



# MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM f o u n d a t i o n

## Military Religious Freedom Foundation News

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### A Note from the President



There is no doubt that the battle MRFF is fighting is a difficult one. It is frustrating and enraging to hear stories of religious discrimination, coercive evangelizing and Constitution violations.

However, the MRFF board is dedicated to moving forward. I am continually inspired by the passion of MRFF's board members. They are all deeply committed to the Foundation's work and to ensuring that the rights of all military personnel are upheld.

Keep your eyes and ears open for new MRFF initiatives.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Mikey Weinstein, President and Founder

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### Media Update



#### Christianity in Combat

By Mikey Weinstein - Air Force Times, Army Times, Navy Times

For many of us, hearing the term "crusader" conjures up memories of grade-school history classes filled with long lectures about hordes of armored Christian soldiers hacking their way across Europe and the Middle East to recapture Jerusalem.

The crusaders were holy warriors fighting in the name of the Roman Catholic Church and Jesus. Their mission was no secret; they were embroiled in a sectarian religious war to militarily enforce adherence to their

biblical worldview.

Their leaders pushed, coerced and pressured them to fight on religious grounds. Their battlegrounds were awash in blood.

As Americans, this should be something we never fear, as our founding fathers knew the critical importance of keeping religion and government separate. Most would find it unfathomable to think of modern-day crusaders existing within our armed forces - of our men and women wearing uniforms decorated with religious symbols.

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### Moving Forward

At the end of July, Military Religious Freedom Foundation board members convened in Chicago formally to discuss the Foundation's work.

There was talk of the successes to date, among them the large amount of continued publicity the Foundation has received with recent pieces in the Washington Post Style Section and the Albuquerque Journal.

Although publicity helps more Americans understand the Foundation's cause, MRFF board members are aware that it doesn't solve the systemic problem of religious bias within our nation's armed forces.

The Foundation will continue educating the public and spotlighting the egregious constitutional violations that continue to occur. Board members highlighted the importance of increasing fundraising efforts to raise the capital needed to grow and expand the Foundation's work.

### Upcoming Events

#### September 9: Albuquerque, NM Fundraiser

- Event to honor MRFF advisory board member Ambassador Joseph Wilson and Valerie Plame
- All proceeds to benefit the Foundation

#### October: Release of Mikey's book, *With God on Our Side*

- Visit the MRFF website for more information on ordering advance copies of the book