, and service member’s rights. A special emphasis was placed on dispelling

myths perpetrated by the military. The basic knowledge and skills gained from this training will allow base tour participants to empower service members to exercise their rights and understand the possible consequences. Early August, Andrew will be traveling down to Ft. Stewart, Georgia, to support the “State of the Union” tour as an IVAW member and trained GI Rights Hotline Counselor. CCW’s Executive Director, J. E. McNeil, will be on stand-by as a lawyer throughout the tour.

# “Supporting our community...”

## CCW Staff Hold Workshops at Friends General Conference’s Gathering

The Friends General Conference annual Gathering of Friends in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, June 28 through July 5 was on the theme: “Courageously Faithful. As a part of that theme the over 1,500 Friends from around the world celebrated the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s address to the 1958 Gathering on the topic: “Nonviolence and Racial Justice.”

officials, allies in the school, and the targets of military recruiting. J. E. McNeil noted that it was important to learn from the military’s marketing research (on which millions of tax dollars has been spent). The military targets each area of the country—and, indeed, areas of most cities—differently. But mostly the military reaches out discussing service, community, challenges, and honor. Russell Ricks talked about his recent experience going to a recruiting station as a potential recruit and just how blatant the lies were.



*McNeil gives a presentation on Truth-in-Recruiting work at FGC Gathering.*

The Center was represented at the Gathering by our executive director, J. E. McNeil, and our development director, Russell Ricks, who had the opportunity to give two presentations as part of the official Gathering program. The first presentation was merely an introduction to Friends of the Center and its work. The second presentation was concerning “How to Mount a Truth in Recruiting Campaign.” The Center’s work on the “Alternatives to Killing” website and AFSC’s recent book *It’s My Life* were highlighted as Friends discussed how to reach out to the three audiences involved in such a campaign: school

The Center also had a showing of the compelling *Soldiers of Conscience*, which left viewers visibly moved. This DVD is finally available for purchase through the Center.

Finally, the Center joined AFSC-SF in their call to the Quakers, Mennonites and Brethren to provide scholarships for veterans who, by saying no to war, have lost their school benefits.

While it was Russell Ricks’ 18th Gathering, it was his first in his role representing the Center. In addition to participating in the presentations, he spent a great deal of time with the Adult Young Friends, reaching out to that community for future supporters.

# “Letting the past inspire our conscience...”

## CPSer Has Fond Memories from Period of Alternative Service

*To the Reporter: In response to your request for CPS tales, here are eight vignettes lifted from my memoirs of CPS #21, Cascade Locks, OR.*

### WORK OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE?

The work projects of the camp were directed by the United States Forest Service. The facility had been built for the Civilian Conservation Corps, a federal government program initiated by the Roosevelt administration in 1933 to provide employment and subsistence wages to unemployed young men. The Wyeth camp had four long barracks buildings, each housing about 50 men, a kitchen-mess hall, latrines, laundry and drying rooms, an office, three general purpose buildings, and assorted shops and garages for the Forest Service work. There were two homes for the families of the F.S. superintendent and Camp Director.

(1) I became the crew boss of five who worked in the Columbia Gorge at Waukeena Falls. We built a new footbridge there and, later on, a settling tank just below the falls, for the campgrounds water supply. All our materials: lumber, sand, gravel, cement, had to be hauled a half mile up the foot trail in wheelbarrows. One man supported the barrow handles, while in front two men pulled it forward by ropes. Donkey work? Yes. Of national importance? No. But constructive, nevertheless, and a contribution to picnickers' health and enjoyment. And it was a beautiful place to work in the spring!

(2) Fire suppression. We were trained to use the “progressive” or “one-lick” method of building fire line. The line was simply a relatively narrow ribbon cut through the vegetation from which we removed all the combustible material. Approximately forty men, single file, walk on the line, taking “licks” at the brush as they go. The first man blazes the trail, the next eight chop brush with axes, the next sixteen chop with Pulaskis, the next eight clear duff on the ground with Hazel hoes, the last eight clean up the last of the litter with shovels. Trail is built as fast as a man can walk, with no one stopping to work in one spot.

(3) One afternoon when we came in from work we heard that a little boy, 2-1/2 years, was lost in the woods west of our camp. We were organized into a search party, issued flashlights, and began to systematically tramp through the woods and brush along the highway and along the river's edge which was nearby. The going was very tough. Deep brush, fallen trees and uneven terrain made it difficult. We formed long lines about eight feet between men and crashed through the brush together in large sweeps. We covered an area about two miles on each side of the home where the boy had disappeared. We had no luck. At 1:30 am we quit for the night. We began the search again the

next morning, and by noon we were giving up hope. The Sheriff had sent in a crew to search the river. Then the little kid toddled out onto the highway by himself. His feet, legs and arms were scratched up but otherwise he was o.k.; he just stood and smiled.

I suppose he had slept under a log or brush.

### GOING THE SECOND MILE

About a month after I came to camp, one of the men in a side-camp announced that he was going to follow Jesus' injunction to “go the second mile.” Since Selective Service required him to work eight hours a day, he would voluntarily work sixteen, and to carry out this plan he refused to leave the work site at quitting time. It sounded crazy to me. The sidecamp crew was constructing fence line and this man was digging post holes. He continued to dig another eight hours, far into the night, and the next morning he had the holes to show for his labor. However, because of the darkness, the holes did not line up in a straight row. At any rate, the Forest Service foreman was upset by this behavior, concerned about health issues, and refused to have the man any longer on his crew. So the C.O. was assigned to wood crew in the main camp. Here, he continued his second mile work. The camp director then “ordered” him to work four hours, sleep four hours, etc. But the second miler replied that this was a subterfuge and he continued on his double shift. Two weeks later he had a discharge on grounds he was mentally unfit for service. I then concluded that perhaps this fellow was not as crazy as I had thought.

### LOTS OF TALK

The most common and characteristic socializing was the informal, unscheduled “bull session” that seemed to be generated like spontaneous combustion. Place three C.O.s in close proximity for a few minutes and protracted verbal exchange was certain. And because these sessions occurred so often, day after day and month after month, all pretense was peeled away, all unspoken assumptions were revealed. We came to know each other's prejudices and weaknesses, but also we learned to appreciate the other man's insightful understandings and the compassion of his heart. From that intimacy grew not only warm fellowship and friendship but a bonding that has lasted a lifetime.

### LOBBYING CONGRESS BY MAIL

Late in 1944 we learned that Senator McReynolds, chairman of the military affairs committee, had determined to press legislation for permanent, peacetime conscription through the Congress before the war ended; indeed, before Christmas, if he could manage it. The pacifists, in and out of CPS, launched an ambitious lobbying campaign against the bill and urged the peace churches to join the campaign. A flood of letters apparent

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ly stopped action in December. In January Cascade Locks men followed up with writing and publishing a leaflet laying out the pro and con arguments on the legislation. This was part of a mass mailing to teachers in the public schools. The Socialist party in Washington state sent us fifty dollars to help with expenses. Some men took on a personal commitment to write letters on a continuing basis to 100 influential people in their home state. The peace lobby had a marked impact. The struggle to pass a Universal Military Training law continued for several years—way beyond the end of the war—and was never successful, although extension of the Selective Service System has continued in a variety of active and standby modes.

## CPS SET TO MUSIC

The biggest musical production that Cascade Locks CPS produced was a parody of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, titled *The Mikado in CPS*, the adaptation written and directed by Kermit Sheets. Later published by Untide Press at the Waldport, OR, camp. It was a satire on the alternative service for COs. It shifted the improbable plot from Tittipoo to our CPS camp, with the Mikado becoming the Director of Selective Service and the High Executioner our Assistant Director. Naturally, we had an all-male cast and were delighted to see four of our friends in drag. Here are some brief samples of the lyrics. Anyone familiar with *The Mikado* will readily recognize the parallel with the Gilbert lyrics.

### *Opening chorus:*

If you want to know who we are,  
We are C.O.s in CPS.  
While the rest of the world's at war,  
We the pacifist life profess.  
We're in love with our fellow man,  
Whether yellow or black or tan—  
We'll save the world if we can. Oh...

### *The Tit-willow song:*

In a bleak CPS camp a C.O. exclaimed,  
“I want women and women and women.”  
In existence monastic, he couldn't be blamed  
To want women and women and women.  
But his betters began this sad chap to deride,  
His desires were abnormally sexed, they implied,  
While he simply expressed each man's thoughts when he sighed,  
“I want women, just women, more women.”...

### *The Moon and I:*

The man whose yens, as other men's  
For military glory

Are surely small (if they're at all,  
They're anything but gory)  
Would quite agree with you and me  
In much of our conviction,  
And would decry with jaundiced eye  
The global-wide affliction.  
He seeks a golden fleece beyond the sky;  
He dreams of earthly peace, as you and I  
He seeks a golden fleece beyond the sky;  
He dreams of earthly peace, as you and I

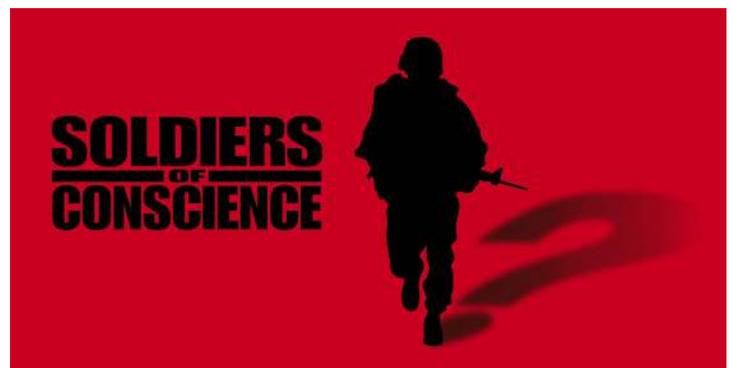
And lots more. The ugly stuff has faded; the memories of friends and stimulating encounters lives on.

Truly yours,

—Don Elton Smith

## Dont Miss “Soldiers of Conscience” on Public Broadcasting’s POV Series!

According to the Public Broadcasting Service website, POV, a series of independent films on a wide range of subjects, is scheduled to show *Soldiers of Conscience* on October 16. The documentary lets military conscientious objectors tell stories of their experiences and how these experiences led them to stand in resistance towards war, and contrasts this with the methods of military training and the teachings of a military professor. The producers of *Soldiers of Conscience* consulted CCW's J. E. McNeil and Bill Galvin during the production of the film, and CCW recommends watching it for anyone interested in how experiences in the military lead some to say they can participate in it no longer. Check local listings for specific broadcast times. For a trailer of the film, please visit: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2008/soldiersofconscience/preview.html>





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## *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

Summer is a difficult time at the Center. The calls slow up a bit, but never stop. On the other hand, the staff and I travel a great deal, taking the information and trainings around to various annual religious meetings—Quakers, Baptists, Presbyterians, among others. (We keep looking to do more, but the reality is that there are only so many days and many of the meetings overlap.) This takes a lot of money since few of these meetings pay for us to come. Yet, come we do.

Meanwhile, the money that runs the office and keeps things moving, dries up like a stream during a drought. People, concentrating on their own vacations and, this year, the elections, don't support the Center at the same level in the summer the way they do the rest of the year.

This year is especially hard because the recession is being felt by many of our donors—a large number of whom are elderly COs on fixed income but want to continue to support an organization that played such a pivotal role in their lives. We often get a dollar bill in an envelope by donors who have no more than that to give.

But, the recession is having another effect on our work. More and more individuals are concluding that joining the military is a reasonable solution to their money problems. One of my son's friends joined right after becoming a husband and father at the ripe old age of 21 to obtain medical insurance for his family. Another friend joined after he had been laid off for

so long that the unemployment checks were going to run out—and he still hadn't found work. My son was able to persuade the second man not to join, but the young father is determined.

The Center has developed a webpage to provide alternatives to the military to young men like these—but we have only just begun to get the word out. And we need to take the time to keep it up to date and without broken links. We have also created a program on how to counter-recruit. Many people want to help young people to see clearly what joining the military means, but are at a loss for how to begin. How do you gain entry into the schools? How do you make a display that will compete with the highly researched and glossy system the military recruiters use? We help answer those questions.

I know that come the winter, after the elections and during the Holiday season, money will again flow to the Center to help us do our work, but the work, unlike the money, is not seasonal.

Help us keep the holiday spirit alive all year round.

Yours for Peace and Justice,

J. E. McNeil

