

## CMR Challenge for 2023: Woke-ism in Our Military

**Woke policies impose progressive ideology and take them to extremes with enforced compliance, even if it hurts the institution.**

In January 2022 the **Center for Military Readiness** [challenged Congress](#) to oppose, change, or repeal “woke” policies in the military that are weakening morale and readiness, and to support sound priorities that would make our military stronger. Progress was made in 2022, but the Administration worsened some policies and added more problems.

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As stated in the Challenge, to end woke-ism in the military the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress should:

#### Oppose:

- Pentagon **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)** metrics and percentage-based **quotas**
- Divisive **critical race theory (CRT)** instructions in military schools and academies
- **Anti-extremist** programs skewed by leftist ideology
- **Registration of Women with Selective Service** for a possible future draft
- **Attempts** to re-define Selective Service with steps toward **National Service**
- **Sex-normed (different) training standards** for men and women in (infantry) combat
- Unreasonable **COVID vaccine** mandates that exclude or discharge willing personnel
- Relaxed **eligibility** rules for persons with a history of disqualifying **behavioral problems**
- **Sexualized military base entertainment** that alienates families and disrespects women

#### Re-Evaluate and Revise to Promote Readiness:

- Consequences of imposing “gender diversity” on **direct ground combat (infantry)** units
- Consequences of “**sex-neutral**” (**identical**) **standards**” that cause disproportionate **injuries**, higher **attrition rates**, and **non-deployability** among women
- Impact of **transgender** policies that accommodate **gender dysphoria** in the military, including violations of personal **privacy** in female-only living facilities and athletics
- Impact of gender dysphoria policies on **medical ethics** and **rights of religious liberty**

#### Support:

- **Reality-based health care programs** that protect children from woke activists who promote transgender treatments and sometimes surgeries without parental involvement
- **Non-discrimination** and recognition of merit in enlistment and promotion policies
- **Command accountability for due process and justice** in matters of **sexual assault**
- **Military parents’ rights** to seek information about the curriculum, teaching practices, and books used in **Department of Defense Education (DoDEA)** schools
- “**Peace Through Strength**” and **American military superiority**

The paramount principle is this: If there are conflicts between woke social causes or career interests and the needs of the military, the needs of the military must come first. Pro-defense advocates should aggressively defend sound policies that *strengthen* our military, not weaken it.

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