

RESOLUTION 10-17

SOURCE: National Headquarters, AR, NJ, NY MD, PA, NM, IL, TN, WA, CA, KY, MA, VA, OH, WI

SUBJECT: DoD Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Department of Defense implemented a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding service eligibility for gays and lesbians; and

WHEREAS, for 16 years this policy has worked to reduce the discrimination of gays and lesbians who want to serve their country in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong movement to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell and allow gays and lesbians to serve honestly in the armed services without fear of reprisal; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS recognizes that many policy changes would need to occur to allow gay and lesbians to honestly serve, to include but not limited to federally recognized legal relationships that will allow gays and lesbians to receive housing and dependency allowance, DIC and SBP payments and transferability of earned benefits: now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS will continue to support DoD's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy until the aforementioned related policies are addressed and resolved.