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**LGBTQ People and/in the Military**

Serving in the armed forces, LGBTQ people have experienced different degrees of acceptance and discrimination. The SNMA has a rich assortment of over 130 books on the subject of the military, with an emphasis on the 1990s to the present. A sampling of the library collection, this reading list consists of historical accounts, memoirs, biographies, political criticism, novels, and erotica that variously concern queer sexual orientation and gender identity in the military.

An account of how war transformed the relationship between gay citizens and the government.

A biography of the autocrat and military leader, with a detailed analysis of his frequent homosexuality.

A Civil War diary that details sexual encounters with men.

An account of federal regulation of homosexuality, including in the military.

A documentary exploration of current and former gay and lesbian service members.

Profiles of lesbian service members and veterans.

A book that challenges the phrase as well as the logic of “Don’t Ask/Don’t Tell.”

A study of how the military defined homosexuality as well as its impact on gay and lesbian politics.
A memoir of a gay former soldier’s experience in the Iraq War.

A young adult coming-of-age-book that involves a gay man in the military.

Gay erotic short stories about military experience.

Lesbian erotic novel that involves army life.

A memoir of sexual awakening in the armed forces in World War II.

A lesbian coming-of-age novel against the backdrop of an army base.

A historical fiction novel set at a Canadian air force base in 1960s Ontario.

A collection of erotic stories that involve military service.

A historical study of male intimacy in the French military from Napoleon to the First World War.

A lesbian romance that involves a historical investigation into a Rosie-the-Riveter shipyard worker and a Navy WAVES recruit.

A study of the creation of the Women’s Army Corps.

The story of Servicemembers United, a group that worked to repeal DADT.

A classic gay BDSM novel that takes place in a military prison.
An account of the “homosexual tendencies” of military men across history.

A collection of articles about historical and contemporary debates on the subject.

A major study of gay and lesbian participation and discrimination in the military.

Peter Tatchell, We Don’t Want to March Straight: Masculinity, Queers and the Military (London: Cassell, 1995).
A critique of gay assimilation and the British military since 1945.

An influential novel involving a West Point cadet and a gay love affair.

A history of women who served as men in the military from the 1700s.

A memoir of the author’s landmark case.

The story of the woman who fought in the American Revolution passing as a man.