



THE ARMED FORCES SELF-DEFENSE ACT

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Military facilities and service members are **increasingly being targeted** for attacks within the United States.

As reported by CNN, “nearly a third of the 119 Americans accused of plotting an attack inside the United States since 9/11 were alleged to have **plotted to attack U.S. military targets.**”

The tragic shootings that killed 5 innocent people in Chattanooga, killed 13 people and injured more than 30 others at Fort Hood, and killed 12 people and injured many others at Washington’s Navy Yard, demonstrate how vulnerable our **military personnel are to attacks.**

In light of these events, the Department of Defense must end its restrictions on U.S. service members carrying personal firearms while on military installations. **Our men and women in uniform should be able to protect themselves.**

The Armed Forces Self-Defense Act:

- Ensures that **qualified, trained** and **certified** military personnel will be permitted to carry their privately owned firearms on military installations, including reserve centers and recruitment offices.
- Codifies current policy that Department of Defense personnel shall be appropriately armed and have the inherent right to self-defense.
- States that it shall be the policy of the Department of Defense to permit trained military personnel to carry personal firearms while on military installations in the United States.
- Repeals any specific provisions within conflicting regulations, directives, rules or orders that restrict or prohibit members from carrying personal firearms on military installations.

