

STARRS Candidate Survey comments from candidates:

4. Do you support giving remedies to military members harmed by DEI or the COVID 19 vaccine mandate?

- Absolutely the right thing to do as, the Biden Administration clearly violated the Law using the Department of Labor as the Enforcement Agency.
- ABSOLUTELY!!
- Absolutely. I'm a military man - a former U.S. Navy JAG officer. On the Job, the government's own VAERS numbers show more deaths recorded in a 10 month period from Jan to Oct 2021, than from all other vaccines combined. On DEI, this is an assault against our constitution and against the constitutional rights of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines .. and now guardians too ... who were bowled over by this radical adventurism. I fully support remedies in both of these situations.
- Again, I need more information on this topic. I've been harmed myself, but I get up and move forward.
- Back pay and full reinstatement. Along with time in grade
- DEI and the COVID 19 vaccines mandates never should have happened to begin with so those who were negatively effected by them should be given remedies.
- DEI should be eliminated. Anyone adversely affected by DEI programs should be reinstated
- Every member of service who was forced to get vaccinated against their will, should be compensated in a fair manner. Any member discharged because of refusal to vaccinate, should be given the opportunity to go back into the military and receive back pay from the day they were discharged.
- Full restoration. After all, they were the ones with clear thinking.
- <https://youtube.com/shorts/c0mrjs1S-LI?feature=share>
I never got the Covid-19 vaccine, any of them.
- I am a member and supporter of the Workplace Psychological Abuse proposed bill.
- I believe every service member deserves to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. If a military member was harmed — professionally or personally — because of DEI implementation issues or because of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, then they deserve a fair review and appropriate remedies. No one who volunteered to serve this country should face lasting negative consequences from policies that were applied inconsistently or without proper due process. For me, this is not about politics. It's about doing right by the men and women who raised their hand to defend our nation. If a service member lost rank, pay, benefits, or career opportunities because of how these policies were enforced, I support efforts to evaluate those cases and make them whole where appropriate.
My commitment is simple: We must take care of our service members — regardless of party, ideology, or the political climate in which these policies were created Fairness, accountability, and respect for those who serve should always come first.
- I have not seen a valid case of someone coming to harm by DEI and vaccine mandates have always been a part of military service meaning whatever minor risks involved were known and understood.

- I have yet to see evidence of actual harm being demonstrated due to any of those policies.
- I oppose individual remedies because I believe true justice requires the criminal prosecution and incarceration of the officials who authorized these policies, where applicable.
- I oppose the old system where parties, donors, and politicians decide for you — and I support a new system where every vote I cast is bound to the verified will of the people, with a public audit trail to prove it.
- I support ending BigPharma immunity to legal challenges and remedy for any Americans harmed by the Covid-19 vaccine mandates. I do not know enough about harm done by DEI that would qualify remedy (maybe being passed up for promotion or position due to DEI or merit and experience?) These questions on vaccine accountability being coupled with DEI are making it difficult to answer as straightforwardly as I usually like to.
- I support giving remedies to military members who were harmed by both DEI policies and the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Service members who were unjustly punished, discharged, or had their careers adversely affected deserve fair review, correction of their records, restoration of benefits where appropriate, and pathways to reinstatement if they wish, all while respecting institutional readiness and rule of law. Recent legislative proposals and DoD actions reflect ongoing efforts to provide such remedies for those negatively impacted by the COVID vaccine mandate, including discharge upgrades and reinstatement guidance.
- I support providing fair remedies to military members who were harmed by DEI policies or COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Our service members make extraordinary sacrifices to defend our country, and they deserve to be treated with respect, transparency, and due process. When policies result in unjust consequences, it is appropriate to review those cases and provide reasonable remedies where warranted. Supporting our military means ensuring accountability, fairness, and trust within the ranks.
- I support providing remedies to military members who faced adverse actions due to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate or DEI-related policy shifts, because the Fifth Amendment ensures that no citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Our service members take an oath to support and defend the Constitution, and in return, the government has a moral and legal obligation to treat them with the same fairness they fight to protect. Whether it involves restoring rank, updating discharge statuses to "Honorable," or addressing lost benefits, we must ensure that those who served our nation are not penalized for matters of personal conscience or shifting administrative priorities. Providing these remedies is not just a policy choice; it is a necessary step in honoring our veterans' service and maintaining the integrity of our all-volunteer force.
- I support remedies, making whole, not rewards or jackpots for the service members affected.
- I think we should help people when they need it regardless of the cause.
- I would want these remedies to avoid burdening the taxpayer
- I'd need to know more specifics.
- If a person has been harmed, then it should be looked at.
- If D.E.I. or a vaccine hurt them more than poverty, sexism, or racism, you need help. Fort Hood has had dozens of soldiers murdered or suicide, they need help.
- If government policy caused measurable harm, the efficient and legitimate response is due process + targeted, case-by-case remedies (not blanket payouts). I support lawful remedies such as records

corrections, reinstatement/reenlistment pathways where appropriate, restoration of benefits, and back pay only when warranted by the facts and existing law.

- If service members were wrongfully discharged or harmed, they deserve review, fairness, and appropriate remedy. We owe our military accountability and respect.
- If there are clearly defined instances of DEI eliminating legitimate workers, we need a clear investigation into those cases. However, I do not believe it is as widespread as it is made to seem. Turning to the vaccine issue, it was a clear and lawful order. Service members receive dozens of vaccines throughout their careers, and there has never been any pushback. Covid vaccines, however, became political, and those who refused were violating orders. I was an Army officer during the vaccine mandates.
- Inasmuch as the personnel are being treated for injury sustained while in service, medical treatment should be made available to them.
- Job applicants, who would have received jobs, if DEI wasn't used, should get those jobs and be paid back pay that they would have been paid, if they were hired, when they applied.
- Many lost their jobs and others are suffering illnesses because of the vaccine.
- Many of our servicemen and women were negatively impacted by COVID 19 mandates in the forms of unfair discharges, being denied promotions, etc. In cases where these injustices occurred, there needs to be a clear path for review and redress. Remedies should be thoughtful, fair, and case-specific. We owe it to those who serve to ensure that policies are applied fairly. And when mistakes are made, they are corrected.
- Men and women who serve in our military deserve fairness and respect. Service members who experienced unjust discharge or career damage due to politicized mandates should have access to appropriate review and remedies. Our military must remain focused on readiness, discipline, and mission effectiveness not political ideology.
- Not just the military but again beyond. As you recall after the volunteers got it and then the bribes of prizes and such then people were forced to get it in many other positions like airline pilots or office in which there were 50 or more employees with Federal funds attached.
- On a case-by-case basis. Every picture tells a story, and those stories are based on different facts.
- Only those impacted by Covid Mandates. Quantifying the harm caused by DEI is far too subjective.
- Our military members sacrifice a great deal to serve this country, and they deserve to be treated with fairness, respect, and transparency. If a service member was genuinely harmed, whether through administrative decisions, policy implementation, or medical circumstances, they should have access to a fair review process and appropriate remedies. No one who serves our nation should feel ignored if they believe they were treated unjustly. At the same time, any remedy must be based on credible evidence, proper investigation, and established law. As a member of Congress, I would support oversight to ensure policies within the military are implemented fairly and that service members have clear pathways to appeal decisions or seek support when harm occurs. My priority is making sure the men and women who serve our country are respected, protected, and given the accountability they deserve.
- Our nation lost many good military leaders and members because of political abuses by executive branch under discriminatory DEI and Covid mandates. Not only compensation for their bogus dismissal but "lets bring them back!".

- Our service members deserve justice. I support reinstatement, back pay, restored benefits, corrected records, and medical support for those harmed or wrongfully discharged.
- Our service members made sacrifices to defend this country, and they deserve to be treated with respect and fairness. Anyone who was unjustly discharged, denied opportunities, or harmed by policy decisions should be made whole. We must restore trust, accountability, and honor within our military.
- People who were pushed out, should be given the opportunity to join up again with back pay included. Those that were harmed by the vaccine or were driven out for failure to comply with DEI should be compensated.
- Please see question 3 as well.
- Reinstatement, backpay.
- Service members harmed by DEI policies or the COVID-19 vaccine mandate deserve remedies, including reinstatement, back pay, medical care, and correction of records. The United States Department of Defense must be held accountable when policies cause harm.
- Service members who suffered harm due to DEI or COVID-19 vaccine policies deserve: Restoration of rank and benefits, Access to medical care for ongoing health issues, Apologies for any injustices suffered, Our military sacrificed for us. Let's do right by them.
- Service members who were unfairly punished, discharged, or harmed deserve due process and appropriate remedies.
- So long as they were doing right for themselves as personal choice, as something that changed during their contract term. If they signed the contract stating they would take certain vaccines or follow certain orders, then yes. Military service is a voluntary contract with the government. It cannot be changed mid duty, unless all parties agree. Back pay for those put on forced leave due to non-compliance.
- The bedrock of a 'Republic of Reason' is public trust. We must have faith in our shared institutions—specifically our scientific and medical professions—to provide the objective reality upon which we base our collective actions. The moment we lose faith in these institutions, and by extension in each other's commitment to the common good, we lose the very essence of a civil society. My 'Blueprint for Socioeconomic Evolution' argues that providing individual remedies for those who prioritized private skepticism over a shared civic duty during a national crisis would only further erode that essential trust. If we reward the fracture of the social bond, we weaken the 'crew' for the next crisis. To move forward, our focus must not be on litigating past grievances, but on rebuilding the trust that was lost. We must return to a state where our public-level focus is on what unites us—our shared mission and our collective reliance on reason—rather than the 'private dogmas' that drive us apart."
- The framing of this question is framed poorly. Giving remedies for someone “harmed” by programs that reduce discrimination and ensures that things such as promotions are judged by hard work ethic and skill and not by being a “good old boys club” seems odd. If a soldier feels like they need a safe space to complain that the person of color or female soldier has a better PT test and leadership qualities, then I recommend them to meet the rest of us in the gym and find some good leadership books to read. If someone was genuinely hurt by getting the vaccine there are already policies of compensation.
- The men and women who serve our country deserve honor, respect, and fairness—not political agendas or one-size-fits-all mandates. If a service member was: Wrongfully discharged, Denied religious or medical exemptions, Coerced into a medical decision, Or suffered documented harm without proper support, ...then yes, they deserve a path to be made whole.

- Theoretically yes, has this actually happened or are you talking about people who got their feelings hurt because the soldier of Asian decent was a better soldier and she got a promotion and you need an excuse
- These members should not be punished for decisions they believed best protected themselves and their families.
- They should be given "damages" for what they endured and were subjected to.
- This is not freedom.
- Those who served honorably and were unfairly penalized deserve due process, restoration of benefits where applicable, and accountability for wrongful actions taken against them.
- Unsure as I have not seen the harmed list and DEI isn't logically comparable to Vaccines.
- VA benefits for vaccine injuries, restoration of rank for Service Members who refused the vaccine. For members that opposed DEI, removal of all negative reviews, reports or actions because of said opposition.
- We ruined their careers through Biden/Harris policies.
- What I do support is compensating members of the military who were involuntarily removed from service due to their sexual identity.
- While I support this, it's high-level support. My concern would be less on the vaccine mandate but more so on remedies for harm caused by DEI. We would need to carefully craft protocols for demonstrating harm, without creating an impossible evidentiary bar.
- Yes
- Yes - reinstatement, back-pay, damages, civil remedies if possible.
- Yes if remedies are honorable discharges or option to get position back.
- Yes, especially those who had career setbacks due to their opposition of taking the vaccine.
- Yes, I do including United States veterans because we have been getting hit more than anyone else because military service members as well as Veterans have to deal with a lot on top of regular financial obligations. And I think in any of these types of situations, they should be immediately have all of their bills and debts cleared and paid for by the defense budget and by Congress out of default. They have to deal with so much stress and their own military disabilities on top of all of that. They have to always hold their tongue. They always have to put everyone else above them their own selves. Because if they don't, then they get seen as being selfish or they get detained federally. Every last military service member and United States of Veterans should have all of their bills paid for all of their debts that are outstanding should be paid for and they should each be given 800 credit scores minimum. Because they have earned it. Simply for getting cleared for active duty, as well as maintaining their position and maintaining their appointment as a member of the military and then going forward to becoming a United States veteran. So yes, I do believe that they deserve that. 100% that would be the remedy. And I think that it should be codified as well. Above title 38 this should be a mandated new insertion into the constitution for military service members and United States veterans. It requires a federal judge to detain a veteran, so don't you think that they have earned it to receive all of their bills and their debts paid? And to be exempt from any sort of driver points or overpayment with Social Security or overpayment with IRS or overpayments with any federal department or agency.

- Yes, I support giving remedies to military members harmed by DEI or the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Service members discharged or punished for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine or for opposing discriminatory DEI policies deserve full reinstatement where possible, back pay, restored benefits, rank, and pensions. Those who suffered career damage, lost promotions, or faced retaliation for prioritizing merit over identity quotas also warrant compensation and correction of their records. The prior mandates violated bodily autonomy and turned the Department of War into an instrument of coercion and division. Remedies are not optional; they are basic justice. I would vote for legislation that delivers swift, concrete relief without expanding bureaucracy or creating new entitlements.
- Yes, somehow, someday as long as they can prove it beyond reason.
- Yes. Military service members who were negatively impacted by DEI policies or COVID-19 vaccine mandates deserve fair review, accountability, and appropriate remedies where their rights, careers, or medical well-being were harmed.
- Yes. Restore Rank and back pay if forced to resign. Take out any reprimand in the military member's file about refusing to take the COVID 19 vaccine or harmed by DEI.
- Yes. They should be reinstated or given back pay