You can support Iraq War Conscientious Objectors

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The Oklahoma Center for Conscience provides legal and other support services for servicemembers seeking to obtain their rights under the Military Code of Justice, including conscientious objector status.

We retain the services of Military Law Attorney James M. Branum (GIRightsLawyer.com), so he can provide civilian counsel for some of the most prominent Iraq War conscientious objectors. Branum is also supported by Courage to Resist, a national network for soldiers of conscience.

Tony Anderson

Tony refused to go to Iraq for reasons of conscience. Branum was his civilian defense counsel in his court-martial for desertion at Ft. Carson, CO. He received a 14 month jail sentence, but his fight for his rights is not over. "We are seeking early release on parole," Branum said, "and also exploring the possibility of an appeal to civilian federal court based on the Army's failure to provide, in a timely manner, information on his right to apply for CO status."

We are raising funds for Anderson's appellate case.

Joshua Key

Originally from rural Oklahoma, Josh joined the Army when other career options were unavailable. The immoral acts and abuses he saw in Iraq led him to intense soul-searching, and he became a conscientious objector. Home on leave, he fled to Canada with his wife, and has told his story in a book, A Deserter's Tale. He now has a family and wants to make Canada his home. Branum is set to testify at Key's hearing before Canadian immigration authorities.

Funds are needed to cover travel and legal costs.

Daniel Sandate

The case of Daniel Sandate is a model of how the military is failing to provide appropriate care for the mental health of troops. Suffering from PTSD after his Iraq deployment, Daniel was denied mental health care. He fled to Canada, but was returned to the U.S. due to problems stemming from his untreated PTSD. Branum served as civilian defense, with noted Colorado Springs civil rights attorney Bill Durand. Daniel got 8 months in prison.

CTR and individual donors helped with defense costs, but $200 is still needed.

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