

PENNSYLVANIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



We, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, firmly believe and stand behind Section 3.1 of the National Libertarian Party Platform:

'We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service.'

Government's first and foremost responsibility is to protect and defend its citizenry. That can only be accomplished by a strong and more-than-adequate military defense. While we, as Libertarians, do not advocate international military interventions or invasions, we do advocate a defense of our great country that is second to none.

We also choose to respect our current servicemembers and veterans for their service to our country, in any capacity, as it promotes the preservation of our individual and collective liberties. Our military men and women have committed to devoting a portion of their careers and lives to that end of keeping the United States of America free and our personal liberties intact. Many times, they have done that while sacrificing their very lives for that cause. We owe each of them a great debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

As Libertarians, we can disagree with foreign entanglements and even specific missions, but that does not change the fact that most our servicemembers serve with honor and carry out their sacred duty to preserve and protect innocent lives as much as possible.

Recently, the Vice Chair of the Libertarian National Committee, Mr. Arvin Vohra, made many disparaging remarks regarding our military men, women, and veterans. The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania does not agree with the comments made by Mr. Vohra nor do we stand by him regarding those opinions that he voiced.

We consider his personal opinions regarding our military men and women to be inaccurate, divisive, and reckless. We are a political party that can little afford to alienate our members and potential voters. We are not an activist group. We intend to run candidates and win elections. Mr. Vohra's abhorrent comments have made our efforts that much more difficult, in regard to fielding candidates and promoting the principles and message of the Libertarian Party.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania firmly supports the motion made to remove Mr. Vohra as Vice Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

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