



A Great Commandment Passion
A Great Commission Focus

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Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
ATTN: Chaplain (COL) Gary Linsky
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Washington, DC 20301-4000

Dear Chaplain Linsky,

I am the endorser for the Conservative Baptist Association of America (CB America) and have held this position now for some 17 years. I am deeply concerned about the impact the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy. A letter was sent on April 28, 2010 to the President and the Secretary of Defense explaining why many of us as endorsers and chaplains are against this repeal. I was not asked to sign this document but am in full agreement with its content.

We have been asked to write concerning this issue. Our faith group is also in full agreement with the former mentioned letter. As a faith group we feel marriage is between one man and one woman. We also believe that the Bible calls homosexuality a sin and is an abomination to God. We have a statement on marriage and a policy concerning homosexual conduct. We hold our chaplains accountable to follow these statements and policies. These policies are based on the Bible. These policies support CB America chaplains in their ministry to homosexual individuals the same as it does to heterosexual individuals. We do not support an active homosexual lifestyle or any recognition that an active homosexual lifestyle is an acceptable lifestyle for those wanting to be married or fellowship within the Christian community. Inappropriate sexual activity for anyone outside of the marriage bond of a man and a woman is considered sin. A change of lifestyle and heart (recognition of sin and an act of repentance) is needed for those engaging in such activities.

Our Baptist chaplains are expected to explain this Biblical truth to all who ask. God is loving but has standards for us to follow and we are to be holy as he is holy.

Our chaplains will continue to serve those they are assigned to. They love God and country and soldiers, sailors, airmen and their families. We will provide support to them as they serve all those under their care. They are called to this ministry. They will be encouraged to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness. I will support them as their endorser as they serve with integrity and faithfulness to their calling by God.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions about the policies of CBAmerica concerning this issue.

In His grip



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