## 10 Re-Starting the Military Draft for Men and Women

While this may shock some people, I have talked with countless parents that wish their sons and now daughters were in line for the mandatory Draft. Not that they could not get into it on their own, but they normally don't.

This program will finally correct the Congressional error made in 1972 that ended mandatory military service that had been a normal part of life in America since about 1940. My observation is that with the end of the Draft, almost every social problem in our nation has gotten worse. Especially, race relations that were doing fairly well into the 1970's. Until then some 1.8 million boys had 2 years of training and discipline, and getting into the best physical condition of their life. Since then, they are out into the streets and the working world.

We must act to correct that error by restarting the 2-year Draft and this time for men and women. We are not building an army for foreign battles. We are better preparing our youth for life.

The idea is to have the first 3 to 6 months will be standard military training. After that a great number of them will be assigned to support various construction projects and environmental disaster recovery work. This is of critical importance considering the number of such disasters will only grow and it will help us control the taxpayer costs of those recovery efforts.

## Reinstatement of the Military Selective Service Program

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## The Military Draft

This time both men <u>and</u> women will serve their country.

- This incredibly practical program is another one of my favorites because it will do so much good within our society and economy.
- What I call, *The Big Mistake*, was our ending the Draft on December 7, 1972. The nation's greatest societal error of the last 50 years.
- In brief, from World War II to 1972, each year up to 1.8 million 19-year-old boys from farms to inner cities went into two (2) years of military service *together*.
- They were all trained and disciplined. They learned a work ethic and how to get along with each other. They were molded into young men.
- When the Draft was *recklessly* ended, those 1.8 million young men went out into world without that base of experience. Since then in my estimation, almost every aspect of life in our society has suffered. Including the eventual rise of racism in all directions. Think about it.
- They will all serve for two (2) years.
- They will complete six (6) months of standard military training. Then many of them will be

transferred to State Guard Units for construction and other public service programs – for the rest of their tour.