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Via Email Only

Colonel Jason F. Vattioni
Commander, 377 Air Base Wing
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Kirtland AFB, NM 87123

RE: *Military Religious Freedom Foundation* [MRFF] Complaint

Dear Colonel Vattioni:

I represent MRFF. On 18 December 2022—20 days ago—MRFF lodged a complaint with your office about the illegal and unconstitutional sectarian Christian proselytizing by your Security Forces personnel working as Gate guards. As of today, MRFF has not received any official response from anyone. That simply is unacceptable, especially since the practice of having uniform patches of an obvious religious nature, violates the rather direct prohibitions of AFI 1-1, § 2.12.

They also violate AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of United States Air Force and United States Space Force Personnel* (2022), and the Kirtland AFB, Supplement to AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. (2020). Both note that “Compliance” is “Mandatory,” i.e., violations breach Article 92, UCMJ, and that *no exceptions* to those Instructions are known to exist. If any waiver or exceptions to either of those Instructions, i.e., AFI 1-1 or AFI 36-2903, have been granted by anyone, please provide MRFF copies ASAP.

Please discuss this with your Staff Judge Advocate [SJA] immediately. If MRFF does not receive a response, either from you or your SJA, by close of business, Monday, 9 January 2023, we will lodge a formal complaint with the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADMITTED BEFORE:

Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and New York State Courts