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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 1:29 PM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Subject: RE: OSD "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at SD Pride Parade

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Thanks. will let my folks know.

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To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) OSD PA

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OASD(PA) did not approve service members to march in this parade. Local commanders may have, but we need to do some research. Yes, we will contact the event sponsor to obtain more details, reach out to the service ComRel chiefs, and determine the best course of action.

Thanks

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Hello ComRel friends,

The San Diego Pride website put out an announcement that is getting media & military member coverage, saying "OSD and commanding officers" have approved troops to march in the pride parade (this Sat) in uniform.

I am assuming you did not provide such approval. Would you consider contacting them to ask them to correct their web site (not sure what the standard response is)? If you put out any guidance to your service comrel colleagues on this can you cc me so I can share with my service media colleagues? Thanks, (b)(6)

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Parade website with announcement:

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Signed By: (b)(6)

I also checked with Ft. Irwin -- they said "no" too.

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Subject:

RE: Has anyone "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at San Diego Pride Parade?

Signed By:

(b)(6)

Hi (b)(6),

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V/R,

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Hi (b)(6) et al,

Thanks for checking and the quick feedback. I'm "peeling back the onion."  
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I have not heard of any. MEF and Base Pendleton both did not grant approval. I didn't reach any further down the chain...

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 16:26  
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Did local units by chance give their own approval for participation? Not on behalf of OSD but local approval?

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You're welcome. Yes, very odd... Called our units in CA and it was 'no impact, no idea' responses. I highly doubt anyone in the Marine Corps would say that they give approval for OSD for military members to wear their uniforms... but you never know!!!

It'll be interesting to hear back from the LGBT group if they ever respond.

R/(b)(6)

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Marine Corps did not either. None of our subordinate commands (specifically I MEF in California) have 'approved' the wearing of uniforms.

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After checking with our guys, it appears Army did not approve this.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:11 PM

(b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 2:03 PM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: OSD "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at SD Pride Parade

ComRel says OSD did not make such approval. They are unaware of any service approvals. I would think the Navy-level press response would echo DoD's (generally not authorized, unless approved), and add any service-specific guidelines you all have. (If approved at local level you wouldn't have a 'Navy' approval, I'd think?)

I've cc'd the other services here for SA. If/when it comes out in media that some were approved and others were not, you all will be queried on why. I would guess it's because those approved (if they were indeed approved by commanders) were because they were part of a community-relations-approved ceremonial unit, etc. It's an important distinction.

For those interested in the story, see <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jul/18/tp-af-recruiter-will-proudly-don-uniform-at-pride/>

Please keep us updated, thank you!

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LT CHINFO, Newsdesk [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:38 PM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Subject: RE: OSD "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at SD Pride Parade

Any update on this situation (b)(6)? Just got a call from San Diego and am told an Air Force recruiter is on the cover of the local paper saying he's going to be wearing his uniform during the parade--now the paper's editor wants to know what the Navy is doing and what the official policy is. More detail to follow, am waiting on an email.

Very respectfully,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) OSD PA [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 15:52

(b)(6)

Subject: FW: OSD "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at SD Pride Parade

Fysa, see below trail for further details (h/t to (b)(6)). The San Diego Pride website put out an announcement that is getting media & military member coverage, saying "OSD and commanding officers" have approved troops to march in the pride parade (this Sat) in uniform.

ComRel is working w/service colleagues now.

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From: (b)(6) OSD PA

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 1:28 PM

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: OSD "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at SD Pride Parade

(b)(6)

OASD(PA) did not approve service members to march in this parade. Local commanders may have, but we need to do some research. Yes, we will contact the event sponsor to obtain more details, reach out to the service ComRel chiefs, and determine the best course of action.

Thanks

(b)(6)

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I am assuming you did not provide such approval. Would you consider contacting them to ask them to correct their web site (not sure what the standard response is)? If you put out any guidance to your service comrel colleagues on this can you cc me so I can share with my service media colleagues? Thanks, (b)

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Veterans have long

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Parade website with announcement:

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From: (b)(6) CIV USAF SAF/PAY (b)(6)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 2:56 PM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
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Signed By: (b)(6)

Just tried again. I'll be here til about 10 of 4

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) OSD PA [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 12:33 PM  
To: (b)(6) CIV USAF SAF/PAY  
Subject: RE: Has anyone "Approved" mil mbrs to wear uniforms at San Diego Pride Parade?

Yes will call in a bit. Give me about 10-15 minutes.

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From: (b)(6) CIV USAF SAF/PAY [mailto:(b)(6)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 12:31 PM  
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Hi

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(b)(6)

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To: (b)(6)  
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(b)(6), looping you in for SA right now since email originated at SAF/Press Desk.

We're discussing best COA right now. More to follow.

v/r,

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From: Fernando Lopez [mailto:fernando@sdpride.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 2:10 PM  
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To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Subject: Re: per our chat- SD LGBT Pride press release

Hi there (b)(6),

I was forwarded an email this morning and told this meant Navy personal could not wear their uniforms even if they had received previous approval. Is this something I should worry about or are people that went through the proper channels still ok. I want to make sure we are conveying the correct information.

Thanks again for your time.

Best,  
Fernando

Subject: NMCSO active duty participation in community parades

Directors, SELs, DH's -

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The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Public Affairs will be addressing this misinformation with the SD Pride coordinators.

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I will put out a generic reminder in a Command Note about parade and media participation but I need your help in communicating these requirements in an informative and supportive manner that will keep our sailors from running afoul of DOD and Navy policy during this weekend's event.

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(b)(6) OSD PA

From: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 8:10 AM  
To: Bardorf, Rene CIV OSD PA; (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: RESPONSE - WND - Uniform Policy @ Parades

Ma'am,

Roger. FYSA -- DPO is not working in a vacuum. Whenever (b)(6) receives an LGBT, ComRel policy or trademark inquiry, she promptly coordinates with us.

v/r,

(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 8:07 AM  
To: (b)(6)  
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Please ensure this is taken out of press ops as soon as possible. Policy guidance should come from CPO not the press desks. Perhaps as quick huddle with CPO/DPO this morning will ensure guidance to the Force comes from our Policy folks otherwise we are going to have press officer interpreting in some cases correctly and in others, incorrectly, the departments policy on matters related to comm rel. Pls correct if wrong but internal guidance on policy goes to (b)(6) and (b)(6) should have deferred despite the fact that she was on an lgbt event working group?

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Rene' Bardorf  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Community and Public Outreach  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Public Affairs

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) Col OSD PA  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 07:27 AM  
To: (b)(6) Bardorf, Rene CIV OSD PA  
Subject: RE: RESPONSE - WND - Uniform Policy @ Parades

Thanks, (b)(6). Let's stay the course in prepping DASD's email. Looks/sounds like everyone is speaking with one voice (finally). - (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) OSD PA  
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Subject: FW: RESPONSE - WND - Uniform Policy @ Parades

FYSA --

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From: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 5:14 PM  
To: 'cschilling@wnd.com'

(b)(6)

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For more information see DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134410p.pdf>

Guidance and limitations on the wear of military uniforms is contained in DoD Instruction 1334.01 and can be found at: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/133401p.pdf>. Further, each service provides additional service-specific guidance.

(b)(6)

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From: cschilling@wnd.com [mailto:cschilling@wnd.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 2:03 PM  
To: Duty Officer, Press Operations, OASD-PA  
Subject: Press Operations Contact Submittal

The following message was sent via web form from:

<http://www.defense.gov/faq/press-media.html> at 7/18/2012 2:02:10 PM

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Name: Chelsea Schilling  
Email: cschilling@wnd.com  
Phone: 916-474-5153  
Agency: WND.com  
Subject: Wearing of uniform in parade



Comment:Hi, my name is Chelsea Schilling, and I am a reporter with WND.com. I am well aware that members of the military are NOT allowed to attend political or advocacy events in uniform when they are not specifically given permission by the military. In fact, this applies to just about any event. Permission is required to show up in uniform. DoD Directive 1334.1 is pretty clear about this. However, I noticed in a report today, "Uniformed military to march in pride parade." that at least one Air Force senior recruiter (b)(6) and an Army soldier (b)(6) -- both active duty -- will march in a gay pride parade in San Diego this weekend. In fact, other military members are likely to join. Here's my question: Were these military members authorized to appear at this event in military uniform? If so, who authorized them to do so? Thank you for your assistance. -Chelsea Schilling 916-474-5153

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**Cc:** (b)(6) CIV NG NGB ARNG  
**Subject:** Pride parades and official support? (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** Signed Denver PrideFest Decision Memo.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b)(6)

**Importance:** High

**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

**Caveats:** ~~FOUO~~

(b)(6)

OCPA forwarded the following note about an upcoming pride parade in San Diego, including a response provided by (b)(6).

Note that Army's assessment of this guidance is that this event is categorized as "partisan" which seems to be different than the "perceived as ideological" definition that was given to us on previous determinations from your office. Is it OSO's determination that pride parades are "partisan" or is that solely Army's determination? Just want to ensure we have the facts right as my leadership here wants to send this out to all National Guard units in the States and Territories.

I've attached the last memo the National Guard Bureau received from your office on a similar event which determined that pride parades are perceived as "ideological" in nature and thus cannot be supported by ceremonial units. Since the repeal of DADT is that still the case? It does not appear the current guidance from (b)(6) indicates that pride parades are not specifically identified as not being officially supportable if they are indeed deemed eligible based on community relations guidance.

Thanks for clarification,

(b)(6)

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Teammates,

Here's a note from OSD Public Affairs with regard to wear of uniform, and marching and riding in Non-partisan parades. The note also reinforces the DoD Directive on Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces.

Please insure this gets maximum re-distribution, as it may continue to be a matter of media interest in the days and weeks ahead.

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OSD policy -- for your specific questions about military member participation, would refer you to the services to discuss approval (cc'd here).

While wearing civilian clothes, in their personal capacity, military members may march or ride in nonpartisan parades.

Except when authorized per DoD or service policies (such as a community-relations approved ceremonial unit), military members are restricted from wearing uniforms while participating in parades.

We always recommend service members consult their chain of command before participating in any parade. When troops are requested to participate in parades, commanders must determine if military participation in the event is appropriate per DoD community relations policies and does not violate policies regarding wearing of the uniform, to include preventing any inferences that a service member's activities may imply official sponsorship or endorsement.

For more information see DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134410p.pdf>

Guidance and limitations on the wear of military uniforms is contained in DoD Instruction 1334.01 and can be found at:

<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/133401p.pdf>. Further, each service provides additional service-specific guidance.

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18 MAY 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION  
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

SUBJECT: Request for Policy Determination on Military Support for Denver PrideFest Parade

This is in response to your request for policy guidance regarding military support of the Denver PrideFest Parade, June 19, 2011, in Denver, Colorado. We understand from the information provided that the event is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Colorado, and that an honor guard and band from the Colorado National Guard have been requested to march in the parade.

The DoD Community Relations Policy, DoD Directive 5410.18., paragraph 4.1.2., and its subparagraphs, establish common criteria that all community relations activities must meet. They state, in part, that execution of community relations activities shall be consistent with (a) the interests of the Department of Defense (including the Military Services) and the community as a whole [must be] supported; and (b) the association of the Department of Defense, including the concerned Military Departments, with the event [must be] in the best interest of the Department.

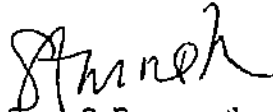
The DoD Public Affairs Community Relations Policy Implementation, DoD Instruction 5410.19., paragraph E13.3.1.2., provides a list of unauthorized community relations activities. Included among them are activities that involve or give the appearance of involving the promotion, endorsement, or sponsorship of any individual commercial enterprises, religious or sectarian organizations, ideological movements, and political campaigns and organizations.

Paragraph E13.3.2.2.3., of the same instruction provides a list of unauthorized sponsorship conditions. Included are events sponsored by an organization representing a religious, ideological, or partisan political viewpoint.

Based on the event's web site, the Denver PrideFest and its sponsor appear to have established that a primary goal of the event is to celebrate, promote, and advance the interests of a specific segment of Colorado's population identified by its sexual preferences and gender identity. While sexual preference and gender identity may not be ideological in nature, efforts to promote and advance the interests of a community based on sexual preferences or gender identity could reasonably be perceived as an ideological movement or viewpoint.



Therefore, military band and honor guard participation in the Denver PrideFest Parade is inappropriate and not in the best interest of DoD. Military participation in this event is not authorized.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah S. Farnsworth".

Sarah S. Farnsworth  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
for Community and Public Outreach

(b)(6) OSD PA

From: (b)(6) CIV NG NGB ARNG (b)(6)  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 9:21 AM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV NG NGB ARNG  
Subject: RE: Pride parades and official support? (UNCLASSIFIED)  
Signed By: (b)(6)

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Oh ... and I do understand the distinction between official support by ceremonial and marching units, and people who just want to wear their uniform in any parade of their choosing. In this case, I do not know if this event requested official ceremonial support and was denied, or if they never asked. Thus, we need some clarification on the official response ...

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From: (b)(6) CIV NG NGB ARNG  
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 9:17 AM  
To: (b)(6) OSD PA  
Cc: (b)(6) OSD PA; (b)(6) CIV NG NGB ARNG  
Subject: Pride parades and official support? (UNCLASSIFIED)  
Importance: High

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OCPA forwarded the following note about an upcoming pride parade in San Diego, including a response provided by (b)(6).

Note that Army's assessment of this guidance is that this event is categorized as "partisan" which seems to be different than the "perceived as ideological" definition that was given to us on previous determinations from your office. Is it OSD's determination that pride parades are "partisan" or is that solely Army's determination? Just want to ensure we have the facts right as my leadership here wants to send this out to all National Guard units in the States and Territories.

I've attached the last memo the National Guard Bureau received from your office on a similar event which determined that pride parades are perceived as "ideological" in nature and thus cannot be supported by ceremonial units. Since the repeal of DADT is that still the case? It does not appear the current guidance from (b)(6) indicates that pride parades are not specifically identified as not being officially supportable if they are indeed deemed eligible based on community relations guidance.

Thanks for clarification,  
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(b)(6) OSD PA

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**From:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2012 12:24 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CDR OSD PA  
**Subject:** questions

Hi (b)(6),

I'm heading out for an appt. If you send the docs for coord please send to (b)(6) too (her folks own uniform and political activities reg; I worked original TPs months ago before she came onboard).

We'll need to update our TPs based on your guidance, and get responses to some questions (why the blanket approval, is that normal, is it because it's related to LGBT, can troops march in Puerto Rican parade, etc)

Thanks,

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OSD PA

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**From:** (b)(6) CIV USAF SAF/PAY (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2012 12:38 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) OSD PA  
**Subject:** san diego stories  
**Signed By:** (b)(6)

Coverage:

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jul/18/uniformed-military-to-march-in-pride-parade-into/?print&page=all>

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/jul/19/tp-a-lot-to-celebrate/?page=2>

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