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CMR Calls on “Sleeping Dog Mattis” to Watch-Dog and Revoke Obama Holdover Transgender Mandates

The **Center for Military Readiness** has released a comprehensive **CMR Special Report** analyzing fifteen Obama-era Pentagon directives and training documents promoting retention and eventual recruiting of transgenders in the military:

[Department of Defense & Military Services Should Revoke Problematic Transgender Policy Directives and Instructions](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

The 27-page document reveals and analyzes **President Barack Obama**-era policies, which order the armed forces to assume the risks of retaining and recruiting a cohort of persons who are suffering from gender dysphoria - a difficult condition involving confusion about gender identity. Gender dysphoria and its treatments are among several psychological conditions that negatively affect personal deployability and mission readiness.

In an op-ed published by *Military Times*, **Elaine Donnelly**, President of CMR, denounced the efforts of Obama Administration holdovers in the Pentagon who continue to implement transgender directives and training programs, as if the presidential election never happened.

- Commentary: [Transgender Mandates Would Impede Efforts to Strengthen Military](#)

Wrote Donnelly, ***“We don’t need a “mad dog” or a sleeping dog – we need a vigilant and fearless watch dog who will strengthen our military by restoring sound priorities that are long overdue.”***

Problematic transgender mandates include:

- Open-ended costs for **lifetime hormone treatments and sometimes irreversible surgeries**. (Transgender advocates demand special status for

recruits seeking lifetime medical benefits despite deployability problems. They also demand coverage for veterans in an already over-loaded system, and for family dependents, including minor children);

- Infringements on **personal privacy** in conditions of forced intimacy;
- Demoralizing pressures on military commanders, doctors, and nurses to approve, participate in, or perform procedures that **violate medical ethics or sincerely-held personal or religious convictions**;
- Negative impacts on morale and cohesion when transgender treatment side effects negatively affect combat **deployability** and readiness;
- Establishment of a network of remote **“Service Central Coordination Cells” (SCCCs)** allowing LGBT consultants to politicize the **Military Health System**;
- Erosion of **trust in military leaders who endorse medical delusions**; and
- Diversion of scarce time and resources in pursuit of **politically-correct social agendas** that are not consistent with sound priorities in the military.

According to an [AP report](#), the **Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force** requested two-year delays in implementation of problematic policies. Instead of honoring those requests, Deputy Secretary of Defense **Robert O. Work**, an Obama holdover, appears to have arm-twisted the dissenting service chiefs to settle for a delay of only six months.

This unsatisfactory option would help to achieve auto-pilot implementation of transgender mandates during the Christmas season, when no one is looking. (Former Defense Secretary **Ashton Carter** and his Deputy Bob Work pulled the same type of maneuver in December 2015 when they ignored the Marine Corps’ research-based request for exceptions to women-in-the-infantry mandates.)

Deputy Secretary Work also allowed **Anthony Kurta**, the Obama holdover Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness, to call for and participate in an inappropriate special-interest **“LGBT Pride”** event at the Pentagon on June 12. This happened even though **President Donald Trump** correctly declined to issue an authorizing proclamation.

Donnelly called on President Trump and **Defense Secretary James Mattis** to respect the original Army, Air Force, and Marine requests and to make their concerns public. *“This is even more important since Marine **General Joseph Dunford**, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently told a Senate committee that there have been some issues identified with recruiting transgender individuals that ‘some of the service chiefs believe need to be resolved before we move forward.’”*

She added, “Secretary Mattis and members of Congress should invite medical experts (not LGBT activists) to present testimony addressing the transgender issue in terms of military readiness, not political correctness taken to extremes. There is no good time to implement a bad policy”

On May 16, 85 civilian organization and retired military leaders signed a **Conservative Action Project Memo for the Movement:**

- CAP: [Restoring America’s Military Strength: Military Readiness or Transgender Politics](#).

The CAP Memo expressed support for the priorities Secretary of Defense Mattis set during his confirmation hearing: **mission readiness, command proficiency, and combat effectiveness.**

“The process of strengthening our military will not succeed, however, if military service personnel have to contend with problematic military/social policies imposed by the Obama Administration – policies that actually impede mission readiness, command proficiency, and combat effectiveness.”

The newly-released [CMR Special Report](#) includes links to extant Department of Defense and military service directives, instructions, handbooks, roadmaps, toolkits, and mandatory training briefings that Secretary Mattis should personally review and revoke administratively without further delay.

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