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Subject: Complaint Against Air Force Academy Anti-Semitism
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To: Information Weinstein <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

Mr. Weinstein,

We are the parents of the freshman Jewish Air Force Academy cadet in Squadron (*squadron number withheld*) who had to listen to upperclass cadets talking about the slaughter of 11 fellow Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh while in the academy's dining hall at his table earlier this week. We live in (*city and state withheld*).

Our son (*name withheld*) told us that these upperclass cadets stated that the 11 Jews murdered would now be burning in hell forever because none of them had accepted Jesus as their savior prior to being shot and killed. These upperclass cadets were "loud and proud about saying it" as our son told us. We are all in tears here.

Nobody there said anything to stop this. The only person who helped our son was another freshman cadet who was also assigned to the same dining table. (*name withheld*) is a Christian and was very helpful to our son. He too, although not Jewish, was outraged by what these upperclass cadets said about the 11 murdered Jews in Pittsburgh. He saw the effect these words had on our son. These upperclass cadets were citing from the New Testament to support their claims. Apparently "John 14:6" although our son initially thought he heard them say "John Forty Six".

Our son's Christian classmate (*name withheld*) was upset enough about this incident and called his parents. They live in (*city and state withheld*). They suggested that their son tell our son to call the MRFF for help. Our son called us for advice and we as his parents called you. Thank you for dropping everything to hear our concerns.

We had heard about the Air Force Academy's long history of religious intolerance before our son applied and accepted his appointment. We had been assured that those days were over. As a result of what has just happened to our son we were obviously wrong.

We asked you and the MRFF to confront the Air Force Academy about this horrible matter and we thank you for doing so. But after two days now there has been no response at all it seems? Why won't they do anything?

We are all shocked by all of this. Distraught and disappointed. Not sleeping. We are horrified by what our child had to go through. How can this have happened?

Please let people know about this so that other families do not have to go through what we are now going through. We have Holocaust survivors in our family and if they knew of what our son had to hear from his upperclass cadets about the Pittsburgh massacre it would be a tragedy. But not the worst tragedy. The worst would be the Air Force Academy doing nothing about the hateful atmosphere that exists there. Our son and our family do not deserve this. Nobody does. We are considering pulling our son out of the academy. But right now we are all just so hurting and confused by what happened in that dining hall.

We ask for continued anonymity for our son and his Christian classmate and his family who have tried to help our son and our family. We fear serious repercussions against our son and our family if our names were ever to be known.

Thank you so much for what you and the MRFF do to fight this hurtfulness.

(*all names and contact information withheld*)