



MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
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SUBJECTED TO UNWANTED PROSELYTIZATION

The following are excerpts from emails and letters sent to MRFF:



“The chaplain then insisted that I pray with him. I politely declined, but he refused to take no for an answer. I just sat there quietly with my face turning red as he got on his knee and began to pray... to... for... at.. me.”



“The nonstop attempts of the religious majority to intimidate, bully and coerce those of different faiths is unbelievably systemic and tragically widespread throughout the American military. We were so very troubled to discover that these terrible situations are experienced not only by Jewish families, like ours, but also by those military members ranging in beliefs from Christian (both Protestant and Catholic) to Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, Wiccan, etc and also those with no religious belief.”



“Every meeting would begin with a Christian prayer. Every event that would happen was some sort of sign from Jesus, and it was up to us to interpret it somehow. I remember my general, a two star, discussing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy to the wing by holding up a bible and stating ‘THIS is my policy’, to a rousing ovation.”



“I am a member of the faculty at the United States Air Force Academy and an officer in the United States Air Force. I am also a Protestant Christian. [...] Many USAFA faculty, staff and cadets here live essentially in a ‘gulag-state’ of abject fear of retribution and reprisal. [...] Nevertheless, I would like to add my voice to the growing chorus of those who will testify about the unbridled, overwhelmingly evangelical Christian environment at the Academy and how it directly and indirectly assaults basic constitutional and human rights on a daily basis.”



“[The colonel] finished our discussion by lecturing me about how our country was founded on Christianity and that God was written into the Constitution for a reason.”



“There have been countless times during my military career that I have been forced to endure the proselytizing of my evangelical Christian peers, and more often, my evangelical Christian superiors. Early in my career, I tested the waters with standing up for myself, and my non-belief. Every single time, I was met with either indirect retaliation, or direct punishment.”



“‘Raise your hand if you have trouble sleeping at night.’ I raised my hand. ‘Now I want all of the people who have their hands raised to come up to the front.’ I obliged. ‘Now kneel and repeat after me... I accept you, Jesus Christ, as my Lord and Savior...’ Can you believe that? He tricked me. I was mortified. I told people in my chain of command about the incident. Nobody recommended any course of action at all. Nobody helped me. I was completely alone and abandoned. I was just forced to let it go. And I did so, with great shame and humiliation, a feeling I will never, ever be able to forget.”

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES IN AMERICA’S MILITARY:

If you are in the military and you see religion being pushed inappropriately, or if you know someone in the military in need of assistance, email MRFF immediately:

info@militaryreligiousfreedom.org

Yes, my budget is tight. But I also realize that without MRFF, there will be nobody fighting for absolute religious freedom in the U.S. military.

Yes, I want to help...

...and I’ve made a donation on the reverse side.