

Tuesday Evening, December 18, 2018



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*Image from: Grand Forks Air Base (Website)*

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## Air Force Attacked After

# Volunteers Partner with Salvation Army to Help Needy Families

**By: Todd Starnes**

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**The MRFF** is infuriated because airmen were encouraged to volunteer with the Salvation Army to hand out food baskets and gifts to families in need.

**MRFF founder Mikey Weinstein** said he was contacted by 40 military personnel who felt humiliated and oppressed by the invitation to assist the Salvation Army.

**“We have no issue with the Salvation Army per se here as the **total fault lies with the Air Force commanders who are effectively ordering their subordinates to assist the Salvation Army,**”** Weinstein told me. *“The Salvation Army is not at fault in this scenario.”*

**He blamed U.S. Air Force commanders** who sent the invitation to volunteer and told me **they should be “court-martialed” for what he called an “unconstitutional outrage.”**

**“They have completely ripped asunder good order, morale, discipline, and unit cohesion,”** Weinstein told Crooks and Liars. **“Our clients feel humiliated, confused and, and terrified.”**

**Weinstein**, in a letter to the Grand Forks AFB public affairs office, called the invitation a **“disgraceful civil rights violation.”**

[...]

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## Statements Submitted by Mikey Weinstein to Fox News Upon Request and **Omitted by Fox News**

First and foremost is that the “invitation” to help out the Salvation Army was sent out by the actual military chain of command at Grand Forks AFB as opposed to the USAF chaplains... thus creating the clear imperative of command influence to participate (being “voluntold” to participate) with our nearly 40 MRFF client families there, the majority of whom are practicing Protestants and Roman Catholics... had the official USAF notification come from the USAF chaplains at the base and only to a select list of those USAF members who regularly attend their services and NOT base-wide, as unfortunately it was here, MRFF would NOT have engaged...

Secondly, as the e-mails from the command chain clearly show, this "voluntelling" is to occur during actual duty hours, which means that the **USAF airmen would be in their official uniforms while participating... this is simply illegal and unconstitutional under the *No Establishment Clause for the First Amendment***, it's construing Federal and State caselaw as well as DoD and USAF Directives, Instructions and and Regulations... for specific instance regarding the latter, please see [Air Force Instruction 1-1, Section 2.12:](#)

*Leaders at all levels must balance constitutional protections for their own free exercise of religion, including individual expressions of religious beliefs, and the constitutional prohibition against governmental establishment of religion. **They must ensure their words and actions cannot reasonably be construed to be officially endorsing or disapproving of, or extending preferential treatment for any faith, belief, or absence of belief.***

We have NO issue with the Salvation Army per se here as the total fault lies with the Air Force commanders who are effectively ordering ("voluntelling") their subordinates to assist the Salvation Army... we HAVE had some reports indicating that the Salvation Army is quite negative to the LGBTQA community... which is very troubling considering that the USAF is forcing its airmen to assist them here, but we will save that issue for another day...

**The Salvation Army is NOT at fault** in this scenario... **the USAF deserves full blame.** MRFF is calling for those USAF commanders responsible for this unconstitutional outrage to be court-martialed under, at least, Article 92 of the military criminal code, the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) which is “Failure to obey order or regulation”... again, please see AFI 1-1, Section 2.12 above.

# TODD STARNES OF FOX NEWS COVERS MRFF

## Air Force Under Attack For Helping Salvation Army Provide Christmas to Needy Kids

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**The Military Religious Freedom Foundation** has engaged in some pretty despicable behavior over the years — from demanding that the Baby Jesus be removed from military bases to complaining about Bibles on Missing Man tables.

[...]

**The MRFF** is infuriated because Airmen were encouraged to volunteer with the Salvation Army to hand out food baskets and gifts to families in need.

**MRFF founder Mikey Weinstein** said he was contacted by 40 military personnel who felt humiliated and oppressed by the invitation to assist the Salvation Army.

“There’s no problem with the Salvation Army,” he told the Grand Forks Herald. **“The problem is with the Air Force singling it out and endorsing a nonfederal entity.”**

**Weinstein**, in a letter to the Grand Forks AFB public affairs office, called the invitation a **“disgraceful civil rights violation.”**

[...]

**“The problem is it’s during the duty day,”**

Weinstein told the newspaper. “That’s when the American people are paying for members of the military to provide national defense, **not support one particular version of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through an organization like the Salvation Army.**”

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**Former Air Force Pilot SLAMS  
Todd Starnes of Fox News**

**"Grand Forks"**

**From:** (name withheld)

**Subject:** Grand Forks

**Date:** December 18, 2018 at 1:04:55 PM MST

**To:** Todd Starnes < todd.starnes@foxnews.com >

**Cc:** Mikey Weinstein < info@militaryreligiousfreedom.org >

Mr. Starnes,

Once again you have demonstrated your ignorance of what the MRFF's mission is and how hard my friend, Mikey Weinstein, works to protect our military and uphold the Constitution of the United States. If you would simply do a little research into what the MRFF really does, you would eat most of your words about the Grand Forks Salvation Army. I am a Christian and I approve of what the SA does. The military cannot force its personnel to "voluntold" in an activity they do not believe in, especially one with such strong Christian overtones. If they wish to volunteer on their own time, off duty, that would be fine. If they volunteer while on duty, that leaves the unit shorthanded and those of other or no faiths are required to take up the slack. The procedure of encouraging personnel to volunteer "on duty time" is a blatant example of the government treating preferentially one religion over others. This is clearly defined in the Constitution. Please do your homework prior to slamming the good people of the MRFF.

(name withheld)

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# INCOMING HATE MRFF'S INBOX



## "Hate mail"

**On Dec 18, 2018, at 1:02 PM, (name withheld) wrote:**

The truth hurts your org is nothing more than a platform for islamic freedom go hump a camel

**On Dec 18, 2018, at 1:37 PM, John Compere wrote:**

"Hatred corrodes the container it's carried in." – a favorite expression of our late President George H.W. Bush. Please think about this self-evident truth before you demonstrate your ignorance by hurling hatred at others about whom you know nothing.

Also, it has been our experience that a man who resorts to such vulgarity, like you, does so because he cannot address a subject matter with intelligence or integrity.

*Brigadier General John Compere, US Army (Retired)  
Disabled American Veteran (Vietnam)  
Military Religious Freedom Foundation Advisory Board Member  
Texas rancher*

**On Dec 18, 2018, at 3:47 PM, Mike Farrell wrote:**  
Hi (name withheld),

If the truth hurt you'd have nothing to worry about. You're obviously not capable of understanding it, thinking it or speaking it.

It must be painful to be so misguided.

*Mike Farrell  
(MRFF Board of Advisors)*

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