

## **1998 RPCNA SYNOD:**

1. That, while recognizing the right and duty that women, have to self defense, which may involve physical violence (Judges 9:53), it is our conviction that Biblical teaching does not give warrant to employ women for military combat.
2. That we direct all presbyteries and sessions to instruct their congregations in this regard.
3. That we urge any of our female members who are considering or presently engaged in military service to take counsel of their sessions as to the teachings of God's Word in this matter.

### **I. Does the Bible ever permit or condone the practice of national military conscription? Yes! Num 1:1-3**

### **II. What circumstances & limitations does the Bible specify with regard to national military conscription?**

**A. ONLY FOR DEFENSE** Ex 17:16; 1Sam 8:10-18.

**B. REASONABLE EXEMPTIONS** Jdg. 8:13-17

1. Physical or Mental Inability *Num 1:3*
2. Pressing Family Responsibility *Dt 20:5-7*
3. Overwhelming Fear or Uneasiness *Dt 20:8; Jdg 7:3 (tender heart or conscience)*

**C. ONLY WHEN TRULY NECESSARY** 2Sam 24:1-3, 9

**D. ONLY ADULT MALES** (1) Census = Male (2) Tyrant = Drafts Women as Cooks, Perfumers, etc

### **III. What are some problems with drafting women, even if only for non-combat purposes? Tyrannical Attack on the Family (1Sam 8)**

### **IV. Is it unwise for Christian parents to allow their daughters to register for the U.S. Selective Service, with the hope of later declaring a conscientious objection, if drafted? Yes! (Reasons)**

- (1) Criteria (2) Trust (3) Credibility (4) Solidarity

### **V. Is it sinful for Christian parents to allow their daughters to register for the U.S. Selective Service? Yes, but not necessarily scandalous.**

**A. It is poor stewardship of our God-given inheritance.** Ps 127:3; 1K 21:2-3; 2K 9:26.

**B. It surrenders to Caesar that which is God's.** Mt 22:21

**C. It is to obey man rather than God.** Acts 5:29