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Army fires clerk for 'homosexual tendencies'

FT. RUCKER, Ala. — An Army commander yesterday approved the recommendation of a military board that Army clerk Marie Sode be expelled from the service for "homosexual tendencies," based on her marriage to a transsexual man. Col. George Powers, commander of the 1st Aviation Brigade, agreed with the board that Sode and her husband, a former WAC who now goes by the name Kristian von Hoffburg, live together as "biological females." It wasn't immediately known whether Sode would fight the discharge order. She has said she may seek federal court intervention in the dismissal.