



# RORY FANNING

## WORTH FIGHTING FOR

An Army Ranger's Journey Out of the Military and Across America

A Chicago Public High School Tour  
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10,000 students are currently enrolled in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) in the Chicago Public School system, which is more than any school district in the country. The JROTC program disproportionately targets children of color in CPS. Currently 50% of those enrolled in JROTC in Chicago are Black and 45% are Latino. JROTC operates in 45 Chicago-area public high schools.

Rory Fanning will provide a counter argument to the military's messaging. Rory will visit CPS high schools throughout the 2015/2016 school year in the hopes of helping students make a more informed decision before joining the military. These speaking visits will help serve as much-needed space in which students can come together for important and timely discussions about the fourteen-year-old global war on terror, the motivations behind US wars, and what those who are fighting in them are expected to do. At each classroom Rory visits he will discuss his experience in the military for 20-25 minutes. Then students will discuss what they have been told about the military and what they think of it. Each student will receive a free copy of Rory's book *Worth Fighting For: An Army Ranger's Journey Out of the Military and Across America*.

Rory walked across the United States for the Pat Tillman Foundation in 2008-2009, following two deployments to Afghanistan with the 2nd Army Ranger Battalion. He is a war resister, and writer living in Chicago, Illinois. Haymarket Books recently published his book *Worth Fighting For: An Army Ranger's Journey Out of the Military and Across America* in November 2014. His writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *Nation*, *Mother Jones*, *Salon*, *Truthout*, *Common Dreams*, *TomDispatch*, and others. He is a proud member of Veterans for Peace.

If you would like Rory to speak at your Chicago Public High School during the 2015/2016 school year please email him at [walkforpat@gmail.com](mailto:walkforpat@gmail.com).

