



**Memorial Day: Honoring Military Families  
Who Are Sacrificing for Our Freedom**  
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Yet freedom is costly. Freedom requires sacrifice. True freedom only comes at a great price. Freedom is not “free.” And that is not only true spiritually, costing the life of Jesus on the cross, but it is true nationally. The cost of freedom is great. Just view the rows of markers in Arlington Cemetery and the cemeteries of American Servicemen, visit the graveyards throughout France and other countries, consider the forgotten bodies of our heroes who lie where they fell and those buried in the waters of the Seven Seas where they gave their all... not only for us, but for the freedom of other nations and other peoples.



We should always remember—these brave souls bought and paid for our freedom. As the Lord Jesus put it: “Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend” (John 15:13) or in this case, his country.



Because of God’s blessing and because of the sacrifices of our military, no other nation enjoys such great freedoms as America. Consequently, we should honor the brave and intrepid souls who serve in our military, as well as their families, and never let their sacrifices be in vain. We should honor military personnel and never use them to advance an ungodly social agenda, such as the President Obama’s plan to allow open homosexual behavior in the Armed Forces.



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In his State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama announced his desire to repeal the current policy of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” established by President Bill Clinton but not actually a part of statutory law. Following his lead, Congress is in the process of passing deceptively titled legislation: “Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2010” (S. 3065, H.R. 1283), to repeal the current law that forbids homosexual conduct and replace it with “a policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation” so that men and women may openly engage in homosexual (and bisexual) behavior in the Armed Forces. To add further insult, this legislation is being attached to the Defense Authorization Bill, which funds the military. However, here are some points to consider:

**1. Historical:** The Bible is clear in its denunciation of homosexual behavior (e.g., Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9). Upon a Scriptural basis, our Founding Fathers and early laws uniformly opposed its practice in American society. In fact, General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, not only forbade homosexual behavior, but punished offenders by having them “drummed out” of the military. Shouldn’t the current Commander-In-Chief follow that example?

**2. Legal:** Article 125 of the current Uniform Code of Military Justice precludes homosexual behavior (along with adultery and other sexual misconduct) among active service personnel, stating: “Any person found guilty of sodomy shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.” Also, Section 654, Title 10 of the United States Code, declares, “The presence in the armed forces of persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability.” Congress is trying to repeal this law. Shouldn’t the military commanders be heard in the shaping of such an important policy?

**3. Practical:** The new policy would not only lead to forced sensitivity training, free speech restrictions, religious liberty infringements on military chaplains, etc., but would likely result in a deterioration of unit cohesion, a weakening of military readiness, and the loss of many fine potential and active-duty service personnel. Why should those who are already making so many sacrifices for us be used to advance a radical social agenda?

**Action Steps: The House already voted in favor of the repeal. The Senate is next.**

**1. Get informed and inform others:** Visit [www.MissionCompromised.org](http://www.MissionCompromised.org).

**2. Pray for your Elected Officials:** Ask for divine wisdom on this issue (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

**3. Contact your Senators as soon as possible and urge them to oppose the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and to uphold the current law.** Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for your Senators. Or visit [www.FRC.org](http://www.FRC.org) and click on Contact Officials. As Christians, we must let our voices be heard.

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