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The End of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

BiasHELP applauds the end of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”. The law, which for almost 18 years banned openly gay Americans from serving in the armed forces, was officially repealed today.

President Obama signed the repeal in December 2010, but the Pentagon needed time to prepare for the historic changes. **Obama stated, "No longer will tens of thousands of Americans in uniform be asked to live a lie."** Now for the first time in American history, service members will be allowed to openly reveal their sexual orientation, without fear of repercussion.

Over 12,000 service members have been discharged from the military based on their sexual orientation since this policy was put into place in 1993. The repeal of this policy is a victory not only for gay-activists, but for the nation. **BiasHELP proudly supports our gay and lesbian service men and women.**

BiasHELP provides LGBT focused initiatives that include workshops, staff development trainings, and technical assistance for individuals, schools, and organizations on topics such as homophobia, stereotyping, bullying/technobullying, and discrimination based on sexual orientation. Additionally, BiasHELP created the nationally recognized Mirror Images Diversity Training Education DVD Series that is used as a diversity training tool in the classrooms and by HR professionals across the US. For more information on BiasHELP’s anti-bias programming and efforts, including Mirror Images, please visit www.biashelp.org, www.mirrorimagesdvd.com or call out toll free number at 877-END-BIAS (363-2427).