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Transgender Service in the United States Coast Guard

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On January 25, 2021, the President signed an Executive Order entitled, “Enabling All Qualified Americans to Serve Their Country in Uniform,” establishing as the policy of the United States that all Americans who are qualified to serve in the Armed Forces should be eligible to do so. Specifically, this applies to all transgender individuals who can meet the appropriate standards, and the order states unequivocally that they shall be able to serve openly and free from discrimination. The President further directed the Department of Homeland Security, to take the necessary steps to ensure that all directives, orders, regulations, and policies are consistent with this order.

Effective immediately, the involuntary separation, discharge, and denial of reenlistment or continuation of service, on the basis of gender identity or under circumstances relating to gender identity, is prohibited.

In addition, the Personnel Service Center will identify and examine the records of service members who have been involuntarily separated, discharged, or denied reenlistment or continuation of service, on the basis of gender identity or under circumstances relating to their gender identity. Guidance is forthcoming regarding the correction of certain military records. Where appropriate, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall offer individuals an opportunity to rejoin the Coast Guard should they meet the current entry standards.

I will establish an Integrated Planning Team to examine all aspects of the recent Executive Order, ensure alignment with DoD efforts, and coordinate DHS’s April report to the President.

The Coast Guard’s Service Central Coordination Center (SCCC or “S Triple C”) is prepared to provide advice and assistance to members and their commands. The SCCC includes personnel, legal, and healthcare experts and may be contacted via email at SCCC@uscg.mil.

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