

The Lamp Post

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



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Addressing the Community

July has been a busy behind-the-scenes month. We're setting the stage for community work in a few different states - some on the defense, others on the offense. In both cases, our charge is ultimately to pursue the full liberation of our community.

The country celebrated its 250th anniversary earlier this month, as well. For many of us, it feels hollow: given the nature of the current administration's policies. However, we belong in every corner of this nation. By building and reinforcing community and both the local & national levels, we will continue to ensure that any of us can call anywhere in our country home.

When the legal & legislative top cover is there: build those community bonds; help one another; defend what's been built; and continue to organize. When it's not there: get organized; engage every institution of society; leverage everything that you can in terms of resources & social connections; stay tenacious; and above all, never lose hope. On a long enough timeline, we win.

The arc of history always bends away from bigotry, discrimination, and hatred. The last 250 years showed steady promise. Americans holding the government to account is what makes this country great. Let's keep it up for the next 250 and build a better future for those who come after. One day, we will be the elders that future generations look to, as we look to the Stonewall participants & AIDS epidemic survivors today.

As always: expect the worst, hope for the best, and fight to bridge the gap.

-Catie

TMH Town Hall



July 2026

July's Town Hall did not come with slides, similar to June, but we still had a decent conversation about a few things!

At the top of the Town Hall Agenda, it was stated that the Talbott case was still ongoing, and progress was being made. We are unsure of the Talbott timeline at this time.

It was also clarified during this Town Hall that although segments of The Lamp Post were being shifted to our social platforms, we would NOT be moving away from Discord as an organization. We will remain a Discord community.

Regarding political action, a few points were made/brought up:

- TMH is meeting with/working with Tennessee activists
- Work is being done with Hawaii spear and shield actions
- California is working to fight AB 1775

TMH intends to try and host more morale events, as our focus is on the mental/emotional wellbeing of our community, and wish to foster a space where we can gather for fun *and* support. Community members are allowed to and encouraged to create events. Staff can assist with announcements, as well as adding events to the tracker in the server itself.

The Q and A segment of the town hall fielded a number of questions, to include Shield Law, localization, support groups, gender marker updates, status of service obligation if ban is reversed, and things such as merch and ribbons.

The idea of an in-person TMH event was brought up. While TMh would LOVE to host a real-world event and see everyone's wonderful faces, we understand that time and money are two big resources that many of our members do not have to participate. We would like to look into hosting such an event in the future, but for the time being it remains on the back-burner until our people are taken care of and we can safely and efficiently plan for it.

In regards to merchandise, we do still have a Teepublic page, link available on the Contacts/Links page in the The Lamp Post (even though we have moved to a shorter format. Patches and other knick knacks are on hold as Robin and Catie move into a new home.

Send Tristan a message for questions, help, or volunteering with Localization efforts.

The Q&AQ channel remains available for those with questions regarding things such as gender markers, separations, pay, etc. Reach out to Staff if you are unable to get help, and we will do what we can to get you answers.

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<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/benefits-delivery-discharge-program.asp>

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Q'mmunity House: <https://minorityvets.my.canva.site/qhouse>

Volunteer Recruitment Form: <https://wkf.ms/4o68Xq8>

Teepublic Merch Page:

<https://www.teepublic.com/user/sudden-sentience>

TMH Stickers/Patches/Coins:

<https://forms.gle/MPpcJZSAa6wDdhjk7>

Project Ember: <https://forms.gle/Qiu38P8TEUGrz9VZ7>

LinkedIn Skill Endorsement/Matching : <https://wkf.ms/49iGxVH>

Anti-trans Bill tracking: <https://translegislation.com>



Out and Out Anthology
Submissions

Signal Staging Area



News!

22 JUL 2026: The Trump administration has been rejected in their attempt to dismiss the retirement lawsuit against the U.S. (*Ireland vs. US*).

The lawsuit is in regards to approved [early] retirement orders that were later revoked without a reason given as to why. These servicemembers would be losing a significant amount of benefits and face potential financial/economic uncertainty. It is lead by Master Sergeant Logan Ireland of the Air Force.

While this is technically a win, it is a win for now, as this is not expected to be the last time this administration tries to have the case dismissed. For the time being, the servicemembers in the lawsuit are able to continue their pursuit of justice.



Looking for Queer History and Community Spotlight? Stay connected by following [@admin.tmh](#) on Instagram, or [TMH, 501c4](#) on Facebook. Posts will be similar and on the same days, with the goal of being posted weekly until circumstances/scheduling needs change.

Want to participate? Everyone is more than welcome to share their journey, stories of their transition. This can be done anonymously, or not! This is **OPTIONAL** and will **NEVER** be a requirement.

Upcoming Events

- Friday Night Gaming
 - TMH Discord - Every Friday @ 1800 EST
- TMH Town Hall Schedule (1530EST)
 - 29AUG2026
 - 26SEP2026
 - 31OCT2026
- The Lamp Post Publications (evening/late evening)
 - 30AUG2026
 - 27SEP2026
 - 1NOV2026
- TMH Day Activities
 - 04 January 2027 1500
- Power Point Party
 - Next date/time TBD
- Beginner D&D
 - Dates/Times TBD
- Forza Horizon Car Meets
 - Last Saturday, every month @ 1900 EST