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Should active duty military people be armed at the job sites?

But first, some comments about the last editorial titled: Should Kate’s Law be passed? It is a law started by Bill O’Reilly of Fox News. In the aftermath of the senseless killing of Kate Steinle by an illegal alien felon, who had been previously deported five times, O’Reilly has started a movement to pass Kate’s Law. This law would require any illegal alien felon, who had been previously deported, and reenters into the U.S. illegally, and gets caught, to be sentenced to a minimum of five years in jail, and again be deported when released. Every person I have talked to about this thinks the law is a good idea. People have expressed anger that the feds are not doing enough to protect us from criminals. We’ll see if Washington does their job.

Now on to today’s editorial topic: Should active duty military people be armed at the job sites? In the aftermath of another act of terrorism against our military members on American soil, there is discussion about the federal ban for military to carry a firearm. I hear some states are already reacting to the latest shooting and have made policy that allow military in uniform to carry a gun if they want to. They are not required to; however, this state decision only affects state guard units, not active duty on the federal level. The federal prohibits military to carry any gun unless they are in a war zone, or are ordered to for national defense, like when they are called to suppress a riot. I heard that Dod is even thinking of allowing the soldiers to not wear their uniform and wear civilian clothes. Are you kidding me? Do they really think the last gunman thought about the uniform when he chose a recruiting station as his target? Anyone in or around that target was in harm’s way. Shooting from a car in the parking lot into a store front window, had no emphasis on who in there was in uniform. The recruiting station was the target. What do you think? Here are our trained military personnel that with a stroke of the president’s pen be ordered to go to war, carry a gun, and defend our nation. Yet, supposedly, when they are state side, they have no need to defend themselves. Now we know that is not true. We have extensive intelligence that ISIS and Al Qaeda are using the internet to recruit and encourage attacks by them against our military soldiers on home soil. The FBI and homeland security have both admitted that their biggest fear is attacks by people already here on our soil. They say there is no way they can detect and deter every attack by people already in the country, especially when it involves U.S. citizens. I do not feel we should allow our military to be targets unable to defend themselves. Just as regular Americans, we have a right to defend ourselves with a gun, so do they. In most states, common citizens and get a license to carry a concealed weapon to defend ourselves. If the average American has that option, then the military members should too. Just because they are in the military, they don’t lose their rights under the Constitution, specifically the 2nd amendment. It applies to all citizens. It doesn’t say, just nonmilitary citizens. The feds should immediately rescind the stateside ban on weapons. I don’t advocate that the soldiers be ordered to carry, only that they be allowed to make the choice on their own. If they don’t want to carry, no problem. But in the same tone, if they do want to carry, no problem. Their choice.

I know when I believe that I am going somewhere where my life, or my family’s life might be in danger, I carry, and will be able to defend myself. Here we have our finest walking around unable to defend themselves, when they are being specifically targeted by terrorists via the Internet. The threat is real. Last week’s attack was not the first, and it won’t be that last. I have to bet there are more individuals and even small groups conspiring their next attack, even as I write this editorial. The FBI says they cannot stop them all. That’s the truth. Local law enforcement can’t stop them all either. Should soldiers have rules of when they can use a gun if they carry? Sure. But, they should be able to carry. How many times have we heard of terror attacks on just citizen targets? How about a restaurant? I know that if I was in a restaurant and had a soldier sitting next me wearing a gun, I would feel much safer. So, Mr. President. What are you going to do? You’re real quick to use executive orders to protect illegal immigrants, and release criminals from prison. How about using that authority to allow our soldiers the means to protect themselves.

In conclusion, our soldiers have the same rights under the constitution as we do. If they want to carry, open or concealed, they should be allowed to. And allowed to now.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to info@kzgn.net.