

JUSTICE FOR LGBTQ+ VETERANS

Farrell v. Department of Defense

OVERVIEW

On August 8, 2023, a group of LGBTQ+ veterans discharged under the discriminatory “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (“DADT”) and similar earlier policies filed a class action lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Defense seeking to end ongoing discrimination perpetuated by their discharge papers. The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, seeks the removal of narratives and separation codes that disclose the veteran’s sexual orientation and, when needed, seeks upgraded discharge statuses for tens of thousands of veterans discharged under DADT and its predecessor policies. The Plaintiffs are Sherrill Farrell, James Gonzales, Jules Sohn, Hayden Powell, and Lilly Steffanides. The Plaintiffs are represented by the Impact Fund, Legal Aid at Work, and King & Spalding LLP.

RESOURCES

1. If any LGBTQ+ veterans would like more information, there are three options:
 - a. Complete the form at www.justiceforlgbtqveterans.com
 - b. Email: lgbtqvets@legalaidatwork.org
 - c. Leave a voicemail at 415-593-0038.
2. Lawsuit website, which will stay updated with major filings:
www.justiceforlgbtqveterans.com

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

11/11/2023 Veterans Day

Each #VeteransDay, thousands of LGBTQ+ vets are reminded of lasting harm done by the military’s discriminatory policies. It’s time LGBTQ+ veterans receive the benefits this country has seen fit to provide to other veterans. #Justice4LGBTQVets <https://bit.ly/47s4NQO>

This #VeteransDay, it's important that we continue supporting and advocating for equal treatment of LGBTQ+ veterans to ensure they receive the recognition and respect they deserve for their service. #Justice4LGBTQVets <https://bit.ly/47s4NQO>

On this #VeteransDay, we pay tribute to the LGBTQ+ veterans who are taking their fight for justice to court. LGBTQ+ veterans deserve the same respect, recognition, and benefits as other veterans. #Justice4LGBTQVets <https://bit.ly/47s4NQO>

Every #VeteransDay, thousands of LGBTQ+ veterans are reminded of how their military careers were cut short and struggle with feeling part of the veteran community. It's time to change that. #Justice4LGBTQVets <https://bit.ly/47s4NQO>

General

Five brave veterans seek to hold the @DeptofDefense accountable for its wrongdoings and restore honor to the many thousands of veterans who have been affected by discriminatory anti-LGBTQ+ policies. #Justice4LGBTQVets <http://bit.ly/justice-for-lgbtq-vets>

The U.S. Government has acknowledged the lasting harm done by discriminatory anti-LGBTQ policies in the military but has yet to remove barriers to justice and provide LGBTQ+ veterans with the relief and support they deserve. #Justice4LGBTQVets <http://bit.ly/justice-for-lgbtq-vets>

For far too long, the U.S. military's anti-LGBTQ+ policies have perpetuated a harmful culture of fear and discrimination. Thousands of LGBTQ+ veterans are being deprived of the recognition and benefits to which they are entitled. #Justice4LGBTQVets <http://bit.ly/justice-for-lgbtq-vets>

Thousands of veterans discharged from the military under anti-LGBTQ policies are ineligible for important benefits available to other veterans. 5 brave plaintiffs are fighting to change that. #Justice4LGBTQVets <http://bit.ly/justice-for-lgbtq-vets>

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