



UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR USEUCOM PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Addressing Extremism in the Ranks

The strength of USEUCOM lies within our people. We have an incredible team of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, Marines, and civilians protecting freedom and democracy for the Euro-Atlantic area every day. Each one of us serving in uniform takes an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. This oath is our solemn obligation and one that binds us together in common cause.

Extremist views and actions can destroy the trust within our team and endanger all we hold dear. Extremist ideology has no place on our team or within our ranks. Every member of USEUCOM has a role to play in eliminating extremism from our organizations and ensuring our armed forces remain a team built on mutual respect, free from harassment, discrimination, and violent ideologies. We must treat each other with dignity and respect...at all times!

In accordance with the Secretary of Defense's direction to conduct a "stand-down" and address extremism, USEUCOM personnel will complete a stand-down no later than 26 March. Members will comply with stand-down guidelines provided by their respective service. Joint units or those without service guidance will use the following parameters; Focus on (1) the meaning of our oath, (2) description of impermissible behavior, and (3) procedures for reporting suspected extremist behaviors. All service members should use this opportunity to listen to the concerns, experiences, and ideas our collective team brings forth on this critically important issue.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring peace for our nation, our allies, and our partners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tod D. Wolters".

TOD D. WOLTERS
General, U.S. Air Force