DOES DoD HAVE CIVIL LIBERTIES TRAINING I CAN TAKE?

Yes! One of DPCLD’s objectives is to raise DoD’s awareness of civil liberties by developing and facilitating appropriate training throughout DoD.

Civil liberties training is available for the DoD workforce.

This includes targeted training programs specifically designed for senior leaders, DoD personnel who regularly process complaints (of any kind), and the general workforce.

If you are interested in civil liberties training, please contact DPCLD or visit DPCLD’s website at:

http://dpcld.defense.gov

"I...do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States..."
DoD’s Civil Liberties Program was created in response to the law that implemented the 9/11 Commission Report’s recommendations. The Civil Liberties Program works to ensure that DoD complies with this law, and with DoD’s civil liberties policy.

WHAT ARE CIVIL LIBERTIES?

CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE fundamental rights and freedoms protected by the Constitution of the United States.

Civil liberties are commonly thought of as the individual rights and freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights. For example, civil liberties include but are not limited to the First Amendment freedoms of speech, assembly, press, and religion.

CIVIL LIBERTIES PROTECT the fundamental rights and freedoms of U.S. service members and DoD civilian personnel. However, service members must exercise their civil liberties in a manner consistent with good order and discipline. This means the government may lawfully limit certain civil liberties, such as free speech.

ASSISTING THE SECRETARY

DPCLD assists the Secretary of Defense, and other senior officials, in appropriately considering civil liberties when proposing, developing, or implementing laws, regulations, policies, procedures or guidelines.

POLICY REVIEW

DPCLD reviews DoD policies, procedures, guidelines and related laws, and their implementation, to ensure DoD is adequately considering civil liberties in its actions.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

DPCLD is responsible for ensuring that DoD has adequate procedures to receive, investigate, respond to, and redress complaints from individuals who allege DoD has violated their privacy or civil liberties.

Resources

- DoD Instruction 1000.29, “DoD Civil Liberties Program.”
- DPCLD’s website: http://dpcld.defense.gov