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Secretary of the Air Force
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Re: AF Commander's Call Topics of the Week

Secretary James and General Welsh,

MRFF has been inundated today with communications just like the one below:

From: Active Duty USAF Officer's E-Mail Address Withheld
Subject: AF Commander's Call Topics of the Week
Date: June 11, 2015 at 1:19:40 PM CST
To: "Weinstein, Mikey" <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

Dear MRFF,

I was SHOCKED today to open up the link to the weekly news feed call the Air Force Print News Commander's Call Topics and see what was front and center--the Air Force stating quite clearly that this is a Christian nation and implying (or shouting) that only Christians deserve the American flag and what it stands for. I thought we had fought back this hideously biased urban legend years ago, but now I see our highest Air Force leadership endorsing it and calling all senior leaders to do the same. I call Bull@#*&! on this one. This is wrong on so many levels I can't begin to state them all and just need to stop here.

(Active Duty USAF Officer's name, rank, military installation and AFSC withheld)

http://www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/cct/2015/CCT_11_June_2015.pdf?source=GovD

There is just no WAY in hell that you and your staff can legitimately claim that this was a "mistake", incompetence, an oversight, or anything of the sort. To send out a blatantly Christian (with an ever-so-slight and completely inappropriate nod to "THE HEBREWS") screed of urban mythology which impugns and denigrates the honored military service of all those who are not card-carrying, bible-toting, amen-screaming, flag-folding, psalm-reciting, proselytizing Christian warriors is just BEYOND what even we at MRFF thought possible. Oh, but there's MORE: you did it in a GLOBAL e-mail to ALL USAF commanders with the all-too-implicit message that it needs to be promulgated throughout their commands! Your actions of fundamentalist Christian supremacy and exceptionalism are so blatantly WRONG and unconstitutional that you might as well just start issuing bibles at Basic Military Training, Officers Training School, and when the new doolies (freshmen) in the Class of 2019 arrive at the USAF Academy in two weeks.

You in the Air Force happily chirp the talk of diversity, but this shocking e-mail tells all too many of your airman that religious "diversity" is the ONE area in which diversity will just not be tolerated, much less appreciated.

MRFF demands that the Air Force swiftly investigates how this despicable act happened and expeditiously punishes ALL who are either directly or indirectly responsible.

Sincerely,



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