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CMR Hails Commander-in-Chief-Elect Donald J. Trump

The following comments may be attributed to Elaine Donnelly, President of the Center for Military Readiness, an independent, non-partisan public policy organization that reports on and analyzes military/social issues:

“The election of **Donald J. Trump** as **President of the United States** will give new hope to active-duty and retired military personnel and their families. In recent years, our military has been weakened like a shaky tower of **Jenga blocks** - stretched out and made vulnerable due to resources taken away and burdens of social engineering loaded on.

“During his campaign, Mr. Trump pledged that if elected president, he would seek the advice of uniformed military advisors. He also made it clear that he will **restore sound priorities** with new orders that put the **needs of our military - and national security - first**.

“The [2016 Democratic National Platform](#) promoted military “diversity” as a paramount national defense goal. In contrast, the Republicans declared, ‘*We are the party of **peace through strength**.*’ (Emphasis added throughout, references from pages 41 thru 54)

“In particular, the delegates called for sound national defense priorities, including: ‘***American military superiority**, which has been the cornerstone of a strategy that seeks to deter aggression or defeat those who threaten our vital national security interests.*’

“With the approval of nominee Donald Trump, the [2016 Republican National Platform](#) written by more than one hundred committee delegates meeting this summer in **Cleveland, Ohio**, went on to state:

- ‘***We reject the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation.***’
- “In addition, the document declared, ‘***Military readiness should not be sacrificed on the altar of political correctness.***’

“The platform also included this key plank: ‘***We call for an objective review of the impact on readiness of the current Administration’s ideology-based personnel policies, and will correct problems with appropriate administrative, legal, or legislative action.***’

“As stated in a July 2016 [CMR Policy Analysis](#), the 2016 Republican Platform applied these principles to controversial military/social issues by approving planks that support:

- The exemption of military women from **direct ground combat (infantry) battalions**
- The **All-Volunteer Force** and women's **exemption from Selective Service registration**
- **Rights of religious liberty** for military chaplains and people of faith
- **Due process rights for both the accuser and the accused in military justice systems**

“The platform also took a stand *against*:

- **Modifications or lessening of standards** to achieve non-military social agendas
- **Compulsory national service** and registration of women for a possible future draft
- **Special interest demonstrations** for controversial causes and special interest groups
- **Immigration and refugee policies** that are placing Americans at **greater risk**

“In 1980, the American people united to elect **President Ronald Reagan**, who had resolved to confront the **Soviet Union** and win the **Cold War**. In 2016, the American people elected a new Commander-in-Chief who intends to confront and end **radical Islamic terrorism**.

In many ways, however, Mr. Trump's job will be even tougher because the Obama Administration has undermined military core values and culture with unprecedented social experiments that have hurt morale and degraded readiness.

“As a priority, members of **Congress** and the **Senate** should act to restore the resources needed to deter aggression and to vanquish any force that threatens America. They should also lend support to the incoming Trump Administration in putting an end to political correctness in the military and restoring sound personnel policies that *improve* military readiness.”

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