

Dissension in the Ranks

World Net Daily is carrying a story that says an unnamed Army Lieutenant Colonel, a battalion commander, has asked to be relieved of his command due to the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't tell". (<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=243213>).

The soldier sent the following letter to his commanding officer:

Subject: Request for Relief from Command due to Personal Moral Conflict with New Homosexual Policy

1. I respectfully request to be relieved of Command of XXX Squadron, XXX Cavalry prior to new policy implementation subsequent to the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." My personal religious beliefs and moral convictions do not permit me to treat homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, compatible with military service, any more than adultery, illicit drug use, or criminal activity. I believe this lifestyle runs counter to good order and discipline in military units, and I refuse to sacrifice my belief system, protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, in order to fall in line with the command policy that will logically follow. This new policy will undoubtedly include mandatory sensitivity training as well as same-sex partner inclusion in Family Readiness Group activities and integration into the full spectrum of other military benefits, as well as a whole new category of discrimination standards and investigative procedures. I will not, as a commander, put my signature on a training schedule or other document recognizing or legitimizing any of these things that contradict my personal beliefs.

2. I would like to remain in the XXX Army National Guard until I am eligible for retirement (at 20 years and 0 days), which would be in the late summer of 2012, but on grounds of my religious beliefs, I will not attend sensitivity or behavior modification training consequential to this policy change, even if it means disciplinary action. I regret that I cannot continue to serve in the military further, but feel that my efforts would be insincere because my heart will no longer be in it."

I will not be the person who forces this training on my soldiers," the officer, whose identity was being protected, told WND. He plans to go on the record as soon as he discusses his request with his chain of command.

Please read the entire article for more important information.

Analysis. The military is not a great captive sociology laboratory where people trained in this spurious science can play with human beings. It is an organization specifically designed to wreak controlled violence upon the enemies of the United States. Because the founders of this country understood that intimately, they gave the Congress the power to set separate rules for the military in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. Members of the military live under the Uniform Code of Military Justice as well as the civil laws of the United States or the country they may be stationed in according to the particular Status of Forces agreement.

Homosexuality is a difficult subject. No matter what the current pronouncements are on whether or not homosexuality is physical or psychological, and it is some of both potentially, the majority of service

people may well not care about having homosexuals serve as long as they don't flaunt their homosexuality, especially in uniform. However, homosexuality may become a problem in the case where large numbers of young, healthy and outstandingly physically conditioned people are forced to live in close proximity to each other. The services already have enough trouble with mixed gender training units and normal heterosexual conduct occurring during training.

When I was a young lieutenant, we had to suffer through multiple hours of equal opportunity training most of which was unnecessary and a lot of it was gross psychobabble. We all understood the idea that you have no control over how you are born. We all understood that there was no place for discrimination. We all had sworn "to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic".

I believe there are homosexuals in the World who are that way not by their own choice. A hermaphrodite whose parents selected the wrong gender for the person is what I call a legitimate homosexual. It is possible that the person was wired female and when born with both sets of genitalia, had the wrong ones removed. I also believe that this is a very small number of persons.

After doing some study of homosexuality, I have come to the conclusion that the vast majority of homosexuals are psychological and not physical homosexuals. This condition is for most people not an incident of birth but a choice even though it may not be conscious. But the political efforts of the homosexual community to have their life style choice or their psychosis considered to be normal has done considerable damage to our society. It now does considerable damage to our military.

I suspect that this lieutenant colonel's position is held by more military members than the military is prepared to admit. We will know soon enough when retirements go up and recruiting and retention go down. That when the Joint Chiefs are called upon to certify that the service of open homosexuals in the military will not cause damage to readiness, they will be unable to honestly do so. What then?