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WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Sept. 2, 2010) -- The Army launched a 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' online inbox today specifically available for Soldiers worldwide to share comments and opinions.

The inbox is accessible via the Army Knowledge Online homepage. The intent of the inbox is to help the Army assess and consider the impacts, if any, a change in 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law would have on operations, readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion, recruiting and retention, and family readiness.

Complete instructions can be found on the inbox entry page on AKO. The inbox will remain open until Sept. 30, 2010, or until leadership decides the inbox has fulfilled its purpose.

The Army Chief of Staff wants all Soldiers to have the opportunity to share comments and opinions. What is learned from inbox comments will be shared with the DoD Comprehensive Review Working Group to assist in the development of an action plan to support effective implementation, if repeal of current law occurs.

The more comments and opinions provided, the better the Army can gauge Soldier opinion and perception of the potential impact of a repeal.

Additionally, inbox comments could provide insight on how to best manage such impacts during implementation.

To safeguard identity of respondents, the Army will employ control measures. Inbox users are reminded that current 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law remains in effect.