



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, WEST POINT
646 SWIFT ROAD
WEST POINT, NY 10996

January 27, 2017

Ref: FP-17-007231

Mr. William F. Marshall
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third St., SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that this agency has completed processing and taken final action on your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 15, 2016.

The Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity Office hosted two Transgender Day of Remembrance in the years 2014 and 2016. No events were held in the years of 2013 and 2015. Responsive records for those hosted events were located pursuant to your FOIA request. Portion of these responsive records are released to you.

In accordance with Army Regulations 25-55, The Army Freedom of Information Act Program, we have referred all responsive records to the following Initial Denial Authority for review, final release determination and direct response to you.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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The request received by this office referenced by FP-17-007231 is closed. The assessable cost for searching responsive document was less than the threshold, fees have been automatically waived.

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If you have any questions you may write directly, email foia/pa@usma.edu, call (845) 938-2964 or the FOIA Coordinators at (845) 938-7313/7311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Eichner', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher P. Eichner
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer
US Army Garrison-West Point

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SUBJECT: Request Approval to Spend Less Than \$10,000 (Army Funding) on Army Attendance at the Transgender Day of Remembrance, 30 November 2016

attendance, improving our partnership efforts with New York City. This is not possible by simply attending another event via video teleconference, nor would attending VTC have the same impact on attendees as conducting the event in person.

4. Attendees. Provide the following information on expected attendees:

Number of DA civilian attendees	1
Number of Army military attendees	35
GRAND TOTAL	36
Of the attendees:	
Number of local attendees (those not on TDY orders—usually traveling from within the local commuting area)	35
Number funded from other sources (Section 1353 travel)	0
Number of Army-funded attendees (either centrally or command-funded). (Note: This is NOT the # on TDY; this is the number of attendees funded at Government expense).	1
Number of spouses traveling at Government expense (additional approval required).	0

5. Attendee Justification. The only attendee that requires government funding is the registered speaker. All other attendees are local and will provide their own transportation to the event.

a. *Registered speakers*: Ms. Amanda Simpson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy, is the highest ranking openly transgender official in President Obama's Administration. Attendees will benefit from her sharing her experiences as both a transgender woman and senior ranking defense department official.

b. *Subject matter experts*: None

c. *Required agency representation*: We estimate fifteen members of the USMA staff and faculty will attend, along with twenty cadets. These attendees are of no cost to the government as they are all local. Many of the cadets will run the event and provide required support in addition to being attendees. Several of the staff and faculty will supervise setup and tear down in addition to attending.

d. *Required training not provided elsewhere*: None.

e. *Career or position specific*: None.



Ms. AMANDA SIMPSON

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Operational Energy)

Ms. Amanda R. Simpson is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy, responsible for developing the strategy for the utilization of energy for military operational forces worldwide. Her former posting was as the Executive Director of the U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives [previously the Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF)] and was responsible for large scale renewable energy projects to bring energy security to Army installations leveraging private sector financing. Previously she was the Special Assistant to the Army Acquisition Executive. In that role she was a principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) on all matters relating to Army acquisition, procurement, research & development and logistics. In her first government assignment, she was the Senior Technical Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security where she advised on policy and export control issues necessary to protect the security of the United States.

Prior to her government appointments, Ms. Simpson was the Deputy Director for Force Protection in the Advanced Missiles and Unmanned Systems Product Line at Raytheon Company Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona. She held several program management positions on technology development activities for missile systems sensors and development programs including the upgrades to the AMRAAM and Standard Missile Systems, Tomahawk Cruise Missile, Unmanned Combat Armed Rotorcraft and the AT-6B Texan II. Previous to her tenure in program management, Ms. Simpson was the manager of captive flight test operations for Raytheon Company and Hughes Aircraft Company which included the duties of mission director and project pilot on numerous developmental test programs. Her team received the DARPA Award for Significant Technical Achievement in 1999.

Ms. Simpson began her aerospace career at Hughes Helicopter Company on the Apache Target Acquisition and Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Systems for the AH-64 Apache Advanced Attack Helicopter during its development phase and later as the program manager for F-14 traveling wave tube production at Hughes Electron Dynamics.

Amanda was the 2001 recipient of the Raytheon Woman on the Move award, the 2004 Tucson YWCA Woman on the Move, 2005 Arizona Human Rights Fund Individual Award, the 2006 Raytheon Missile Systems Team Excellence Award and the 2015 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Women of Distinction Award. She is a nationally renowned speaker and has presented at corporations, government agencies, civic organizations, conferences and colleges around the country on gender and diversity.

Ms. Simpson earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Harvey Mudd College, a Master of Science in Engineering from California State University, and a Master in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. She is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics where she served on the Systems Engineering Technical Committee.

Ms. Simpson holds a Federal Aviation Administration Airline Transport Pilot certificate with several type specific ratings as well as a Certified Flight Instructor license. She has nearly 3000 hours flying over 60 different types of aircraft from single seat micro-lights to float planes and flying boats to unmanned drones to multi-engine jets.



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT.

4th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance

PURPOSE: To promote an environment of compassion and understanding in accordance with USMA's diversity efforts by memorializing members of the transgender community across the globe who were murdered in the last year.

SUMMARY: Approximately thirty cadets along with several members of FDNY conducted a remembrance ceremony on 30 November 2016. Attendance at the ceremony included those across the greater West Point community, from clergy, to family members, to students from O'Neill High School. The guest speaker was Ms. Amanda Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy. The ceremony also included the reading of over 295 names, and a poetry reading.

