



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2017-01(Implement Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the Military Equal Opportunity Program)

1. References:

a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1020.02E (Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity in the DoD), June 8, 2015 (Incorporating Change 1, Effective November 29, 2016).

b. Army Regulation (AR) 600-20 (Army Command Policy), 6 November 2014.

2. This directive modifies AR 600-20, table 6-1, "Special commemorations and/or ethnic observances timetable," by adding the following event:

Month: June

Dates: 1–30

Observance: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

Authority/comment: First Presidential Proclamation, June 2000

3. Senior commanders may, but are not required to, conduct Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month activities. Any such activities must be consistent with AR 600-20, paragraph 6-18. As long as participation is consistent with mission requirements, Soldiers are able to participate in nonofficial events related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.

4. This directive is effective immediately and applies to the Active Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve. This directive is rescinded upon publication of this guidance in AR 600-20.

5. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is the proponent for this policy and will ensure it is incorporated into the next update of AR 600-20.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric K. Fanning", is positioned above the printed name.

Eric K. Fanning

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