National Commission on Military, National & Public Service

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A Nation Built on Service
“Our nation is at a crossroads, and we must decide how we want to foster a culture of service among American men and women from all walks of life.”

- Senator John McCain

“The importance of this Commission's work and mission cannot be overstated.”

- Senator Jack Reed
Our Mission

This Commission will listen to the public, learn from those who serve, and recommend to the President, Congress, and the American people ideas to foster a greater ethos of military, national, and public service to strengthen American democracy.
Military Service

Over 22 million military veterans
the military
National Service

2 million work for the federal government
Public Service

- **VOLUNTEERS**: 63 million
- **75,000 members**
- **20,000 sites**
- **230,000 volunteers**
- **30,000 sites**
- **7,400 volunteers**
- **65 countries**

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICORPS

SENIOR CORPS

Peace Corps
The American Public

325 million people in the United States
90 million are 19 years of age or under
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Our Tasks:
Review Military and Selective Service
Our Tasks:
Increasing Interest in Service
Who We Are
Engaging the American Public
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Our Vision:

Every American, inspired and eager to serve.
Key Questions

• Is a military draft or draft contingency still a necessary component of U.S. national security?
• Are modifications to the selective service system needed?
• How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to address the national security and other public service needs of the nation?
• What are the barriers to participation in military, national, or public service?
• Does service have inherent value, and, if so, what is it?
• Is a mandatory service requirement for all Americans necessary, valuable, and feasible?
• How does the United States increase the propensity for Americans, particularly young Americans, to serve?