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Pentagon To Welcome Transgenders Aboard?

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Pentagon to lift military ban on transgender service

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The Pentagon is setting in motion a plan to lift the longstanding prohibition on allowing transgender men and women to serve openly in the military.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced the plan Monday and said the individual services will have six months to prepare for the historic policy change...

The announcement comes nearly four years after the 2011 repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy that allowed homosexuals to serve openly...

In June, an openly transgender airman attended a reception at the White House at President Obama's invitation. Senior Airman Logan Ireland wore his uniform and brought his fiancé,

Army Cpl. Laila Villanueva, a transgender woman, who wore civilian clothes.

Carter has ordered the creation of a “working group” to study the issue over the next six months the identify any readiness implications of welcoming transgender persons to serve openly. That will be led by acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Brad Carson.

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