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More Defense Department Dissembling on LGBT D-Day

*In response to a news conference conducted today at the Pentagon by Defense Secretary **Leon Panetta** and Joint Chiefs Chairman **Adm. Mike Mullen**, **Elaine Donnelly**, President, **Center for Military Readiness**, issued the following statement:*

"In a performance today that can only be described as unfocused, evasive, and almost sheepish, Defense Secretary **Leon Panetta** and Joint Chiefs Chairman **Adm. Mike Mullen** continued to deny or ignore tough questions that Congress has asked about the consequences of **LGBT law** and related policies in the military.

"Both the single-page [memo](#) and "[Quick-Reference Guide](#)" that the Defense Department released today are laughably simplistic and an affront to Congress. They do not constitute detailed regulations, as required by the repeal law, which should have been produced for public review and congressional oversight many months ago.

"This is not a legitimate victory for anyone; it is being imposed on the armed forces to deliver on President Barack Obama's political promises to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) activist groups. The high-powered campaign for gays in the military was fueled by sophistry, administration-coordinated deception, *faux* "research" from LGBT activists, and misuse of the military's own culture of obedience.

"During the briefing today, Adm. Mullen referred to universal training that, he said, was not mandated to "*change anyone's views*" about homosexuality. But in a [Wall Street Journal article](#) today, a prominent gay activist hailed the 7-month military indoctrination program preceding today's implementation as "'an unprecedented opportunity' to promote 'the normalcy of the gay community.'" The armed forces exist to defend the country, not to advance controversial social agendas of LGBT activist groups.

"Pentagon assurances that the **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** will preclude the extension of marriage benefits to same-sex couples are not credible. The Obama Justice Department is in court filing briefs demanding that the DOMA be declared unconstitutional. When inevitable lawsuits are filed, the Pentagon will not go into court in opposition to advocates for the Justice Department.

The following op-ed expands on news that CMR broke last week, with regard to a September 12 letter from House Armed Services Committee Chairman **Howard P. "Buck" McKeon** and HASC Personnel Subcommittee Chairman **Joe Wilson** on September 12.

- [Congress Resists Rush for an LGBT Military](#)

"The Pentagon seems to have contemptuously ignored this communication, failing to provide detailed regulations on specific ways that the new LGBT law will affect the majority of men and women in our military. We hope that members of Congress will continue to press the Defense Department for answers, and seize every opportunity to mitigate problems caused by LGBT law.

To schedule an interview on this subject, contact CMR President **Elaine Donnelly** at **734/464-9430**, or Executive Director **Tommy Sears**, **202/330-1890**.

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