

Miles Megaciph

"I am a performing artist who uses hip-hop as a vehicle to affect positive change in our world. My last name is Mental Energies Gather And Circulate In Positive Harmony or Megaciph for short; this is more than simply a moniker, it embodies my approach to life. After my tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps I used writing as a healing technique. Telling my stories of trauma through music has helped me and allowed me to connect with youths who may be thinking of taking a similar path to my own. I not only speak to the students of my experiences in the U.S. Marines but, as a spoken word artist, rap about it via hip-hop.

I was in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1992-1996, November to July, three years 8 months 6 days and 10 hours in total. I use hip-hop/rap music to tell my personal stories of the racism, sexism and oppression of the military. The lies of recruiters and the inequities seen all throughout the fleet, from Cuba to Okinawa and back to Jacksonville NC. I enlisted under the veil and had it pulled back in Cuba seeing America's hypocrisy firsthand. The classroom visits I've done with We Are Not Your Soldiers have been both cathartic and inspiring. This is vital work; I wish I had the opportunity to receive someone's truth when I was thinking of enlisting."

## Watch a video of Miles visiting NYC high school classrooms (5-minute version)



And, here's the full 26-minute version.

<u>Listen to a podcast on WBAI's "Give Peace a Chance" show of Miles' visit to a class at Nassau Community College.</u>

<u>Listen to podcast or watch the video of Miles' Aug. 15, 2023 interview on Talk World Radio about We Are Not Your Soldiers and "How to Reduce Recruitment Even More."</u>

You can read <u>excerpts from papers</u> by high school and college students following Miles' visit to their class.

Watch a video of a speech by Miles to the Poor People's Campaign about his experiences in the Marines.



## Podcast interview with Miles from World Beyond War.



Visit Miles Megaciph's website.