

Thursday Evening, May 30, 2019



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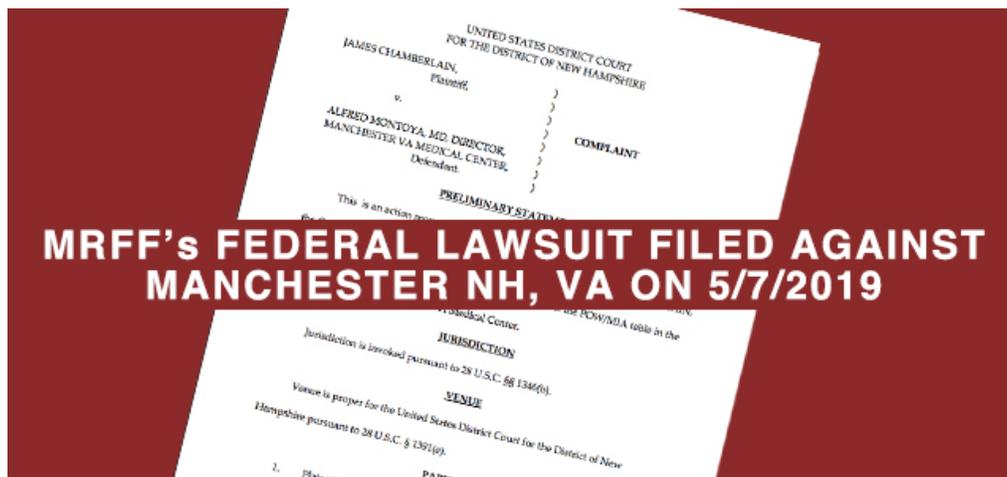
MORONIC BASELESS CLAIMS IN FOX NEWS COVERAGE OF MRFF

(Excerpt from Fox News article below)

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(MRFF's Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's response to the above comment)

"The STUNNING IDIOCY of these morons claiming that if there is a central VA policy it will somehow "magically" preclude the courts in MRFF's federal lawsuit from finding the policy to be unconstitutional is incredibly stupid beyond belief...ummm, HELLO! JUDICIAL REVIEW AND MARBURY VS. MADISON (1803!!!)!!!"



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**FOX NEWS
COVERS MRFF**

**Religious liberty group urges nationwide policy
allowing Bibles on POW, MIA remembrance tables**

By: Sam Dorman

Thursday, May 30, 2019

(Excerpts from Fox News/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

Amid a nationwide controversy over religious displays in veterans' facilities, the law firm First Liberty is asking Veterans Affairs (VA) to **allow Bibles on all its prisoners of war and missing in action remembrance displays** -- overriding potential objections from facility directors.

[...]

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Across the country, the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)** has challenged the inclusion of religious displays on First Amendment grounds. The group specifically advocates against what it perceives to be instances of individuals improperly using the government to promote their own religious beliefs.

[...]

The VA responded by saying it wouldn't allow the MRFF to bully it on this issue. "This lawsuit – backed by a group known for questionable practices and unsuccessful lawsuits – is nothing more than an attempt to force VA into censoring a show of respect for America's POW/MIA community," VA Press Secretary Curt Cashour previously told Fox News.

[...]

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**MRFF's LEGAL COUNSEL SENDS YET ANOTHER
DEMAND LETTER TO FOX NEWS TO STOP
CONTINUALLY AND INTENTIONALLY
LYING ABOUT MRFF BEING AN
"ATHEIST GROUP"**

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Attention: Legal Department
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Re: Military Religious Freedom Foundation
Mikey Weinstein
FoxNews.com: May 29, 2019 – Sam Dorman

Dear Sir/Madam:

As you know, our office represents Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

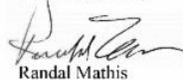
For reference, I am attaching our May 10 letter earlier this month, as well as another written June 25 last year.

Yesterday, you again referred to the Foundation as an "atheist group."

You know well that the Foundation is not an atheist group. They represent people of all faiths, or no faith. Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation continue to be concerned about your relentless misstatements to this effect. There can be no question that it is being done intentionally and with malicious intent given that it happens over and over again. Please correct the recent report and do something to ensure that it does not happen again in the future.

Please also have someone in your legal department contact me to discuss the matter. There has got to be a way for your management to control individuals responsible for this.

Very truly yours,



Randal Mathis

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Attachments

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MANCHESTER VA BIBLE ISSUE, PROTEST
FLYOVER, AND FILING OF FEDERAL LAWSUIT](#)

MRRF Advisory Board Member
Brig. Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.)
John Compere's Op-Ed

**"POW/MIA Displays Are For
Remembrance Not Religion"**



A Veterans Hospital is being sued by a Christian military veteran after he and other patients complained about fundamentalist Christians putting their religious scripture in the middle of a secular prisoner of war and missing in action remembrance display to publicly proselytize their private religious beliefs and the hospital refused to remove it (ARN, May 11th).

Originated in 1967 by a group of our Vietnam War combat pilots, the River Rats, without religious scripture and continued thereafter by the American Legion without religious scripture, the POW/MIA display purpose was and is to leave a place at the dinner table for those military comrades and not forget them. It has always been about remembrance – not about religion. Religious scripture can be placed in the hospital chapel for those who want to see it.

[...]

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"Economist article"

From: (name withheld)
Subject: Economist article
Date: May 26, 2019 at 4:52:31 PM MDT
To: mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org

Mr. Weinstein – I just read this article in The Economist (online edition – may not appear in print edition):
<https://www.economist.com/erasmus/2019/05/25/onward-christian-soldiers> referencing you and your work at MRFF. Dominionist Christianity and your organization, the MRFF, were unknown to me until I read this article. I applaud you and your organization for the work you are doing on combatting this worrying trend.

As I read the Economist article I was struck by the similarities between the concept of dominionist Christianity, and Islamic Jihad and its underlying philosophy, at least as I've come to understand it. So striking is this similarity, I was surprised that The Economist article didn't at least bring it up, if not

call it out for the blatant hypocrisy it represents.

In a nutshell, the Islamist antipathy to the US is rooted at least in part in the teachings of Sayyid Qutb, a radical Islamic philosopher and author of *In The Shade of the Q'uran*, among other works. His teachings had a significant influence on Osama Bin Laden, his followers, and Al Qaeda. A key part of his thesis is that the West lost its way when it compartmentalized religion and daily life in modern society. His call to action was to fight to extinguish the cancerous religions of Judaism, Zionism and Christianity, so that Islam could once again dominate the world and man could live the way God intended him to. Scary stuff.

My source for learning about this was a lengthy piece in the NYTimes back in 2003, available here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/23/magazine/the-philosopher-of-islamic-terror.html>

I was going to draft a letter to the editor at *The Economist*, but it occurred to me that it might make more of an impact coming from an authoritative source like yourself or a representative from MRFF.

It seems to me there is an opportunity to make an apt comparison between dominist Christianity and Al Qaeda – which ought to give the Pentagon and everyone else pause when considering how defensible their current stance is on allowing this coercive injection of religion into the US military by its leaders.

Good luck with your cause and the work of MRFF.

Best,
(name withheld)

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