This is incredible news! Secretary of Defense Ash Carter has announced that the ban on transgender service members has finally been lifted. That means transgender individuals can now openly serve in the military —
Today, June 30, is a historic day — the Pentagon has lifted the ban on transgender troops, ensuring that the military will no longer discriminate against them. Read on to see what this means for transgender individuals wishing to serve in the military.

Defense Secretary **Ash Carter** announced the move to lift the ban today, and it took nearly a year to happen. “This is the right thing to do for our people and for the force,” he said. “We’re talking about talented Americans who are serving with distinction or who want the opportunity to serve. We can’t allow barriers unrelated to a person’s qualifications prevent us from recruiting and retaining those who can best accomplish the mission.” Finally!

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