

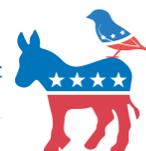


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Military Veterans, Local Democratic Club Presidents condemn Trump Transgender Service Ban

San Diego – The presidents of the San Diego Democrats for Equality, Veterans Democratic Club of San Diego and the San Diego Progressive Democratic Club each a veteran of the United States military add their voices to the bipartisan outrage over the discriminatory ban on Transgender military service proposed by President Donald Trump.

“The United States Military is the preeminent fighting force on the planet and that includes the currently serving members who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender” Said Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, President of the San Diego Democrats for Equality who is an LGBT veteran of the United State Marine Corps and was honorably discharged under the unconstitutional Don’t Ask Don’t Tell policy. “That is why this change in policy is cruel, bigoted, un-American and imposes a ban that defies the core principles of military service.”

“As a Marine veteran who has spent time on deployment, I know that it’s not the race, religion, sexuality, or gender expression that matters in critical situations” Said Timothy Caudill, president of the Veterans Democratic Club of San Diego also an LGBT veteran of the United States Marine Corps. “What matters is is the ability of the person next to be able to do their job. To tell anyone that they are not good enough to serve their country because of who they are is disgusting and would only be sad by a person who has no idea what military service is like.”

“As a Nuclear Operator for the US Navy we would only judge a sailor by the work they put in not their sexual orientation or gender identity.” Said Jose Caballero, president of the San Diego Progressive Democratic Club and a veteran of the United States Navy. “What Trump is doing is weakening the cohesion of the military forces that will distract them from completing their mission. The progressive community will fight this tooth and nail, because we will never stand for inequality! Stay tuned, because we will demonstrate soon!”

The San Diego Democrats for Equality is San Diego's largest Democratic club and advocates for the equality of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in the intersectional struggle for social and economic justice.

The Veterans Democratic Club of San Diego advocates for and organizes in the San Diego veteran community and is the premier voice for veterans in the San Diego County Democratic Party.

The San Diego Progressive Democratic Club is San Diego’s fastest growing club with the goal to create a more just society by advocating for issues and supporting candidates who advance progressive policies. We envision a society where people work together for human rights, equal economic opportunity, social justice, party reform, and environmental protection. We work to create a government for and by the people, by getting dark money out of politics and expanding grassroots participation in the political process.

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