

To: Elaine Donnelly, President, Center for Military Readiness

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I reside in Oceanside California, right next to Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. Almost on a daily basis I come in contact with active duty Marines, retired Marines, and "civilian" Marines that work aboard Camp Pendleton. Many of these Marines also attend the same church that I attend in Oceanside. Recently, we had a conversation about Marine Administrative Message (MARADMIN) 274/19; published by Headquarters, Marine Corps.

This MARADMIN pertains to the 2019 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month for June. It states: "commanders are "encouraged" to take time to recognize the 2019 LGBT Month and to promote participation in observance events". And "to further encouraged to conduct programs and promote participation in observance across their local communities". In some Marine circles, the word "encourage" coming from a superior officer means the same as a direct order.

This MARADMIN does not state what options are available to Marines if they do not participate in these events due to their religious beliefs. Will these Marines be subject to administrative or legal action if they do not participate due to their religious beliefs?

Also, across California, parents to include Marine parents, are uniting to fight The California Healthy Youth Act (AB 329); that directs harmful and extremely xxx-rated sexual education starting at the kindergarten level. With the Marine Corps giving the impression of promoting the LGBT agenda, it makes it stressful on Marine families trying to fight the sexual orientation indoctrination of young children under the guise of the Healthy Youth Act in public and charter schools. This affects combat readiness and unit morale.

Another MARADMIN 220/19 dated 5 April 2019 pertained to Military Service by Transgender Persons and Persons with Gender Dysphoria. That MARADMIN states that: "Marines diagnosed with, or having a history of, gender dysphoria are generally disqualified from the Marine Corps unless they can function in their biological sex". This seems a little confusing when one MARADMIN restricts transgenders and another MARADMIN promotes the celebration of LGBT (transgenders).

Additionally, if the Marine Corps is going to promote the celebration of LGBT during June, why is there no MARADMIN during December for Christian Marines who celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ? Make it all fair and also celebrate the Holy days of the Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist Marines. Religion can be anything that you worship, and the LGBT community "worship" their sexual orientation/homosexuality and is therefore their religion too. This way the Marine Corps really demonstrate inclusiveness, tolerance, and acceptance for all and not just for the LGBT community.

Or an alternate course of action, would be that the Marine Corps should focus only on warfighting and readiness and stay out of the social engineering business.

Respectfully submitted,

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