

2008 CMR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SURVEY
Questions Regarding Military Personnel Issues

Presented by the Center for Military Readiness

1. Overarching Principles and Standard of Review

1(a) Do you agree with the following statement, which is applicable to all military personnel policies?

“Equal opportunity in the military is important, but if there is a conflict between equal opportunity and the needs of the military, the needs of the military must come first.”

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

2. Homosexuals in the Military (Please answer questions appropriate to your position only.)

2 (a) Are you in favor of permitting professed homosexuals to serve in all branches and communities of the military, including infantry/armored battalions, Special Operations Forces/SEAL teams, and submarines?

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

2 (b) If your answer to question 2(a) is “Yes,” indicating that you favor inclusion of professed homosexuals in the military, will your administration support the extension of all military housing and medical benefits to same-sex couples, on the same basis as opposite sex couples?

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

2 (c) If your answer to question 2(a) is “Yes,” will your administration order “sensitivity/diversity training,” and “gay pride” events, which activists expect, in order to promote inclusion and acceptance of homosexuals in the military?

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

2 (d) If your answer to question 2(a) is “Yes,” will you promote and nominate members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who do not agree with your view that the law regarding homosexual conduct (Section 654, Title 10) should be repealed by Congress?

___ **Yes**

___ **No**

2 (e) If your answer to question 2(a) is “No,” indicating that you are opposed to the inclusion of homosexuals in the military, will your administration faithfully enforce the 1993 statute (Section 654, Title 10), which states that homosexuals are not eligible to serve in the military?

___ Yes

___ No

2 (f) If your answer to question 2(a) is “No,” will you administratively eliminate the controversial policy/regulations known as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” which are inconsistent with the law that Congress actually passed, and replace them with instructional materials that accurately reflect the language and intent of the law? (See *Thomasson v. Perry*, U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 1996, which upheld the constitutionality of the law but noted that DoD regulations implementing it are not consistent with statutory language or intent.)

___ Yes

___ No

3. Women In or Near Direct Ground Combat

3 (a) Will your administration restore compliance with Defense Department regulations that

- Exempt female soldiers from direct ground combat battalions such as the infantry, which engage the enemy in deliberate offensive action against the enemy; and
- Exempt female soldiers from placement in support units that constantly collocate (embed) with direct ground combat battalions that also are required to be all male?

___ Yes

___ No

3 (b) Do you support the imposition of equal Selective Service obligations; i.e., registration and possible compulsory military service, on young women as well as young men?

___ Yes

___ No

4. Female Sailors on Submarines

Will your administration assign female officers and sailors to submarines?

___ Yes

___ No

5. International Treaties

Will your administration support the ratification of international treaties, such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW), and other international

agreements that could affect American military personnel policies and undermine American sovereignty?

___ Yes

___ No

6. Tax-Funded Activism in the Pentagon

6 (a) Will your administration support legislative or administrative action to establish an Office of Victim Advocate (OVA) in the Pentagon?

___ Yes

___ No

6 (b) Will your administration establish Pentagon advisory committees, similar to the pre-2002 Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), which would advocate controversial causes such as women in close combat or homosexuals in the military?

___ Yes

___ No

6 (c) Will your administration continue overly generous pregnancy and family policies that effectively subsidize and increase the number of deployable single mothers with children, particularly in the National Guard?

___ Yes

___ No

Answers to the CMR Presidential Candidate Survey have been approved by:

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