



Attitudes Aren't Free: Defending the Culture of the Military

For many years, liberal civilian activists have been trying to impose their agenda and attitudes on America's military, showing little respect for the armed forces' unique culture and core values. In a new 15-20 minute illustrated PowerPoint presentation, CMR President Elaine Donnelly explains why it is important to defend the culture of our military, on which our national security depends.

In 1984 President Ronald Reagan honored the veterans of D-Day with a memorable address beneath the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc. In his memorable address, Reagan called attention to special bonds that caused them to "*put aside the instinct for self-preservation,*" in order to accomplish their mission.

Today, the same intangible bonds of trust and cohesion are critical elements that support military culture, meaning "how things are done." CMR provides context and a thoughtful analysis of present and future policies that could weaken the culture of our military, the only one we have. The presentation answers questions about the following topics, and more:

- The Definition and Importance of Military Cohesion
- Core Values, Training, and Personal Discipline
- Misusing the Culture of Obedience
- The "Diversity" Paradigm: Promoting "Metrics," not Merit
- "Diversity" Mandate: Women in Army and Marine Infantry
- Symptoms of Trouble: Sexual Assaults and Misconduct
- Unresolved Issues of LGBT Law: Privacy, Marriage and Benefits, Religious Freedom
- Why Culture Matters
- Avoiding a "Jenga Block Military"
- Options for the Next President to Restore Sound Priorities

From students to military veterans and civilians who support the troops, everyone has opinions about classic concepts of love and war, core values, equality vs. division, and social change with an impact on national security.

To schedule a future presentation of **Attitudes Aren't Free, Defending the Culture of the Military**, please contact: info@cmrlink.org.

40th Anniversary of D-Day - June 6, 1984

"You risked everything here. Why... Why did you do it?"

"... We look at you, and somehow we know the answer. It was faith and belief; it was loyalty and love."



Physical Training and Personal Discipline

- Basic Training Should Transform Civilian into Soldier
- Infantry, Rangers, Navy SEALs, Special Operations Forces
- Physical burdens and demands same as centuries ago



Without Bonds of Cohesion

Disorganized, leaderless young people armed with lethal weapons.



Problem is Greater Than Budget Cuts

Biggest Strength and Weakness of Military Culture

Military Service Chiefs and Joint Chiefs of Staff Must "Make it Work"



Flawed New Paradigm & Priorities

Adm. Mike Mullen:

Departing from Standard of Individual Merit

"Diversity is a strategic imperative for the security of our nation."



Unresolved Issues: Privacy, Same-Sex Marriage & Benefits, Religious Freedom, etc.

Marine Spokeswoman: "Just Another Welcome Home"



Chaplains Who Cannot Reconcile Views Invited to Leave



Consequences of Character and Culture Both Good and Bad . . .



. . . May not be seen for years

Avoiding a "Jenga Block Military"

Severe Budget Cuts are taking resources Away, while questionable social agendas are loading burdens on.

Progressive Process Weakens the Structure, Until it Falls.

