



*"I have lived an  
average life..."*  
Enoch Crowder



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*General, Ambassador, Lawyer*  
*General Enoch Crowder*

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After graduating 31st in his class of 54 at West Point in 1877, Crowder went on to influence the United States Army for generations. As Provost Marshal in World War I, Crowder composed the Selective Service Act, better known as “the draft.” Since its creation, the draft has required millions of men to serve from World War I through the Vietnam War. Compulsory military service ended in 1973.

Before World War I, Crowder worked in Cuba where he helped create a provisional government after the U.S. granted the island its independence in 1902. As the U.S. Army’s Judge Advocate General, he rewrote the Manual for Court-Martial. He also updated and revised the Articles of War and improved conditions in military prisons.