

June has been designated as Pride month, but before I talk about Pride, I would like to get some important information out to you. Those of you that caught my DEI breakout session at wing conference already have this information, but I think it's important for all to be aware of things happening around you. This month's bimonthly diversity meeting with the National Diversity Officer talked about accommodations and most of the information will come in a later email. I wanted to get this out to you as soon as possible.

What is the lodging practice for LGBT cadets?

- CAP offers a safe, fun environment for all cadets and their adult leaders. Participation in CAP activities is always voluntary; nobody is ever "required" to participate. We do our best to work with families to make reasonable accommodations for their lodging requests when practical.
- Some key facts: We do not inquire about the sexual orientation of cadets or adult leaders. Sexual orientation is not a factor in assigning lodging.
- We will not inquire about a cadet's anatomy.
- Families declare their cadet's gender when joining CAP by presenting school ID cards, birth certificates, letters from physicians, and other types of documentation. Cadets will be lodged according to their gender in eServices.
- Cadets who have a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, as documented by a physician, are lodged according to their gender identity, the gender they are living as.
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Parents - you are allowed to ask about the lodging & shower situations of any CAP event to which you are sending your child. You can ask for special accommodations, however, due to the nature of some events, and some facilities that we have the privilege of using for our events, accommodations may not always be available. Please keep this in mind when deciding which activities your child will participate in. Special accommodations will never be forced on your child, these are things that you must initiate.

Pride (A brief timeline)

1924 - Henry Gerber, a German immigrant founded the first documented U.S. gay rights organization in Chicago, The Society for Human Rights (SHR).

1940's, '50's, '60's LGBTQ people were regularly arrested for violating what became known as the three-article rule - or the three-piece law. The rule stipulated that a person was required to wear at least three gender-appropriate articles of clothing to avoid arrest for cross-dressing. This rule "law" never actually existed in this format, but was a law intended to punish rural farmers, who had taken to dressing like Native Americans to fight off tax collectors.

1955 - The Daughters of Bilitis formed in San Francisco, the first lesbian rights organization.

1956 - Cooper's Do-nuts protest of 1956.

1966 - The Mattachine Society - staged a "sip-in" In Los Angeles, CA.

1967 - New years eve raid on the Black Cat Tavern in Los Angeles, CA,

1969 - Stonewall Inn raid and riots - NYC

1970 - The anniversary of the Stonewall riots saw the first Pride parade. L. Craig Schoonmaker, one of the organizers of the march argued that while gay individuals lacked power, one thing they did have was pride. "Say it loud, gay is proud" became the slogan.

2008 - the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission installed a plaque on the building where the original Black Cat Tavern resided recognizing it as the site of the first documented LGBTQ civil rights demonstration in the nation.

2015 - In the landmark case Obergefell v. Hodges, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that all state bans on same-sex marriage were unconstitutional, making gay marriage legal throughout America.

2016 - President Barack Obama designated the site of the riots—Stonewall Inn, Christopher Park, and the surrounding streets and sidewalks—a national monument in recognition of the area's contribution to gay rights.

The Pink Triangle

Intended as a badge of shame by the Nazi's on homosexual men, the pink triangle has since been reclaimed in 1971 by Germany's first gay rights organization, Homosexuelle Aktion Westberlin.

And Finally

There were so many things that I wanted to share this month, but just didn't have the room. I hope that this brief glimpse of the LGBT+ struggle has something that intrigues you enough to do some digging on the matter. Thank you for your time. I appreciate you all.

