

## 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.**

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