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 10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and
 16 ROBERT M. GATES, SECRETARY
 OF DEFENSE, in his official capacity,

17 Defendant.

Case No. CV 04-8425 VAP (Ex)

**DECLARATION OF TERRY
 HAMILTON IN SUPPORT OF
 PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO
 DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR
 SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Date: April 26, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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Trial: June 14, 2010

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DECLARATION OF TERRY HAMILTON

I, Terry Hamilton, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and, if called as a witness, I would be able to testify competently, of my own personal knowledge, to the truth of the matters contained in this declaration.

2. I am the National Chairman of plaintiff Log Cabin Republicans. I have served on the national board of Log Cabin Republicans since 2004.

3. In my capacity as National Chairman of the national board, I have the ability to electronically search the database of Log Cabin Republicans' members. This database is the record the national Log Cabin Republicans organization maintains of its members and is maintained in the ordinary course of its business on a software program called "GetActive."

4. I conducted a search of this database on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. A printout of the results of this search is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. The printout indicates that John Nicholson III (aka Alex Nicholson) is a member of Log Cabin Republicans and that he has been a member since April 28, 2006. The printout further indicates that he is current on his payment of dues to Log Cabin Republicans.

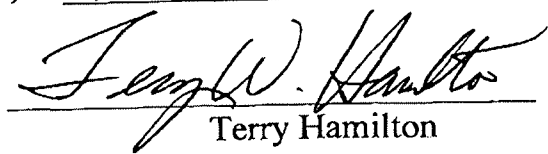
6. Alex Nicholson addressed Log Cabin Republicans' National Convention in 2006 and has spoken at other major Log Cabin Republicans events.

7. From the time the First Amended Complaint was filed in this matter and continuously to the present, Log Cabin Republicans (and me, personally) have considered, believed and understood Mr. Nicholson to be a member of Log Cabin Republicans, understood that to be the case and believed that to be the case.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of an Excel spreadsheet reflecting the results of an online survey of Log Cabin Republicans members. I invited, via an email sent to the entire Log Cabin Republicans'

1 membership database, those members who are either veterans or currently serving
2 in the military to anonymously complete the survey regarding their experiences
3 with respect to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Exhibit B is a compilation of the
4 responses I received.

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6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
7 Executed this second day of April 2010, at Pasadena California.

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9 Terry Hamilton

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Exhibit A

Hunnius, Patrick

From: Terry Hamilton [terrywhamilton@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:41 PM
To: Hunnius, Patrick
Subject: RE: Government's summary judgment motion

Donor: John Nicholson (janicholson3@aol.com) ([View Profile](#))

Payment Information

GetActive Receipt #: 21653976

Amount: \$60.00

Transaction Status: Future Payment

Payment Method:

Transaction Ownership: Online
([what's this?](#))

Payment Label: General Membership
Created on: [Click here](#)
Last updated on: March 18, 2010 7:43pm (ET) by System

Other Information

Campaign: Ready to Join the Fight? Become a Log Cabin Member Now! (ID 328257)

Campaign Type: Web

Note to

Administrators:

Note to Member:

Custom Transaction Fields: **Membership Level:** **Donor Listing:**

Member IP Address: [Click here](#)

Mr. John Nicholson III

Organization Member ID: ga_3860972

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Arlington, VA 22209

phone: 202-531-4839

3/31/2010

Record created on 2006-04-28 via Manual Add in Log Cabin Republicans
Last updated on 2010-03-18
Source: sign_up

Terry Hamilton

National Chairman | Log Cabin Republicans | 626.797.9785 | terrywhamilton@earthlink.net |
www.BlogCabin.net | www.LogCabin.org

If you are not currently a member, I invite you to join Log Cabin today:
https://secure.ga1.org/05/member_commit

Exhibit B

StartDate	EndDate	Email Address	What is your military service status?	Have you been negatively impacted by the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy?	Tell us what happened
			Response	Response	Open-Ended Response
02/22/2010	02/22/2010		Veteran	No	Retired in 1995 after 21 years, 4+ years active, 17 Reserves. Knew that I could never let anyone know of my orientation!!!
02/19/2010	02/19/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/19/2010	02/19/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	The Marine Corps Preaches core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment and other values in which society expects out of a US Marine. At the same time they the DADT policy basically makes you lie to your colleagues and workers eventually living a lie. You are two people, a Marine that obeys all rules and regulations then at the same time you have your sex life during your time off where you are always looking out for others whom may tell on you. One has to be mentally strong to separate the two and ensure that all facets of someone's life matches up to what is said and told to others. Marines always talk about family and friends at work, the Marines that are Homosexuals either have to lie or just stay out of the conversation and when questions are asked people you can't answer???? How is that fair? So eventually if you don't answer questions you isolate yourself and become estranged anyway so it's a no win situation.
02/19/2010	02/19/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		Veteran	No	I came out of the closet to myself, family and closest friends while still in the navy, but remained in the closet when it came to my superiors ... I wasn't negatively impacted in any way while in active service, and luckily never knew anyone discharged for being gay ... I got out of the navy with an honorable discharge, and I am now living with my boyfriend of 3 years ... I also hope to be able to get married legally someday, and it be legal in most if not all of the 50 states
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		Currently Serving	No	
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	It is a daily struggle to serve an organization that does not accept me for who I am and would fire me in a instant if they found out....even though my job performance is outstanding.
02/18/2010	02/18/2010		Veteran	Yes, is was used to terminate my service.	I was discharged in 1975 for being gay.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, is was used to terminate my service.	I was actually discharged twice. Once for annulling my marriage to a woman. The second time I spoke out against former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Peter Pace when he was quoted as saying that gays were immoral in 2007.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	No	I served in Vietnam. At that time there were numerous gay men serving in the Army some in my own unit. To the best of my knowledge

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					there was never any compromise of good order and discipline as a result of having gays serve.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Made to lie, which is against what we stand up for in this country.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	No	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I got tired of it and resigned.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was threatened by attempted blackmail. I thought I was going to lose my job. Fortunately, the blackmailer decided not to go through with the blackmail and I was able to finish my military service and retire after 23 years of lying about my sexuality.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I live a double life. My partner is never able to see me off for deployments like traditional spouses are. We are denied the dignity of being ourselves while outside the house, all for the sake of my service.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	No	Other than having to keep my dirty little secret to myself, I had no problems even though I believe most people 'knew' but judged me solely on my high performance level and not 'who' I was.
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was an officer in the US Army and I was forced to live in constant fear of be "outed".
02/17/2010	02/17/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I served in the United States Air Force from 1987 to 1996. Although the DADT policy was a marked improvement over the witch-hunts that preceded it, the "new" policy still prohibited gay service members from living openly and ensured second-class status for homosexuals. We were expected to work twice as hard, sacrifice twice as much and receive only a fraction of the compensation and benefits routinely offered to our straight colleagues and their spouses family members.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Delayed my divorce for 6 years until I was out of military for self-preservation. Although I am no longer in military, my current boss is also former military and he frequently expresses his support for DADT. As I have children, he assumes I am heterosexual. This has complicated everything from my work environment to my security clearance.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I voluntarily separated from the US Navy in 1997 after serving for less than eight months due to my sexual orientation. I lived in utter fear the entire time I was serving that someone would find out and I would be kicked out of the US Navy with a dishonorable discharge. At the time of my active duty I felt that it was necessary to leave the military with a honorable discharge rather than be "discovered" and kicked out. It has always been the biggest conflict in my life. What if I could of openly served I could of made a career out of the US Navy. I have even considered re-enlisting if "Don't Ask Don't Tell" is repealed. This is truly something that is ridiculous and limiting gay persons for serving completely and honestly for their county.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	served 20 yrs as a naval officer, only had problems when my boss was screwing up, told me to keep my mouth shut or he'd expose my sex life.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Constantly harassed at work
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	Another enlisted person and I started hanging out together and started seeing each other, a few others in our unit caught us at a very romantic dinner, and have been holding it over our head as in blackmail
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I served in the USNR with two years active duty from 1972 to 1974, prior to the DADT policy. I was blackmailed by two dorm residents when they discovered I was gay. I managed to complete my enlistment and receive an honorable discharge, but those were the worst and most worrisome two years of my life!
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	My boyfriend was a Lt. Commander...I was an E-3. We were called into NIS like a witch hunt.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	A female marine who didn't like me found our I was gay and told the command, to distract them from her negligent conduct. I was removed from my platoon (while deployed in Ar Ramadi, Iraq) and sent to our Headquarters in Al Asad while a Captain investigated me and question my fellow marines. Pressured with threats of charges of dereliction of duty by the Sergeant Major, my friends confessed. I was sent home on advance party (nearly a month early) to begin discharge proceedings while my unit was deployed in a combat zone. They granted me a full Honorable Discharge characterization of service, but never the less four months later I was a civilian. :-(

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02/16/2010	02/18/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	After serving 4 years as an active duty Marine I left based on the fact that I was coming out of the closet and didn't want to lose what I've already earned. I have also served 2 years as an Air Force Traditional Reservist throughout my 12 years. I do desire to return to active duty once DADT is repealed just as long as no other discriminating act is its predecessor so that I may be able to live with my partner without military persecution.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	In 2005, I had been serving as a Naval Flight Officer for over six years, flying the EA-6B Prowler electronic attack jet. That summer, several ROTC Midshipmen were assigned to my squadron for their annual summer training exercises. Allegedly, one of the Midshipmen overheard me on a personal phone call (on my personal cell phone), where I supposedly made reference to the fact that I had a profile on the MySpace website. For some reason this Midshipman thought it seemed strange that an officer in the Navy would have a MySpace profile because, in his words, "MySpace was a site for high school kids", despite the fact that numerous other colleagues of mine (both gay and straight) also had profiles on the same site. Supposedly he took it upon himself to look-up my profile, and upon finding it, noted that I had my sexual orientation listed as "Gay". He brought this to the attention of another junior officer in the command who then informed the squadron executive officer. The commanding officer initiated a "DADT" investigation into the alleged homosexual admission in my online profile. This investigation began in August 2005 and culminated in an administrative separation board in February 2006. The board's recommendation was to separate me with an honorable discharge. In June 2006, I separated after nearly 7.5 years of service, including two deployments, 37 combat missions in Operation Enduring Freedom, and an Air Medal. Despite my distinguished career as a Naval Aviator for nearly a decade, I have not been able to find equivalent employment since my separation. I currently work in legal administration for a telecommunications company.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	I was getting ready to go to Iraq and was taking medication and wanted to know if i could continue to take it since they were telling us we would be in gas masks almost all of the time. they went through my medical records and discovered i was gay. they discharged me and said it was medical, but there was no reason for that. i talked to my doctor and he told me not to fight it because they knew i was gay.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I contracted a medical condition in 1986 during the military wide HIV screening. from that point on it was HELL. Lost my flight status after several year battle. Became known as the "famous flight engineer" in D.C with the Detailer and medical assignments. Toward the end of my career the Nation of Islam who were connected to active duty military in my last command made my life hell, no promotions, no recognition and reverse discrimination, PERIOD. Wrote a biography for my "depression evaluation" for a medical claim via the VA and won a rating for the treatment I received.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I was a female in the USN from 68-80. At that time you were immediately discharged if it was found out that you were gay. I did live two lives while in the service, which is stressful. But that's just how things were at that time. You learn to cope.

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I was stationed in Rota, Spain, with the Naval weather branch there. I hung out with some religious "friends", then after nearly two years, I was outed by them. I had received two different 4.0 evaluations (the best one could do), I was advised to go through the officer training programs and I was awarded a "Sailor-of-the-Quarter" award. I was enlisted from August, 1979 until my discharge in July, 1982. I had planned on being a lifer, staying in at least 20 years, if not 30 years! I entered as an E-2 and left as an E-5. I did receive an "Honorable" discharge, but all my hopes, dreams and plans were crushed! I still believe it is the Navy's loss. I would join today, but am now too old (52). My name was Bobbie Hitsman.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	See LEF defending freedom exPOW story and logcabin video COURAGE UNDER FIRE. The policy was not in force in WWII and homosexuality was evident but of no consequence. but effected my attitude in civilian life toward military service with my family and friends.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I met my partner of six and a half years and eventually had to leave the Navy. A fellow sailor asked me out, and when I turned him down he started telling our unit I was a lesbian. I was informed of this by two different people in my unit who wanted to give me a "heads up" on it (one was an O-5, the other a senior enlisted). I out processed before any investigation could have transpired. I was promoted to E6 in four years, held a top secret security clearance and worked in at a war fighting command on active duty orders, so I can only assume the Navy and our tax payers lost a lot of money in my training and security clearance. I've been serving as a contractor at the same command for six years....still serving in the only capacity I can right now.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I didn't find out about this until after my term of service was completed (six years) through a FB comrade. Our supply sergeant wanted me kicked out for supposedly being gay. My chain of command disagreed with him and defended me in at least one formal meeting about the matter. It appears anyone supportive of the LGBT community as myself are considered threatening by some. Having such "witch hunts" in the military is very inappropriate and unprofessional.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	No	

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	I was offered a full scholarship (\$200K) to my dream college but could not accept it as I am gay and it was offered by the Navy, which I wanted to join and become a Navy Doctor. How could I take an oath and money under a complete lie? How could I knowingly deceive the Navy and invest my time and life not knowing if any day I would be discharged? Because of DADT I had to foot the bill at my dream college and cannot afford grad/medical school and live in poverty!
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I constantly have to
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was in service in the early 1960s and was not able to face my sexuality due to the anti-gay stance in the military. This whole negative impact on society made me not be able to face coming out to myself until I was 35 years old and thus missed out on that many years of a fulfilling loving relationship and life.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	Someone tried to blackmail me into paying him \$900.00 a month to not tell my command that I am a lesbian. When I refused, he made good on his threats and told my command. I was in Iraq at the time serving as a HUMINT Collector. I begged both my company commander and my Battalion Commander to let me stay, but they kicked me out anyway after 9 years of honorable service. I was a Staff Sergeant.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	i cannot openly serve so i live my life in fear. fear of loosing my career and fear of loosing my relationship. i am forced to lie every day of my life for the opportunity to serve my country.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	The constant fear that although most of my fellow soldiers and superiors knew I was gay and had no problem with it because my service in both the first Gulf War and Panama War was exemplary, that anyone who wanted to get at me or blackmail me could get me court-martialed and thrown out was a huge burden and not fair, since it had nothing to do with my ability to do my job and the unfair policy actually opened the possibility for blackmail that otherwise would not have existed
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I felt I had to keep my activities off base private and could not tell any of my co-workers what I did on the weekends.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	No	

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I served from 1973-76 well before DADT. I had to lie about my orientation in order to serve. There were other gay men in my unit and we all knew we had to be very quiet and discreet facing the possibility of a dishonorable discharge if our orientation became known. In addition I was queried about my sexual orientation when I enrolled in the VA for medical benefits and they made a big issue regarding my sexual orientation and the fact that I "lied" in order to enlist in the Army. It was like I wasn't welcome and I didn't deserve to get benefits from the VA because I "lied" about my sexual orientation. It is wrong that I am treated differently because of my sexual orientation. I received an honorable discharge and I served honorably. There was always this deep dark awareness that I could receive a dishonorable discharge if my sexual orientation were made public. It is time for real equality regardless of sexual orientation. DADT needs to go and full equality is only fair. Sincerely, SFC Vincent O. Gonzalez US Army/US Army Reserve North Fort Myers FL
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	My girlfriend was awarded Sailor of the Year for her command and participated in the regional competition and ceremonies. Because we are in a gay relationship, I was unable to attend the ceremonies and special events held in honor of the awardees. This was unnecessarily hurtful to both of us. I did manage to attend the final ceremony, pretending to be her "sister-in-law." It was a wonderful event with such a horrible undertone, very bitter-sweet. While this event certainly amplified the difficulty of living with DADT, the day-to-day effect has been demeaning and unnecessarily painful. For example, because we cannot marry, I cannot register our car in both our names and receive a DOD sticker allowing us to drive our car onto the base. This means that since we share a car, I cannot drop her off at work in front of her building; I have to drop her off 5 blocks away. So when she brings food or gifts for her command, she has to drag it all from five blocks away. Of course, I could get a special permit, but the extra process at that time of the day is especially inconvenient. That is just one example. At least every week, we experience at least one challenge due to DADT. We are left feeling like our relationship is not respected or valued the same as a hetero one and thus as individuals, we feel demoralized. Living in fear of being caught is taking its toll on us and our relationship. We have a sailboat that we are afraid to use because our dock neighbor is a SEAL and we are not informed of his opinion of DADT. It is especially frustrating to me that gays are already actively serving in large numbers yet our leaders cite logistical reasons for not acknowledging them. We've learned to live with it the way that it is now; however we are especially concerned about what will happen when we have children. We can tolerate being treated as second-class citizens but I imagine we won't be able to sit back and watch our children be treated the same. When we do have children, they will not be able to enjoy the same benefits as a hetero couple's kids will have, even those who are unmarried. I apologize for blurring the issue of marriage and DADT however for us it is and issue that is one in the same. Please continue your good work.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I joined the Air Force in the 80 when they still would actively and aggressively seek out gays. I was able to get out before I was found out, I would have loved to have stayed in for 20 years but the fear was just too great!

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Having a "homophobic" commander led to my early retirement. Of course, it didn't "appear" to be as a result of this man's dislike for "homos," but anything that could possibly be used to get rid of me, was certainly used. He could not get rid of me on my job performance, so I was retired due to antidepressants I was prescribed. To me, this "hate crime" is just as bad as any other hate crime; discriminating against anyone for ANY reason is simply hate. What happened to having and keeping a good job based on your performance in the position? Also, what makes this person think that because I'm gay, I'm attracted to HIM? If that were the case, he must be attracted to every woman in the Air Force as well. Why not kick him out because he just can't be trusted to work with all those women without wanting to have sex with them? How can men and women work together with all that "sexual tension?" Isn't that absurd?
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I have to compromise my integrity on a daily basis. Hide my partner and pretend I'm someone else.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	In ability to get benefits for loved ones.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	Negative impact on unit cohesion by not being able to completely integrate into my unit due to the requirements of DADT.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	I was on active duty in the USAF at Minot AFB, ND in a critically staffed position as Security Forces/Protection in the missile field. I was dating a civilian, it turned bad, he and I broke up, however, he threatened to out me to the Air Force. I was confronted by my first sergeant, who advised me I needed to see legal. It was decided the best way to resolve the issue was to admit I was homosexual, sign a ridiculous statement that said I was in violation of the DOD and Military policy on homosexual activity and that I could no longer disgrace the nation, my self or my branch of service etc. It was a form letter that all admitting persons must sign. My two choices were to sign this, come out to the chain of command and receive an honorable discharge OR fight it, facing possible court martial and general or dishonorable discharge. As sad as it was to do, I did not want to have a less than honorable discharge and I signed the letter and was harassed for 3 weeks until I was finally discharged. Everyone knew why I was being "kicked out", ridiculed me for being "a fag" and I was going through a few medical issues, with kidney stones. The commander had over ruled medical personal who put me on quarters, after being hospitalized for 3 weeks. The commander said that "The fag is about out of the military, he don't need to waste tax payer's money, sitting on his queer ass". I was told I could file a complaint, BUT it could and would prolong my discharge. I would never want to go through this again and certainly would NOT have served my country if I had to be treated this way again.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	Nothing untoward happened. I did my job, and kept my personal life separate.

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I was stationed in The United States Air Force for 12 years and only a few people knew of my lifestyle, but never made any comments or disregarding remarks. I also knew some who also lived the same lifestyle that I did. It never effected my ability to serve my country, participate in the first gulf war or have a negative impact in my personal life. H. Meek - Ohio
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was in the Navy and stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. I was honorably discharged in 1982, with an award for good conduct. Even though I was not directly affected by DADT, it was still going on during my time in the service. I had friends that were discharged, just because they were gay. It had nothing to do with their job performance. One of them was a highly trained member of the medical corp and helicopter rescue squad. The government had spent thousands of dollars on his training, yet the government chose to waste all of our tax payers money and this fine man's career- just because he was gay. I remember that I and some of my fellow gay sailors had to many times park a block or two away from the gay bars when we went out. It was known that the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) would cruise through the parking lots of gay bars. They would get out and look for cars that had military base decals on the left side of their windshields. They would then match up the decals with the license plate numbers and then launch an investigation or begin tailing a service member in order to build up a "gay case" against the sailor. It was gestapo tactics, pure and simple- just like Nazi Germany. It didn't matter to the Navy how good we were or how well we performed our jobs- it was all about catching us and proving we were gay- and much of it was based on hearsay and other flimsy evidence. A married or straight sailor could be the worst slacker in the world- and it wouldn't matter. No matter how well we performed our jobs - we had to continually be looking over our shoulders and never letting our guard down- for fear that we would be charged with being gay and dishonorably discharged. It was the most deplorable working environment anyone can imagine. Many talented men and women left the service because of this hateful environment. They wanted to serve their country- but they were denied their opportunity due to the outdated ideas and prejudice of their own country. Many of our allies have gay soldiers that are currently serving along with our soldiers, airmen and sailors. We never hear of any problems with any of them. It is long past due for our armed forces to become a member of the 21st Century.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I was discharged prior to DADT in 1976 for being gay. Had the same effect them as today. I lost a career that I enjoyed and the navy spent \$\$\$\$ on training me as a sonar tech submarines. Just because I loved men vice women.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I wasn't affected by DADT because I left the active reserves in February 1982 (nearly 12 years after DADT was implemented), finally retiring from the IRR in 1988 as a Major, USAR, but under the old policy, I was fearful there was going to be a witch hunt in our reserve unit or that I would be outed. In September, 1981, a female DOD technician of our reserve unit confronted the Headquarters Commandant (who was a bi-sexual, in the closet, and strictly observed a non-fraternization policy) accusing him as being gay and having an affair with the Battalion Commander. She had done so in retaliation for his rebuffing her overtures to date and have sex with her. The officer told the Battalion Commander about the dual accusations, saying that the first part was true, and the Battalion Commander urged him to fight it and that he would provide whatever support he could. The Battalion Commander added that he had fantasized about commanding an all gay unit in the belief that it would be the best unit in the Army. The accused officer was fearful that should there be an investigation that he would have to tell names of other gay officers, NCOs, and Enlisted Personnel that he knew, myself included. He chose to leave the unit and resign his commission, the Battalion Commander was rotated out two months later, and the new Commander was a Morman. After three months, I decided to transfer to the IRR largely because I was getting more active in LGBT politics, including demonstrations, and was fearful that inevitably someone would see me on TV and the accusation would be made, I'd be investigated, my 14 years of service would be discredited, and I would be discharged under less than honorable conditions. A decade later, I ran into an Enlisted Person in my old unit who was also active as a Republican volunteer who told me that an officer who was Junior to me when we both served together in our unit was serving in Operation Desert Storm. It sent pangs up and down my back that that opportunity had been denied me because of the ban of Gays in the Military (signed into executive order by Jimmy Carter the last few hours he held office), and that I didn't have the option of going back into the military from civilian life, had I chosen to. In 1993, I went to WDC to assist the Campaign for Military Service in their efforts to lift the ban, and was part of their steering committee in SF where we organized rallies and demonstrations. Many of us felt betrayed by Clinton, and also by Barney Frank, when they came up with DADT -- particularly at a time that Canada had just lifted its ban, and the 16 years subsequently have borne out that the new policy was just as bad, if not worse, that what I lived under.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I was outed inadvertently when pornography was discovered on my laptop. The event resulted in a negative evaluation report (ostensibly for having porn and not for the implications). There was a double standard employed. My ability to appeal the evaluation report was hindered by the chain of command's efforts to keep the whole event a secret. It may result in me not being selected for promotion this year.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	Another sailor in my barracks was uncomfortable being in the barracks with me and reported me to my command while i was in school at FMSS
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I am currently a cadet pursuing an Army ROTC contract-scholarship...and everyday I have fears that the wrong individuals will be informed of my sexual orientation and I could lose everything.

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	I served 1958 - 1961 when the only policy was no gays at all under any circumstances. I had not come out yet but everyone in my company knew who was and wasn't gay and only those who got caught were discharged. In my company there were no witch hunts but the subject just didn't come up very often. My military experience was positive and I did come out near the end of my tour of duty.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, is was used to terminate my service.	I was putting up with the mandated lying until I fell in love with the person I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. I then realized I could no longer continue to lie and live a double life forced upon me by the military, so I told my command officer that I am gay. I was discharged honorably. However, it is a shame that because I wouldn't continue to lie that I am cannot serve my country. What kind of morality is that?
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I resigned in order to keep it from being used. I had a partner who was taking a larger presence in my life and keeping my sexual orientation a secret was going to be more difficult.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	being gay had no impact on my ability to serve.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I have commissioned recently into the Army National Guard as a 2nd Lieutenant. I was in Army ROTC for four years before that. Every day one serves under such a policy, you always wonder if today is your day, if someone will find out, or suspicions will cause your command to conspire against you. There is no such thing as job security, no such thing as bonding or having close friendships with other soldiers or officers. If you do come out to other officers or soldiers it is an immense risk and there is always a question as to whether they will keep it secret. The stress it puts on daily life as well as your relationships with friends, family, and significant others is enormous. The reason I decided to go national guard as opposed to active duty was a direct result of the DADT policy. I will also not serve longer than my term of service requires because of this policy. I cannot live my life this way permanently; it is enormously stressful and very difficult. It only adds onto what is already a stressful and very difficult job.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	felt unable to be real with peers

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02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was an Army National Guard Officer, I served faithfully and proudly. As a transgender soldier I had to keep my identity secret, or risk being discharged as not fit for service. I deployed in Support of Operation Joint Endeavor and successfully served as Executive of the 133rd Maintenance Company, Hanau Germany. Upon returning to the states I was promoted to Captain and assigned as the Commander of the 642 Aviation Support Battalion HHC, Marcy Av. Brooklyn, NY. An injury ended my military career, however as a post op TS woman I am well trained and capable of leading troops male and female, gay and straight, married and single, a leader leads people not sexual orientations and gender identities.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	My fiancé has had threats of her job within her unit because her co-workers are mad that she made an hr report to about a more favored soldier who sexually harassed her. Because the soldier was female my fiancé is threatened to be moved to another unit while that soldier was never reprimanded. in bct one of my drill sergeants made derogatory statements regarding women of color because he suspected that we were "all dykes."
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	NOTHING HAPPENED. I WAS NOT SEXUALLY ACTIVE THEN 1954-1958
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	I am forced to lie daily about my family life to my coworkers.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	Haven't been impacted directly, but I think it's time to repeal the law. Why? Patriotism Is Not Defined by Sexuality. That's right, Patriotism. National pride, duty, honor, courage, commitment and the intestinal fortitude to show it. Hopefully in a year or so this will be a moot point, but until then, we ought to remind ourselves as often as possible that any man or woman in this country willing to lay it all on the line for Lady Liberty ought to be afforded the opportunity, regardless of their sexual orientation. We have enough enemies in this world; dangerous, lethally skilled, motivated, if not fanatical combatives determined to end our existence. We need not further induce any self-inflicted wounds by dismissing intellectually competent and highly skilled service members based on antigay agendas. Make no mistake about it, the current law has left our troops with a paucity of talent in several critical areas vital to our success in the fight, and essentially our national security. As a nation, we need to apply our best efforts into every aspect of military might. That being said, understand the military is a discerning body, and a biased organization – if you're flat footed, can't see colors well, are obese, physically handicapped, or cannot pass the ASVAB test, among others, you cannot serve. Period. These restrictions exist for preserving, among others, safety and performance of our troops. A personal choice on sexuality is no more applicable than a religious choice, and it does not belong in the debate. It's flagrant discrimination. Period. Let's not over-engineer the mechanics in this imminent reform. The bureaucrats will change the law and sleep in warm, dry beds, safely out of harm's way. In time, the military will follow suit. Given their brutally difficult missions, I doubt too many of our beloved troops are going to take pause to question DADT being repealed. They're IN a real fight. America's lineage is rife with legislation considered

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					<p>preposterous by today's standards. Pick one: women's voting rights, eugenics, racial integrity, minorities voting, alcohol prohibition, civil rights, women on warships. These are old, tired, dare I say immature arguments that unfortunately became law; indicative of insular, polar thinking monopolized by an elite few in power to influence the masses. These laws eventually changed because we as a people evolved with the help of greater and better information, education, civic involvement, technology and time. Our President is the offspring of an interracial marriage – an illegal practice in countless states at the time of his birth. Our Speaker of the House could not have voted were she alive a century ago. Far be it from anyone today to reintroduce a bill that addresses any of these issues, as they'd clearly be dismissed as absurd, pathetic, if not shameful. Social awareness and political maturity are true blessings of liberty, and we need to celebrate them. This is not a partisan issue, nor is it about the DOJ assessing the constitutionality, or lack thereof, of DADT. Several of our NATO allies have embraced the practice – there's no reason we cannot as well. We have gay congressmen that vote to send our youth to war. Their performance capability as lawmakers is not diminished by their sexual orientation. Many of them have been re-elected for multiple terms. The diversity in opinion on this issue at the highest levels of our military is not troubling, it's a bellwether. Allowing openly gay troops to serve will no more lead to the demise of our military than when blacks were integrated into the ranks, or when women were allowed to serve on warships. There were issues with integration and there have been issues with females serving on ship, but we navigated those challenges deftly. This is about evolving. Military commanders obey the laws they are issued by the President and Congress and they maintain good order & discipline with sound leadership, incessant training and the UCMJ, whether racial, gender or sexual issues are at hand. Trust them, they know what they're doing. The CJCS just testified he's served with gays his entire career – over forty years. Is anyone naïve enough to think that's when it actually started? Five will get you fifty that gays have been serving our military as far back as the earliest citizen soldiers. It's unlikely that any of the minutemen paused to question anyone's sexuality when the order came to take up arms in our revolution. I was on active duty in 1992 when Clinton was elected. Prior to his inauguration, the officers in our battalion were gathered for what we thought would be our normal weekly leadership discussion. Instead, our boss tabled the issue of gays being allowed to serve; then he sat back and watched. The ensuing debate was intensely visceral, if not utterly shocking. There were stories told of officers threatening to resign elsewhere in the military – some did. Some made articulate arguments about change and the challenge of command to effectively usher the transition. But the lion's share of discourse was about the horror to come. Fear of the change drove some highly irrational comments that transformed men I thought were respectful, intelligent, well educated gentlemen into morons. Some were bluntly opposed and didn't consider the options. Others laughed and scoffed at the notion as if it would never happen. One officer was screaming, fist extended, veins bulging from his neck as he cursed the day gays would serve in his unit. He was unchained as saliva sprayed during his rant. The energy & zeal in most of their logic was disturbing. Our military prowess depends on myriad factors, not the least of which is focus. Gays allowed to serve without discrimination will be relieved of the additional burdens and stressors of the existing stigma. It is time we respected these talented professionals for the tremendous skills and unmatched courage they offer to keep us all safe. The unequivocal fact we have the most powerful and proficient military on the planet based entirely on an all volunteer force is a privilege we've enjoyed for decades. I find it unconscionable that any responsible military leader, after reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of any service member, would retract their judgment based solely on the person's sexuality. I'm a heterosexual, Irish-Catholic, father of six, Republican, former Marine and I get it. Polls are reporting 70% of Americans support gays serving. Congress is 31 votes away from passing a bill to repeal the law. Any politician</p>

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					concerned about longevity ought to take notice. This is going to happen. Every man & woman of age and able to support & defend the Constitution of the United States ought to be afforded the opportunity to do so. The document was written after all, "in order to form a more perfect union." Yes, I think I remember reading that somewhere.
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	No	
02/16/2010	02/16/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I am from a military family. I was an AFROTC cadet at an Ivy League institution - then active duty for 7 years. I very much loved my time in the Air Force and very likely would have made it a career. However, when I came out - in my late 20s - I had been selected to teach at a ROTC detachment. I didn't feel I could do so - teach about ethics and officership - when I was not fully following DADT (I had come out to my family and friends). So I decided to separate from the service rather than compromise my ethical standards or those of the air force.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I believe suspicions I was gay, in spite of being married, limited my final career opportunities ensuring I wouldn't be competitive for promotion.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I signed up to do something I was always thought to be prestigious and honorable. I was made to sign a document that said I have never been attracted to another male, or experience any same gender sexual encounters. I felt second rate. I still went on to be an honorable soldier. My sexuality was not important. When my team found out about me I was respected, because I did not have to lie to them. It just hurt me emotionally that I had to pretend, pass up on sharing my experiences with someone I could have loved and shared a life with. I knew other gay soldiers and we were not sexual degenerates. We made just as good of a soldier as heterosexual males, as sexuality has nothing to do with your orientation. I am proud to say I am a veteran, and that was a lie I would tell again if I had to. Some say they are not sure if they can trust gay/lesbian soldiers, but I ask you, can you trust someone who has to live a lie? see my blog and spread it around... www.aveteransperspective.blogspot.com
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	

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02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	I was told I was qualified for an appointment to Annapolis (OK from the congressman from our district...), and qualified to fly helios for the Navy. However the idea that I might meet someone and have to go against the Military's code of honesty and respect to both serve my country and be honest to my spouse was enough to make me decide than one was not worth the other, and my spouse wouldn't make me deny the Navy for him, but the navy would make me deny my spouse for the Navy. That was one of the decisions I'm proud to have made and that haunts me to this day.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	I was forced to separate from all my military friends when I decided to come out in order to make sure I wasn't going to get kicked out. It was very painful to live a double life. I also had no voice in the work environment when verbal "gay bashing" was going on around me. I could never stand up for myself for the fear of losing my job. I only served 6 years but would have loved to have given 20 or more years but I could not live like that. I would consider going back in the military if this ban was lifted and gay individuals and couples had the same rights in the military as hetero couples do. Thank you for reading this and the work you are doing is greatly appreciated!
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	I was outed by a fellow service member who disliked me and I do not think I was in violation of the policy but they way they enforced it if anyone found out you were gay, you were going to be discharged even if you never said you were gay. That's what happened to me. I said I have no comment and my commanding officer filled out the papers to start the discharge process.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	partner had to leave position
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	Nothing...I served in the closet and continue to live my life in privacy. I have no lover(s), I want no lovers. Life is tough enough without trashing it with lover(s) with PMS (Putting up with Men's Shit), pettiness and jealousy.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	I served comfortably and without any effort to hide my orientation. I had sort of security clearance, although I don't remember quite which or what.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	as an enlisted reservist, during my six months of active duty, I had several gay experiences with others in my unit. But I never had a similar experience in my reserve unit and when I became an officer, any opportunities really ceased.

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02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, it was used to terminate my service.	Very briefly, I turned in a statement to my commander. My personal integrity was one of my top concerns, but I also came out to a number of friends. The first sergeant was questioning my friends in a round-about way and many of them felt uncomfortable because of his questions. I felt it was a shame that he was harassing them because of what he thought my sexual orientation might have been.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	In 1868, I was part of an investigation by the OSI regarding an "incident" in which someone received consensual oral sex in the middle of the night and then got scared and reported it, but didn't give any names and said that he didn't actually know who had done it to him. Several of us were hauled in and questioned by the OSI in a very creepy interview in which fellatio was described in some detail. All of the "usual suspects" were rounded up and questioned, and to my knowledge, no one was ever convicted of any "crime." That was, of course, in the days when it was all taboo...if it had NOT been, there would have been no fallout from the whole incident, because the consensual agreement would have been discreet and a huge drama would not have been caused. As it turned out, everyone was suspicious of everyone from then on, and rumors and gossip flew rampantly.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, is was used to terminate my service.	I was having an emotional breakdown and felt that my security was threatened on the ship. Eventually I was outed and was discharged for being gay.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Unable to serve "openly", forced to seek out less-than-ideal situations, risk my own safety.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	I was denied entrance in the Air Force because I am gay.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	When it was suspected I was gay, my Top Secret clearance was dropped to secret and I was transferred to another base. I was reassigned to a non classified position until my enlistment was over.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	It would have been nice if I could have brought a date to may of the social and official functions that I attended. Everyone else brought one.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Currently Serving	Yes, in other ways.	While in Iraq, I was in a group that was outside smoking and somehow a known gay soldier got brought up, after hearing the judgmental comments of a certain sgt I was not able to speak up and show him how ignorant he is for it. The biggest effect I have had is not being able to be myself.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	Being gay and closeted in the military caused me to get married to cover up my homosexuality...

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02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	Yes, in other ways.	
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	Yes, in other ways.	Day to day challenges from subordinates and superiors based on leverage from possibly disclosing sexual orientation... nothing overt.
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		Veteran	No	Served in celibate silence until I retired...
02/15/2010	02/15/2010		No Military Service	No	
02/14/2010	02/14/2010		Veteran	No	
02/14/2010	02/14/2010		No Military Service	No	testing survey