

Pentagon officials open to discuss renaming Army bases named for Confederate icons



Washington, June 10 (RHC)-- Officials at the Pentagon have signaled that they were open to starting a discussion about changing the names of 10 military bases named for Confederate generals from the U.S. Civil War era.

According to Stars and Stripes, both Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy want to have a "bipartisan discussion" about the topic.

The turnabout would mark a substantial change in the Army's position on the naming of the 10 Army posts - Fort Lee, Fort Hood, Fort Benning, Fort Gordon, Fort Bragg, Fort Polk, Fort Pickett, Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Rucker and Camp Beauregard.

All the bases in question are located in Southern states and most were named during the south's Jim Crow era in the 1910s and 1940s.



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