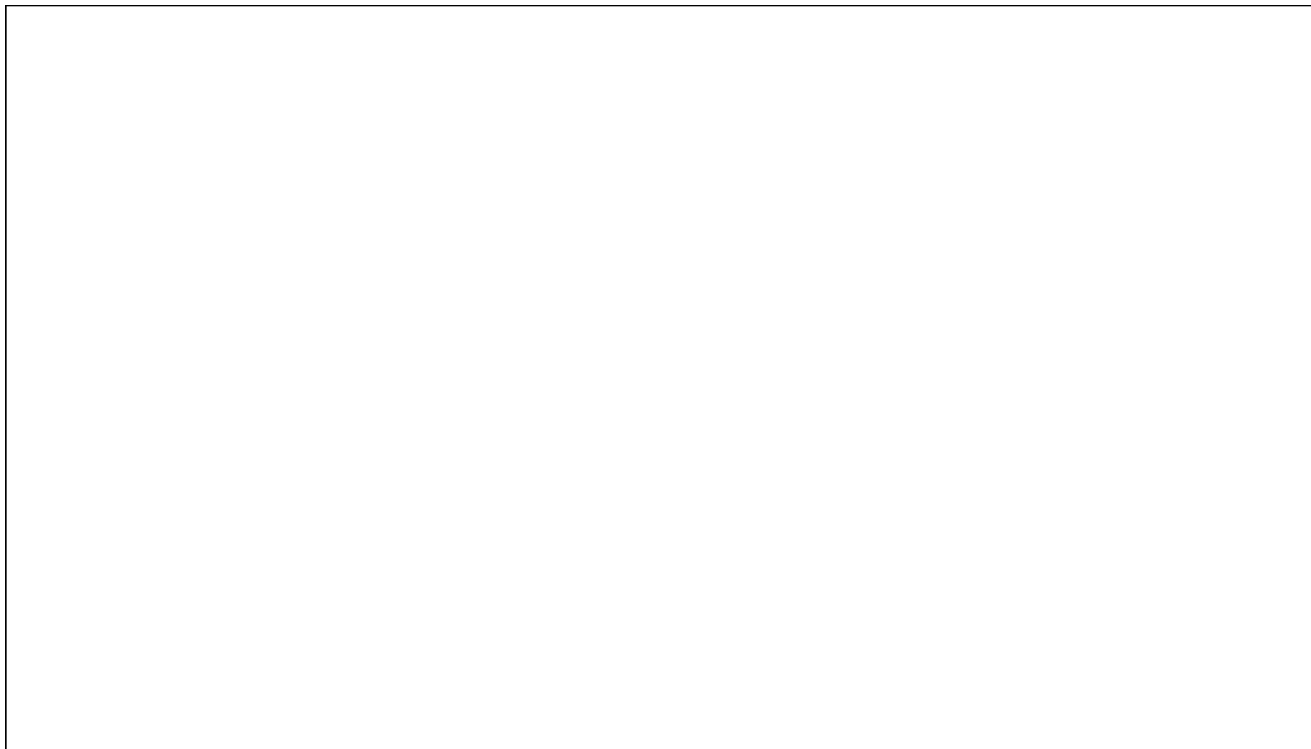


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You are invited to attend the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks' LGBT Pride Month Observance, in the Bliss Hall Foyer, Monday, 26 June, 11-11:30 a.m. This year's event will include USAWC proclamation signing and cake cutting to acknowledge LGBT Service Members, Family Members and Civilians, and the contributions they have made in the past, and continue to make every day.

The event is open to everyone. Bring family and friends.

Event: LGBT Pride Month Observance

Date/Time: 26 June 2017 / 1100-1130

Location: Bliss Hall Foyer



**BACKGROUND:**

During the month of June, the DoD proudly celebrates our rich diversity and renew our commitment to equality by recognizing LGBT Pride. The dedicated services of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) service members, civilian employees and families members continues to strengthen our National Security as well as the Department of Defense. Their inclusion gives our Department greater promise and hope for the future.

June was selected as Pride month to remember the events that took place in Greenwich Village in New York, known as the Stonewall riots in 1969. The Stonewall riots were a series of violent demonstrations by members of the gay community against a police riot that lasted three days. From this tragic event, the Stonewall riots were then recognized as the catalyst for the Gay Liberation movement in the United

States.

LGBT Pride or Gay Pride is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals to promote dignity, equality rights, increase visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variances.

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