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MRFF STRONGLY DENOUNCES VETERANS AFFAIRS SECRETARY ROBERT WILKIE'S STANCE ON "RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL SYMBOLS"

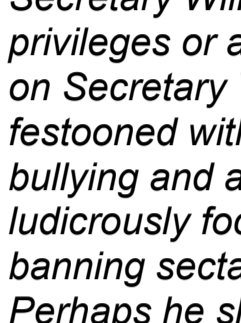
VA's new policy announcement came just over 7 weeks after MRFF client filed federal lawsuit to get Bible removed from Manchester, NH Veterans Medical Facility.



Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie, the man behind the VA's new "Religious and Spiritual Symbols Policies"

MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's Statement on Secretary Robert Wilkie's Latest Comments on the VA's New Policies

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"I find it very ironic that VA Secretary Wilkie believes that upholding the separation of church and state regarding religious displays in VA facilities represents the interests of only a narrow number of people. The Veterans Administration is what is called a 'state actor' and therefore must completely comply with the No Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our US Constitution. The imperious and illicit display of ONLY the Christian Bible and related to Christian material at VA facilities is a scandalous outrage that defies the very foundations of our United States Constitution. The Military Religious Freedom Foundation looks forward to our day in court with our brave and intrepid Christian veteran plaintiff to prove once and for all to Secretary Wilkie that being a 'Christian veteran' carries no specific privileges or advantages over being any other type of veteran. Shame on Secretary Wilkie and those who support his 'narrow view' which is festooned with the accoutrements of bigotry, prejudice, harassment, bullying and all other types of ignominious disgust. Secretary Wilkie ludicrously focuses on the fact that only a 'narrow few' would support banning sectarian Christian-centric religious displays at VA facilities. Perhaps he should remember the powerful and telling statement from former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor that, 'In America, we don't count heads before enforcing the First Amendment.'"

THE WASHINGTON TIMES COVERS MRFF

VA secretary rejects Obama religious expression rules: 'They did not know the makeup of the force'

By: Christopher Vondracek

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

(Excerpts from The Washington Times/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

Robert Wilkie, the soft-spoken and managerial-minded secretary of Veterans Affairs, went public in a big way this summer when he said he refused to be "bullied" by a federal lawsuit claiming a Bible on display at a New Hampshire VA hospital violated the separation of church and state.

In an interview with The Washington Times in his office at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Wilkie said displaying a Bible in a VA hospital is a matter of liberty and that the Obama administration erred in trying to eliminate religious symbols from the veterans health care system.

[...]
A group of veterans, with support from the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation**, filed a lawsuit in May to remove the Bible.
[...]

Michael L. Weinstein, a lawyer and founder of the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation**, said his organization is looking forward to its day in court.

"I find it very ironic that VA Secretary Wilkie believes that upholding the separation of church and state regarding religious displays in VA facilities represents the interest of only a narrow number of people," Mr. Weinstein said via email. "The Veterans Administration is what is called a 'state actor' and therefore must completely comply with the **No Establishment Clause** of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution."

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THE DAILY SIGNAL COVERS MRFF

VA Lifts Ban on Bibles in Move to Support Religious Freedom

By: Fred Lucas

Monday, August 26, 2019

(Excerpts from The Daily Signal/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

As a kid, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie recalls, he visited a VA hospital at Christmastime.

"One of my fondest memories growing up, we used to sing Christmas carols at the VA hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina," Wilkie told The Daily Signal, sitting in a 10th-floor office at VA headquarters on Vermont Avenue Northwest, overlooking the White House.

"Something as simple and as decent as that was being stopped," he said. "With the support of the president, we just said enough is enough."

[...]
The new guidelines, which went into effect last month, referred to the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing a cross-shaped memorial to World War I dead to continue standing on public land in Bladensburg, Maryland.
[...]

In January, the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Hampshire removed a Bible on display at a "Missing Man" table after a secular group, the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation**, objected.

The Bible had been carried by a prisoner of war from World War II, but the group said some veterans had complained about its display.

After receiving new complaints about its removal, hospital officials restored the Bible the following month. In May, however, a Vietnam veteran sued to have the Bible removed.
[...]

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MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's Statement on the Veterans Administration's New "Religious and Spiritual Symbols Policies"

Wednesday, July 3, 2019



"Today's announcement from the Veterans Administration regarding its craven implementation of so-called 'religious materials display and distribution policies' is both tragic and predictable in this hyper-dangerous era of an ignorant, fundamentalist Christian lapdog cum coward as our Commander in Chief. These brand new VA policies – clearly based upon the U.S. Supreme Court's recent, idiotic decision in the **Bladensburg Cross case** – are nothing more than a transparent and repugnant attempt to further buttress and solidify fundamentalist Christianity as the insuperable official religion of choice for the VA, our Armed Forces, and this country. The Military Religious Freedom Foundation looks forward to aggressively prosecuting our current case in Federal court against the VA in Manchester New Hampshire where the VA has literally BOLTED a Christian Bible to the POW/MIA table display in their main entrance."

[Click to read Veterans Administration's New "Religious and Spiritual Symbols Policies" Press Release](#)

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Date: August 27, 2019 at 4:33:24 PM MDT
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JESUS IS AMERICA AND JESUS IS OUR MILITARY AND JESUS IS OUR VA HOSPITALS!!!! GET OVER YOUR FUCKED SELF ALREADY!!!! FUCK YOU FUCK YOUR WIFE FUCK YOU KIDS FUCK YOUR GRANDKIDS AND FUCK YOUR DOGS FUCK YOUR CATS FUCK YOUR MFRR AND FUCK ALL OF YOUR TRAITER FRIENDS TOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FUCK YOUR WHOLE FUCKING LIFE KIKEMEISTER JEWBOY SHYSTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AND FUCK YOU MICKEY WHINERSTEIN THE FUCKING JEW MONKEY VENUS FLYTRAP FROM HELL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SIGNED, A REAL MAN COMBAT VETERAN FOR CHRIST WHO'S WIFE COULD KICK YOUR CANDY JEWFOCK ASS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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