

## **Where the Republicans Stand**

The Center for Military Readiness is non-partisan and does not endorse candidates. However, in the interests of informing voters and the media of where the candidates stand on issues of concern, CMR has conducted presidential candidate surveys prior to presidential primary elections.

The following are excerpts from the Republican National Platforms that addressed military/social issues in the presidential years 2000, 2004, and 2008. Democratic National Committee Platforms for the same years took positions in support of liberal social engineering in the military, including women in land combat and repeal of the 1993 law called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." That goal, successfully achieved by a lame-duck Congress in December 2010, has imposed LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) law and related policies on our military.

### **2008 Republican National Platform**

#### ***Personnel Policies***

"The all-volunteer force has been a success. We oppose reinstating the draft, whether directly or through compulsory national service. We support the advancement of women in the military and their exemption from ground combat units. Military priorities and mission must determine personnel policies. Esprit and cohesion are necessary for military effectiveness and success on the battlefield. To protect our servicemen and women and ensure that America's Armed Forces remain the best in the world, we affirm the timelessness of those values, the benefits of traditional military culture, and the incompatibility of homosexuality with military service."

### **2004 Republican National Platform**

#### ***Honoring and Supporting Our Armed Forces***

"...We affirm traditional military culture, and we affirm that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The Republican Party created the all-volunteer force and opposes reinstatement of the draft, whether directly or through compulsory national service.

"...We support the advancement of women in the military, support their exemption from ground combat units, and support the implementation of the recommendations of the Kassebaum [-Baker] Commission, which unanimously recommended that co-ed basic training be ended. We support sound priorities in the making of personnel policies, and candid analysis of the consequences of unprecedented social changes in the military..."

### **2000 - Republican National Platform**

#### ***A Military for the Twenty-First Century***

"...We believe the military must no longer be the object of social experiments. We affirm traditional military culture. We affirm that homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

“...The Republican Party created the all-volunteer force and opposes reinstatement of the draft, whether directly or through compulsory national service. We support the advancement of women in the military, support their exemption from ground combat units, and call for implementation of the recommendations of the Kassebaum [-Baker] Commission, which unanimously recommended that co-ed basic training be ended. We support restoration of sound priorities in the making of personnel policies, and candid analysis of the consequences of unprecedented social changes in the military....”

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