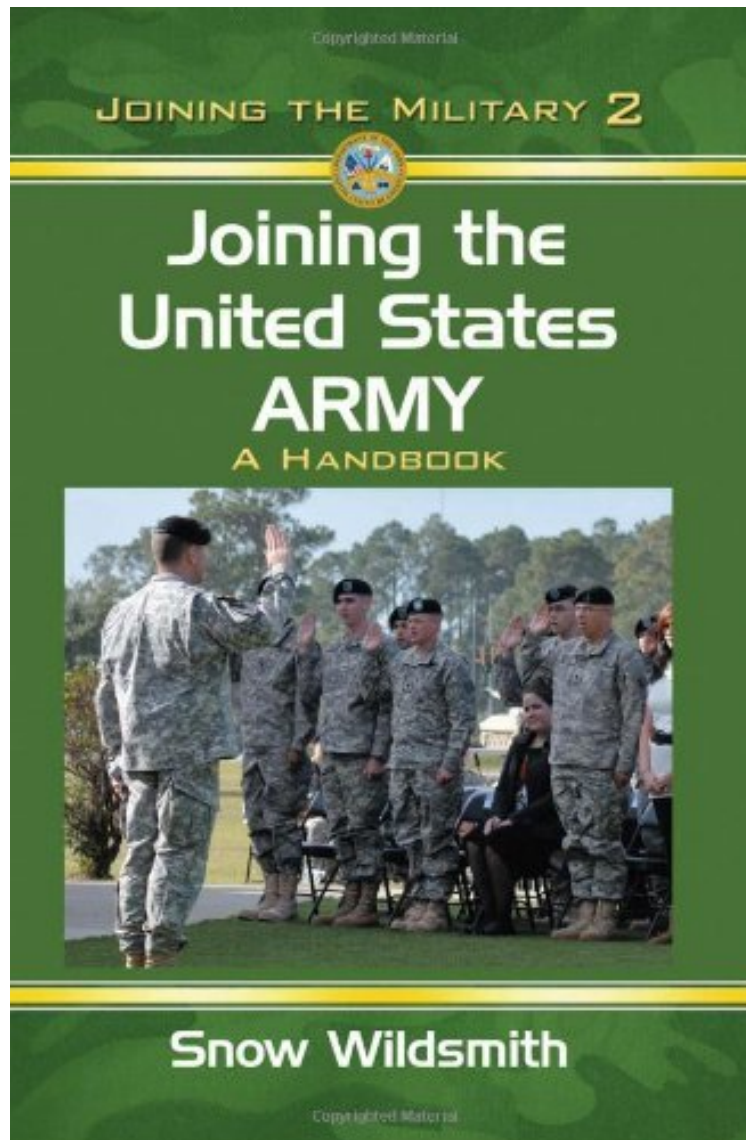


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Haven't joined yet. Great book. Very informative.By John YoungPerfect resource. I'll review it again after I enlist.Very in depth analysis of the Army and the resources you will receive (honestly positive and negative.)1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very Useful Handbook.By Paul McFarlandThis volume is intended as a handbook for young men and women who are considering becoming a

part of the United States Army. It is divided into sections for the individual, their family and their spouse. I doubt if the author intended it to be read from cover to cover. The author states that this feature will result in some redundancy and it, of course, does. However, I did read the entire book both because I feel that responsibility in reviewing a volume and because of my own interest in what the book had to say. My service in the US Army was in the middle to late 1960's. A period that my grandchildren seem to think involved either the first or second world war. The Army is a very different place since I cleared post for the last time. But many things remain the same. The Army exists, as they were fond of reminding us, to kill people and break things. The average person passing through their period of service will not encounter this experience. Most military service is a steady job with very well defined job descriptions, consequences, and rewards. I came away from the Army with skills and insight that has served me well throughout my life. I was a medic during my active duty and with my benefits and experience have had a fulfilling, rewarding career as a Registered Nurse. As the book points out that experience and those rewards are there for anyone who enters service today. Being involved with the VA system I often meet young men and women who have found this to be true in today's Army. However, I have also spoken with people who had horrible experiences during their attempt to become part of the military. It is my considered opinion that this volume would have helped prevent many of those bad outcomes. The author very clearly outlines just what the Army is all about and just what they will and will not do for an individual who enters its fold. The information given matches up with both my memory and with the stories I hear from young troops. This is a very useful book. I have no hesitation in recommending it wholeheartedly.

This book is for the teenager or young adult who is interested in enlisting in the United States Army. It will walk him or her through the enlistment and recruit training process: making the decision to join the military, talking to recruiters, getting qualified, preparing for and learning what to expect at basic recruit training. The goal of the McFarland Joining the Military book series is to help young people who might be curious about serving in the military decide whether military service is right for them, which branch is the best fit, and whether they are qualified for and prepared for military service. Features include lists of books, web links, and videos; a glossary; and an index.

"A wealth of military nonfiction exists for middle-grade readers, most of it geared toward kids with parents in the service. Fewer are the titles aimed at teens considering wearing the stripes themselves, and rarer still are those that are equal to books in the essential new Joining the Military series...the whole set is recommended...there's little flash to be seen here, just page after page of insight. Authoritative, exhaustive, sober and indispensable." --Booklist/RBB "A good addition." --Arba About the Author Snow Wildsmith is a former teen librarian now working as a book reviewer and writer. She specializes in comics for teens and children, reviewing for Booklist, Good Comics for Kids, No Flying No Tights, and more. Co-author of The Parent's Guide to the Best Kids' Comics, Snow grew up in a military family and now lives in North Carolina.