

May 24, 2018

Major General Andrew P. Poppas Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell 2574 23rd Street Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223

Dear Major General Poppas,

Interfaith Alliance is committed to protecting faith and freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution. When any American of any faith or philosophy believes that their freedom of conscience and practice has been frustrated by the government, we are duty-bound to stand with the aggrieved party.

When such incidents occur among the personnel in the Armed Services, we are privileged to act in coalition with Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. It has come to our attention that the Jewish community at Fort Campbell, long supported by Ms. Jeanette Mize and her family, were abruptly denied both Sabbath and Passover services after the sudden termination of Ms.Mize as the Jewish Lay Leader at Fort Campbell. Allegedly, the chaplain corps at Fort Campbell has been neglectful at best, obstructionist at worst, in resolving these complaints.

We understand that the Army is completing a formal investigation as requested by MRFF and its clients at Fort Campbell. Interfaith Alliance urges the Army to carefully review all pertinent testimony provided by witnesses and to especially consider the mandates of its own Army regulations.

Religious freedom is rightly guaranteed to majority and minority alike by the Constitution even when it comes at some inconvenience to the many. Grateful as we are for the service of our military personnel, we at Interfaith Alliance are especially vigilant when it comes to supporting the women and men who rely on their faith in their mission to protect our freedom.

Sincerely,

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