

Breaking Ranks

Four American military “deserters” tell the story of their coming to consciousness about war and the illegality of the Iraq war, as they deal with the profound emotional, ethical and international consequences of their actions in coming to Canada. Youth considering enlisting in the military, and their families, are especially urged to come see this eye-opening and moving film.

Breaking Ranks is a moving documentary that examines the current phenomena of US soldiers seeking refuge in Canada as part of their resistance to the war effort in Iraq. With intimate access to four American military deserters, their lawyer and families, this film documents their experiences as they try to exercise their consciences amidst profound emotional, ethical and international consequences. If deported, they face the venom of mainstream American opinion and one to five years in prison. If Canada instead follows the legacy established by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau during the Vietnam War, when Canada welcomed tens of thousands of war resisters, there may well be an unprecedented crisis in U.S.-Canadian relations. Filmed over the course of the refugee process, this provocative film explores the meaning of duty through the powerful testimonies of these young soldiers. In so doing, Breaking Ranks poses challenging political, cultural and historical questions for Canadians and the world.

For more information about the film, contact info@breakingranksthefilm.com, and for more information regarding support for conscientious objectors in the military and help for those who have changed their minds about the Delayed Entry Program, see www.objector.org, a website of the American Friends (Quakers).

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Ka Lama 103 7:00 pm
Free - Public Welcome

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