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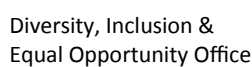
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The Stonewall riots were recognized as the catalyst for the Gay Liberation movement in the United States.

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The rainbow flag consists of six stripes, with the colors red (life), orange (healing), yellow (sunlight), green (nature), blue (serenity), and violet (spirit). The flag is commonly flown horizontally, with the red stripe on top, as it would be in a natural rainbow.

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The struggle for civil rights in the LGBT community actually began much earlier. **Dr. Frank E. Kameny** fought for gay rights more than a decade before the **Stonewall** riots. He served in World War II, and later as a civil service astronomer with the U.S. Army Map Service. According to the Library of Congress, Kameny was fired and banned from federal employment in 1957 because he was gay. He was not the only one; more than 10,000 gay and lesbian employees were forced out of their jobs during the 1950s and 1960s.

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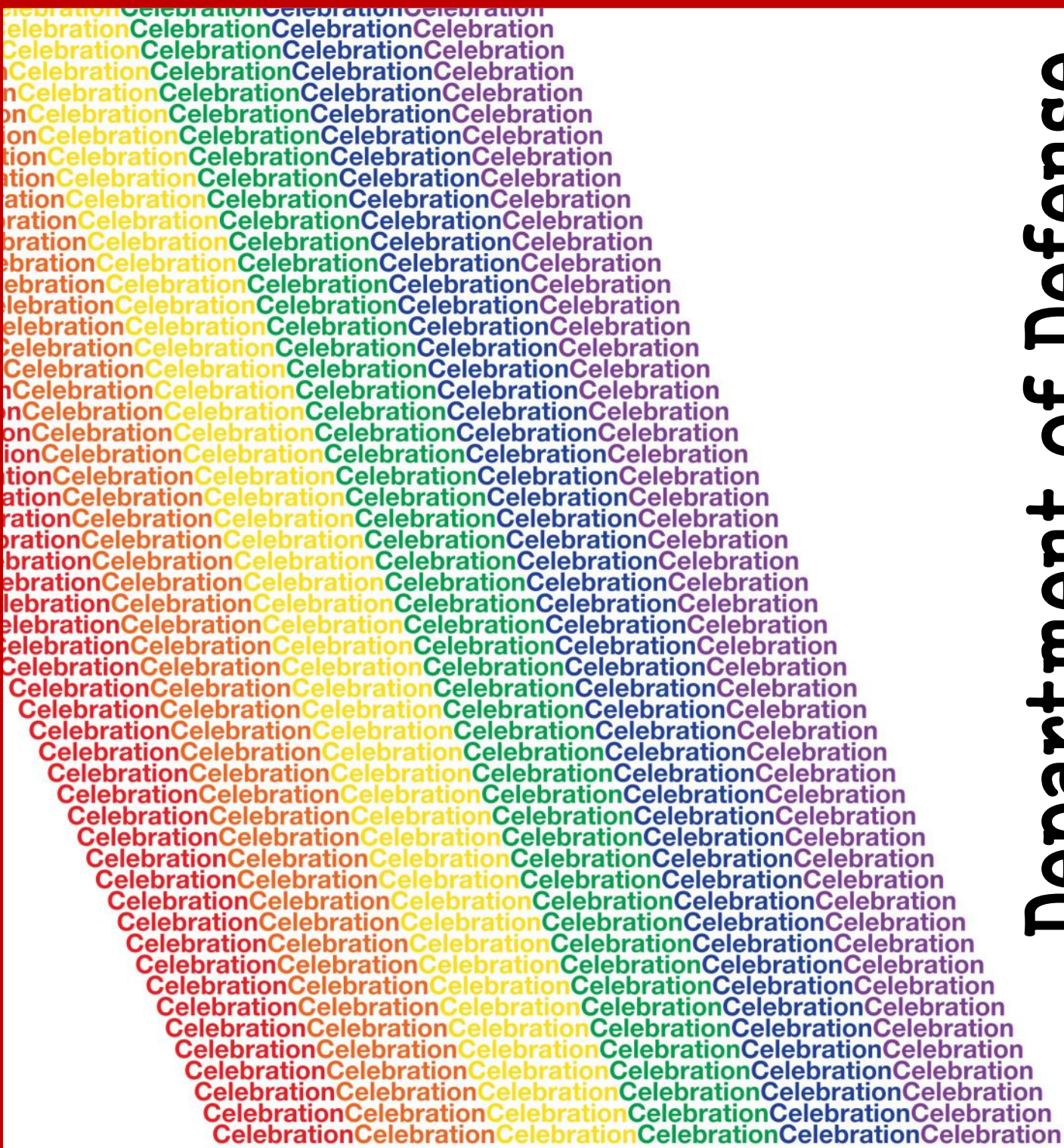


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Technical Sergeant Leonard P. Matlovich was a Vietnam War veteran, voluntarily serving three combat tours, and later as a military race relations instructor. He earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was also the first gay service member to purposely out himself, to challenge the ban on homosexuals in the military. Matlovich wrote a letter to his commanding officer, revealing his homosexuality and asking for an exception to be made because of his service record. The officer looked at it and said: *“Just tear it up and we will forget it.”* He refused. His fight to stay in the U.S. Air Force after coming out became a cause that the gay community rallied around.

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Our nation was founded on the principle that the individual has infinite dignity and worth. The DoD, which exists to keep the nation secure and at peace, must always be guided by this principle.

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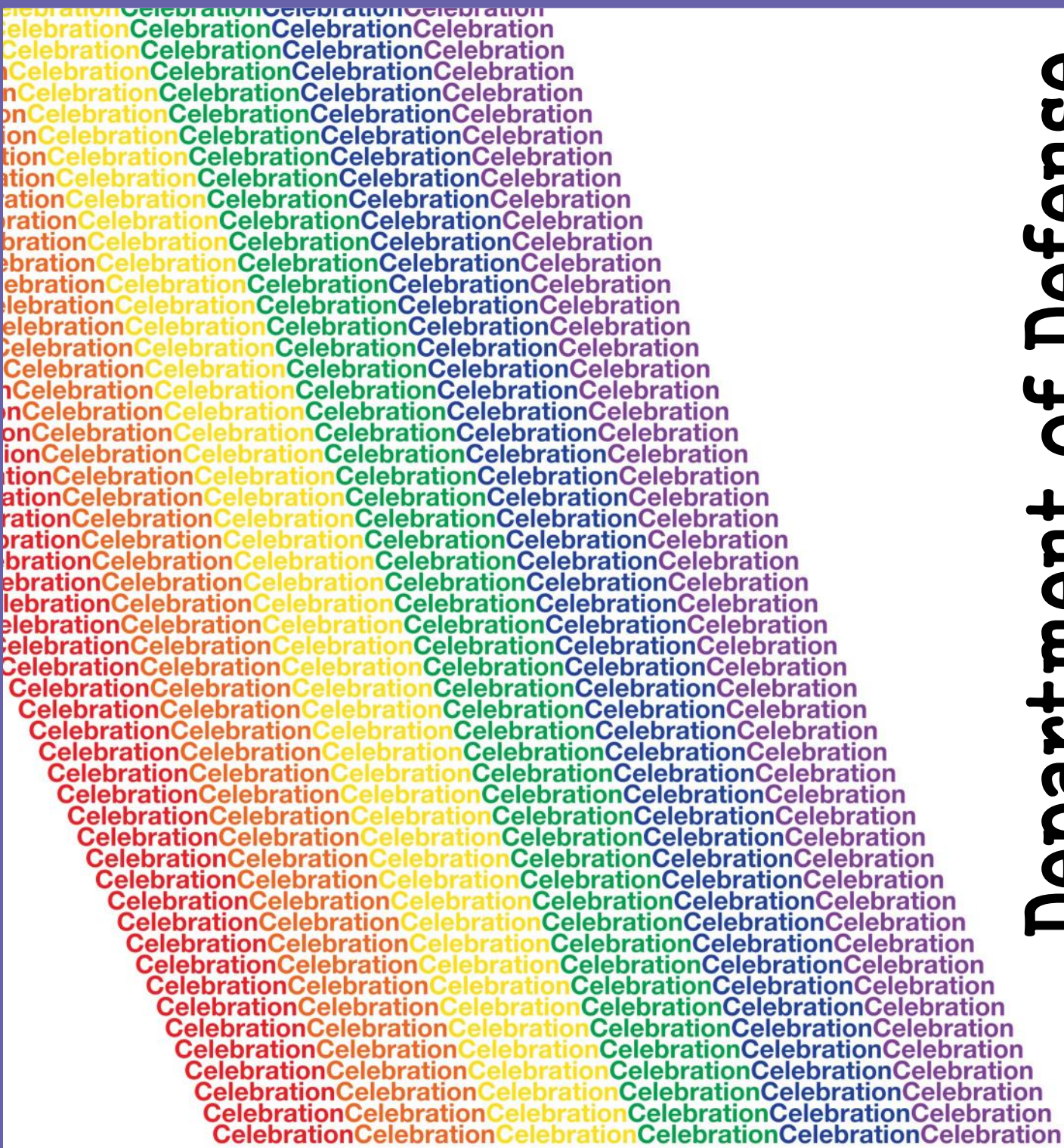
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Diversity is one of our nation’s greatest strengths. During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride month, we celebrate our rich diversity and renew our enduring commitment to equity.

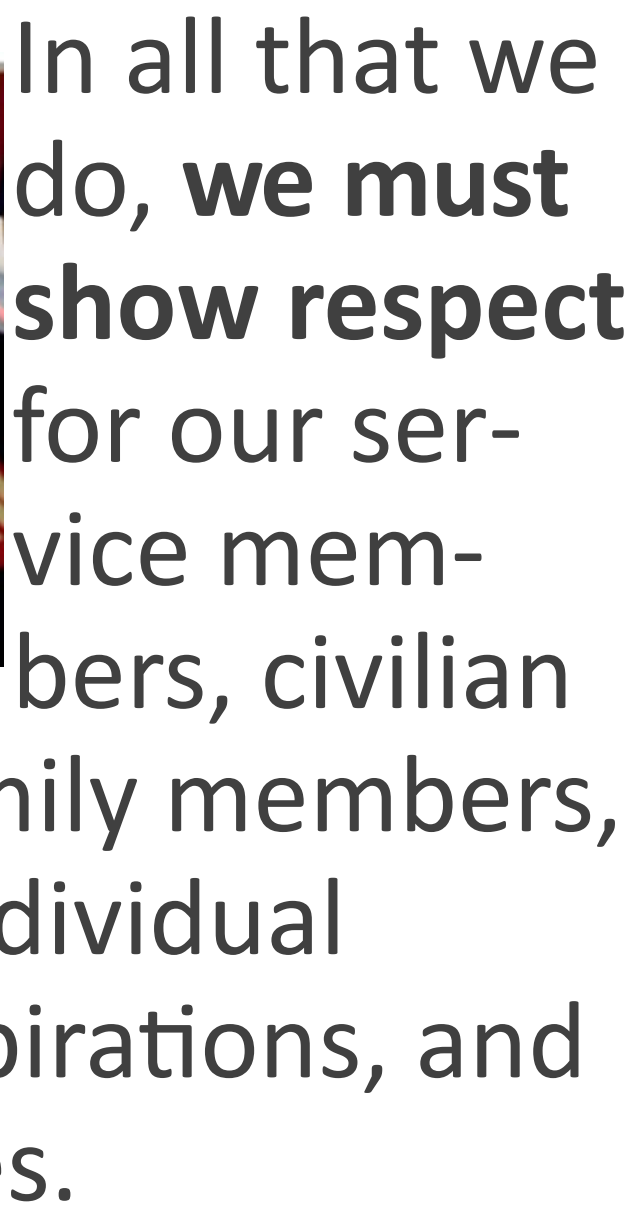
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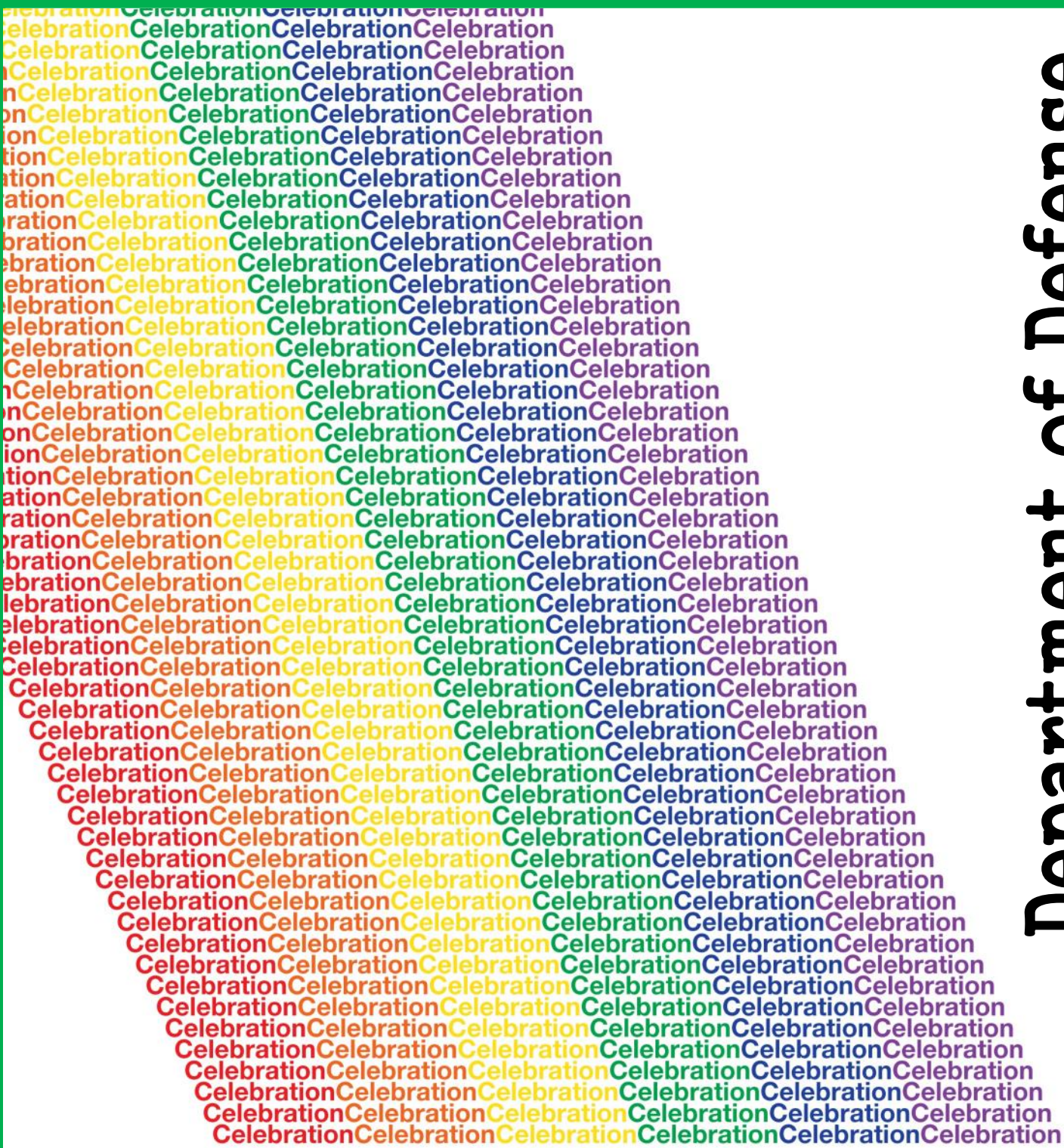


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The dedication and contributions of our Lesbian Gay and Bisexual (LGB) service members and Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender (LGBT) civilians have had immeasurable impact on our National Security and the Department of Defense (DoD).



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