

The Lamp Post

Shining the light in the dark
for trans service members & veterans



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Mid-month Issue



Addressing the Community

The situation as it stands is ominous, but not hopeless. The mentality is Dunkirk, Busan, and Gettysburg. In each case, the defenders faced an onslaught from those that would see them routed, destroyed, and killed. In each case, it was courage, teamwork, and decisiveness that won them the day. In each case, the defense served to set conditions for an inevitable victory at the end of their struggles.

This is where we are now. We are facing the imminent struggle of fighting for our rights to be equal: not just in military service, but in life in general. We are the canaries in the coal mine and the attacks won't stop with us.

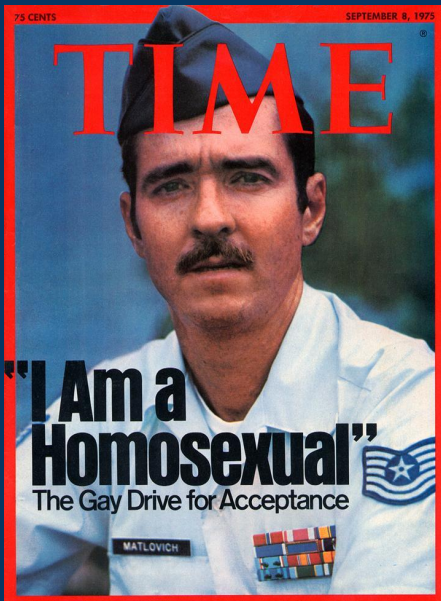
But **there is hope**. In the darkest nights, the faintest lights shine brighter. They find each other, rally, and become brighter as one. That is what we are doing. The coalition of organizations are already putting the pieces into play.

The attack has yet to come, but we are building the barricades, rigging the bridges, and preparing the bunkers and hospitals. Hope and time are our most precious commodities right now. Time is on our side, and hope will come or go as we foster it.

Expect the worst; Hope for the best; Fight to bridge the gap.

-Catie

Queer History



TSgt. Leonard
Matlovich, USAF

"Maybe not in my lifetime, but we are going to win in the end."

In 1975, Air Force TSgt Leonard Matlovich came out as gay in order to challenge the ban. He was honorably discharged, but would continue to serve the LGBTQ+ community. His works led to the institution of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, which mitigated discrimination & harassment toward closeted homosexual and bisexual service members.

News from the Front

[Modern Military Association of America urges President Biden to veto NDAA in current form](#)

"Families have made it clear that they will choose healthcare for their loved ones over their careers if this provision is passed."

[Transgender Troops, Confronting Shifting Policies of Acceptance, Just Want to Serve](#)

Bree Fram (DAF LIT; former SPARTA President) discusses with Military.com about recent history of policies regarding transgender service members.

Taking STOCC

(Summarized Totality of Community Circumstances)

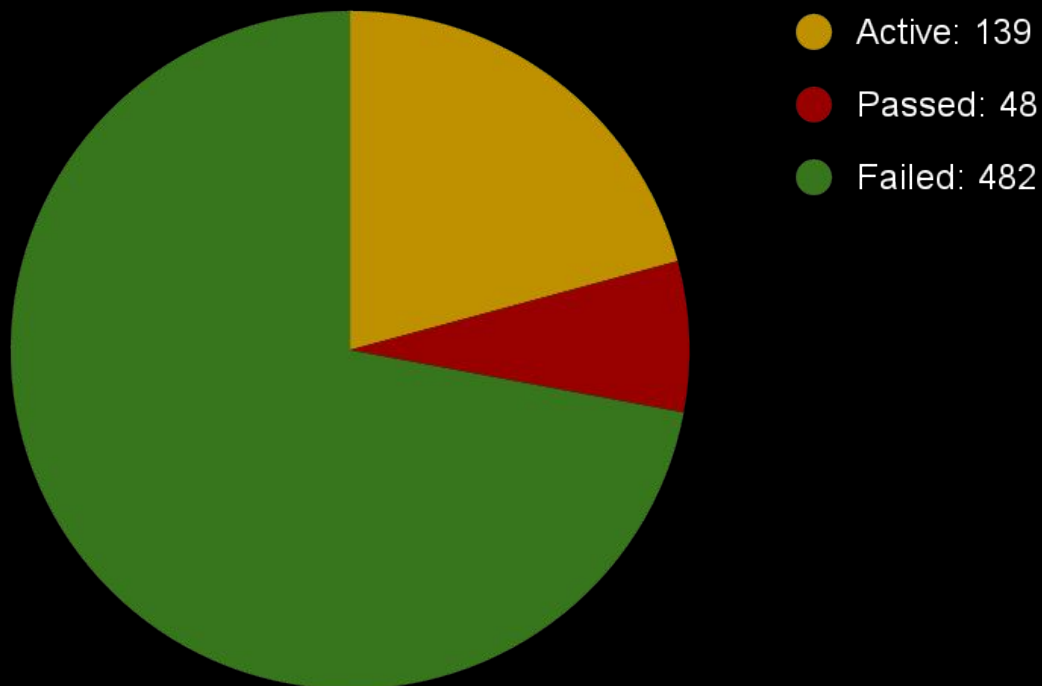
NDA 2025

The 2025 NDA passed the House and Senate, including a provision **restricting gender-affirming care for military dependents** under Tricare. This care prohibition **affects trans dependents under 18** if the care risks sterilization. Despite 21 Senate Democrats introducing an amendment to remove the ban, the NDA passed with an 85-14 vote.

Anti-Trans Bills Tracker ([src](#))

- Pre-filled (2025): 88

Anti-Trans Bills Tracker 2024



Read more [here](#) (TMH Intelligence Product)

Upcoming Events

- Movie Nights w/ Videl
 - 21DEC24 @ 2100 EST
- TMH Town Hall Schedule
 - 28DEC24 @ 1430 EST
 - **25JAN25 @ 1430 EST**
 - 22FEB25 @ 1430 EST
 - 22MAR25 @ 1430 EST
- TMH Holiday Hangout
 - 25DEC24 @ 1530 EST
- TMH New Year's Eve Party
 - 31DEC24 @ 1900 EST
- Presidential Inauguration Stream
 - 20JAN25, Time TBD
- SPARTA Soft Landing
 - Dates/Times TBD
(usually 1900 EST)
 - Contact Evelyn Lee or Kaci McKinney



Community Spotlight

The Community Spotlight is where we'll highlight anything interesting/positive done by the community. Pictures are optional, but encouraged (at least an avatar or blurred pictures to protect anonymity, if desired).

This past month, the Korea crew went on a Blahaj Raid!



This was the first issue of *The Lamp Post*! This is going to be a product that we push out to the community as a whole to spread news of what's going on. We'll have some dedicated content that will always be the same, and (as needed) specialized content focusing on specific issues. We'll be publishing bi-weekly, on the weekends after payday.

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