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UPDATE: Senator Ted Cruz Provides Positive Responses to 2016 CMR Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey

The **Center for Military Readiness** is pleased to report that **Senator Ted Cruz** of Texas has responded in the affirmative to six questions asked of all contenders in CMR's survey of presidential candidates, which began on January 4.

This is a replica of the ongoing [2016 Center for Military Readiness Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey](#) which asks candidates for their views on military/social issues that affect active-duty personnel every day. Questions involve topics such as:

1. **Sound priorities and social experimentation** in the military
2. Registering young civilian women for **Selective Service** on the same basis as men
3. Involuntary assignments of **women to direct ground (infantry) combat** units
4. **LGBT events and celebrations** promoting causes such as **transgender**s in the military
5. **Evaluation and correction of harmful military/social policies**
6. **Religious liberty** for chaplains and people of faith in the military

Updated survey results are posted here:

[Preliminary Responses to 2016 CMR Quadrennial Presidential Candidate Survey](#)

Senator Ted Cruz provided “**Yes**” answers on all six questions. These positive responses correspond with the **2012 Republican National Platform** and CMR's position on military/social issues. In an additional comment, Senator Cruz said that the administration's decision to disregard the **U.S. Marine Corps'** request for exceptions to

women in direct ground combat mandates should be reconsidered. He added that we cannot let political correctness compel the military to ever lower its standards.

Senator Rick Santorum was first to provide solid answers to the CMR Presidential Candidate Survey, including comments indicating that he would call for a full review of all Obama policies and take appropriate action to repair the damage.

Each of the six questions on the survey include background information and references to planks and principles already in the 2012 Republican National Platform. Additional information and CMR commentary is provided here:

[Which Presidential Candidates Support Sound Military/Social Policies?](#)

National Security and the strength of our military are matters of paramount concern. The 2016 survey reflects challenges that the next president will have to deal with after eight years of social experimentation under the **Obama Administration**.

Future updates will be provided when additional responses are received.

For more information, or to arrange for an interview, contact CMR President **Elaine Donnelly**: elaine@cmrlink.org, or call her at **734/464-9430**.

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