

Letters to the Editor

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Fraternization article brings disagreement

I am writing in reference to your story in the May issue of FIVE by FIVE, "The dirtiest word in the Army".

I am an NCO who's been in the Army for 17 years. During my career, the times, people and society in general has changed, and will continue to change.

Some Army regulations are out-dated and serve no purpose but to mess over personnel. Overseas is a very lonely place for male or females, young and old. I would be willing to bet that 90 percent of the soldiers who are not married or who are seperated from their spouses are taking part in fraternization. Why? People get lonely and need someone to talk to or be with.

American's in Germany find it easier to talk to someone from their own country. In civilian life, if boy meets

girl on the same job, they are not fined or fired.

I'm not saying turn the barracks into a brothel, but if some restraints aren't removed you'll have more persons turning to drugs, alcohol or just plain flaking out

When you start telling people who they can and can't fall in love with, you're playing with nature, this is wrong.

When two people meet, can you imagine how stupid it would sound if one said, "I can't dance or drink with you because of your rank?"

A Commander should consider all possibilities because a regulation doesn't always make it right.

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