

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STATEMENT REGARDING “DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL”

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The Department of Defense's Homosexual Conduct Policy implements Title 10 United States Code, Section 654. This provision requires the Department of Defense to separate from the armed forces members who engage in or attempt to engage in homosexual acts; state they are homosexual or bisexual; or marry or attempt to marry a person of the same biological sex.

These separated members have the opportunity to continue to serve their nation and national security by putting their abilities to use by way of civilian employment with other Federal agencies, the Department of Defense, or in the private sector, such as with a government contractor.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

*The department of defense must ensure that the standards for enlistment and appointment of members of the armed forces reflect the policies set forth by Congress.

*The Department of Defense policy on homosexual conduct in the military implements a Federal law that addresses the “Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces,” which can be found at Section 654 of Title 10, United States Code.

*Under this policy, a person who has stated that they are a homosexual or bisexual can not be allowed entry into the military services based upon the applicable laws and regulations governing sexual conduct by members of the armed forces.

Gays in the military

*We expect all service members to be treated with dignity and respect ... ALL the time.

*We conduct extensive, recurring training to eliminate harassment of all types.

*Leaders at all levels are expected to take preventative and corrective action against hostility to any of our service personnel.

*Behavior not meeting this standard -- and harassment of ANY type -- is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.