Strengthen Our Military – Secure American Freedoms

America’s armed forces are the best in the world, but controversial social mandates and “woke” policies are weakening readiness and morale. It is time to restore sound priorities that strengthen military effectiveness and superiority in battle, instead of weakening them.

The Center for Military Readiness challenges current and future lawmakers and policy makers to consider the following recommendations for sound policies that strengthen our military and secure American freedoms:

- **Support** principles of non-discrimination and recognition of individual merit, while opposing “Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity” (DIE) offices and programs promoting discriminatory percentage-based demographic “metrics” and “quotas.”

- **Support** concentrated mission-related training and fact-based historical education, while opposing divisive critical race theory (CRT) instructions in false narratives, racial stereotypes, and unresolvable accusations of “white supremacy.”

- **Support** respect and discipline in the ranks, while opposing CRT-influenced “anti-extremism” offices and “woke” Pentagon directives that treat conservative servicemen and women as inherently suspect and expendable.

- **Support** the All-Volunteer Force, while opposing attempts to include women in registration for a possible future draft and to change the mission of Selective Service as a step toward government-directed universal national service.

- **Objectively re-evaluate and revise** changes imposed on military women since 2015, including higher rates of injury, attrition, and sexual assault, plus unworkable “gender-neutral” physical training tests that disadvantage women.

- **Objectively re-evaluate and revise** policies involving persons identifying as transgender or diagnosed with gender dysphoria, while opposing transgender indoctrination and controversial medical treatments for military personnel, dependent children, and veterans.

- **Support** competent, reality-based health care, while respecting medical and religious ethics and privacy in living facilities and athletic teams reserved for biological females.

- **Support** First Amendment rights of religious liberty for chaplains and people of faith, while opposing efforts to censor their speech on moral issues.

- **Support** command leadership and accountability for good order and discipline in matters of sexual misconduct, backed by due process for both accusers and the accused, while opposing efforts to “civilianize” military justice.
• Support medical policies that promote good health, deployability, and readiness, while opposing Covid-mandate-forced personnel discharges that deny education or other earned benefits without consideration of personal immunity or reasonable requests for religious accommodations.

• Support American military superiority – the cornerstone of a strategy that seeks to deter aggression or defeat those who threaten our vital national security interests.

The Biden Administration, Defense Department officials, and lawmakers in the U.S. House and Senate should support the troops with high standards and sound priorities like the ones listed above.

CMR will continue to report on social distractions in the ranks that are eroding unit cohesion and readiness to deter aggression from potential adversaries such as China.

CMR also is concerned about trade dependence on hostile nations for energy, medical supplies, and electronic components needed for national defense, and the administration’s failure to secure the border against illegal incursions by drug cartels and terrorists.

Military readiness and national security depend on sound priorities: If there are conflicts between social causes and the needs of the military, the needs of the military must come first.

The armed forces will respond to better leadership when the political situation changes, but the groundwork for restoration of sound policies must begin now.

* * * * * *

Prepared by the Center for Military Readiness, an independent, non-partisan public policy organization, founded in 1993, which reports on and analyzes military/social issues. More information is available on the CMR website, www.cmrlink.org.

– January 2022