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**ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL  
COVERS MRFF's BATTLE AGAINST BARBAROUS  
BIGOTS IN U.S. MILITARY**



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(L) Cross left on Mikey Weinstein's father's grave in Santa Fe, NM Cemetery.  
(R) Vandalism on the wall of Mikey Weinstein's Albuquerque home.

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COVERS MRFF  
ON FRONT PAGE  
ABOVE THE FOLD**



**Albuquerque man committed  
to battling bigotry in the military**

**By: Rick Nathanson**

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

*(Excerpts from Albuquerque Journal/Emphasis added by MRFF)*

When a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire in a synagogue in

Poway, California, north of San Diego, on Saturday, killing one and injuring three, **Albuquerque resident Mikey Weinstein wasn't surprised, given the vitriol and digs at the Jewish faith he deals with regularly.**

During the recent Passover celebration, Weinstein went to the Santa Fe National Cemetery to visit the grave of his father, Gerald Weinstein, an Air Force lieutenant colonel who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

There, atop the grave marked with a Star of David and pebbles that visitors placed, as is Jewish tradition, **was something decidedly not part of that tradition – a cross made of palm fronds.**

[...]

**Weinstein, the founder and president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, or MRFF, said the gesture angered and upset him and his family because it was clearly a swipe at his religion and was disrespectful to the memory of his father, a proud and observant Jew.**

[...]

He says his adversaries have dubbed him **Satan's lawyer and the greatest threat to the military.**

**Swastikas and crosses** have been painted on the walls of his Albuquerque-area home; **windows at the home were shot out; tires slashed; and dead and disemboweled animals** tossed into the yard.

[...]

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## DAILY KOS

**Jay Sekulow:  
Lawyer For Trump  
and Liar For Jesus**

**By: Chris Rodda**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

*(Excerpts from Daily Kos/Emphasis added by MRFF)*

Recently, Trump's Russia Lawyer Jay Sekulow and his fellow American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) lawyer Skip Ash wrote a letter to the public affairs office at a VA clinic in Omaha. The issue that prompted Sekulow's letter is one that's become **one of the latest outrage generators for the Christian nationalists — the removal of Bibles from POW/MIA tables on military bases and at VA medical facilities.**

[...]

Over the last several years, **the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)** has received complaints from numerous service members, veterans, and DoD civilian employees, **most of them Christians**, about the addition of a Christian Bible to the items displayed on POW/MIA tables on military bases and at veterans medical facilities, turning these formerly non-religious displays that honored service members of all religions, or no religion, not only into religious displays, but into **specifically Christian religious displays.**

[...]

In most cases, **MRFF has been successful in getting the Bibles removed from these displays**, or, as in one case, at least replacing this specifically Christian symbol with a generic blank book that really could be a symbol of all faiths.

[...]

If Sekulow is going to claim that **Mikey Weinstein's email to the Omaha VA facility objecting to the Bible display** contains "numerous, erroneous, legal and factual arguments," as he does in his letter, **he might want to do so with a letter that isn't full of erroneous history.**

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### **"Thanks for letter defending ADF"**

From: (name withheld)  
Subject: Thanks for letter defending ADF  
Date: April 29, 2019 at 4:23:09 PM MDT  
To: mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org

Dear Mr Weinstein,

Wanted to let you know that as a Christian and a supporter of the ADF I have always appreciated your letter to Jeff Bezos sticking up for them. Personally I am pretty moderate and always appreciate people reaching across the aisle as it were.

I do not follow your org closely and would probably disagree with you on many points, but did agree regarding the situation in the air force where people might have felt pressured to be Christians for career reasons. People should only choose to be Christians freely without coercion. Having been raised as a Jew, and having some of my siblings being gay, gives me as a Christian some perspective on both sides of our culture wars regarding Christianity. I hope we can agree where possible and when we disagree, do so in a principled manner.

I thank you again for your letter.

(name withheld)  
Seattle, WA

From: (name withheld)  
Date: April 29, 2019 at 4:53:13 PM MDT  
To: mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org  
Subject: Regarding previous email

I don't know if this happens to you but often after I send an email I have some further thoughts that I want to express.

At this point, after 20-plus years of being a Christian, I cannot say that I think God is sending everyone who is not a Christian to hell. God is just, and that wouldn't be just. So when I say "people must become Christians without any coercion" I am not saying everyone must be a Christian.

Anyway, I am glad you are a person of principle, as there are many people in the public square, both Christian and not, who are unprincipled. It is always annoying dealing with someone who is using some dishonest means to advance their agenda. So keep up the fight for what you think is right, always alert for any information that might modify your opinions, naturally, as each of us must be.

(name withheld)  
Seattle, WA

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