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Service Academies' Alumni Form Antiwar Unit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UPI)—A newly organized group of antiwar graduates of the nation's armed-service academies has opened a drive to convince Americans that "the only honorable peace now is to admit our mistake and get out of Vietnam."

Four members of Concerned Academy Graduates, a two-month old group that claims membership of 125 alumni of West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy, told a news conference last week that their first objective was to lobby for the McGovern-Hatfield "amendment to end the war," which is coming up for a Senate vote this week.

After that, they said, they will seek speaking engagements to spread their opposition to the war. They said they would

avoid picketing and demonstrating.

Richard A. Fontaine, a computer consultant from Annandale, Va., and a West Point graduate, said alumni of the service academies have a high credibility with the American Legion and other such groups. "We think we can get through to people who might be turned off by the long-hair pacifist activist," Mr. Fontaine said. "We are trying to make opposition to the war respectable."

They disassociated themselves from antiwar groups that fly the Vietcong flag.

There are no active-duty servicemen in the organization, only academy graduates who have left the service. The spokesman said that new members were being sought.

Robert Bowie Johnson Jr., a 1965 graduate of West Point

and now a writer who lives near the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., said he served for a year in Vietnam as an infantry captain. He said he went to Southeast Asia as a hawk and returned a dove, believing the war to be "clearly dishonorable."

The organization was formed in June in San Francisco, where it has a post office box. It has opened an office in Washington, a few blocks north of the Capitol.