

Tuesday Evening, April 16, 2019



MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM  
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**MRFF DEMANDS IMMEDIATE REMOVAL  
OF HOLY CHRISTIAN BIBLE ON  
OMAHA VA CLINIC's POW/MIA DISPLAY**

*MRFF represents 9 veteran patients at the Omaha VA Health Care System (VAHCS), 2 Christians and the others are Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Atheist/Agnostic....ALL fearing reprisal or retaliation if they bring their objections of the placement of that Christian bible on the POW/MIA table directly to the directorship of the Omaha VAHCS and be forced to identify themselves.*



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**Email Exchange Between  
MRFF's Mikey Weinstein & Sean D. Soucy,  
Secretary to the Associate Director at Omaha VAHCS**

Original Complaint: One of MRFF's Nine Veteran Clients Emails  
Initial Complaint Showing Bible on POW/MIA Table in  
Main Entrance/Front Foyer at VAMC, NE:

From: MRFF Veteran Client's E-Mail Address Withheld  
Subject: OMAHA VA CLINIC POW/MIA Display, Friday, 5 APR 2019  
Date: April 5, 2019 at 10:31 AM MDT  
To: Michael L. Weinstein.

Dear Mikey

The display of a Bible with the POW/MIA table is utterly revolting for 2019. As a retired Army Colonel (26 years) and 100% disabled Veteran, I walked by this display at the VA OMAHA Clinic today (Friday, 5 APR 2019). It is upsetting that this display excludes so many of other faiths or non-faith. The Bible must be removed from a POW/MIA display. I am a professed Christian and the spouse to a full-time Christian minister, but I embrace equality and non-discrimination over my individual faith. I did not report my disagreement with the display at the local VA clinic in Omaha because this is SYSTEMIC and must be addressed at the top. As a strategic leader, I know that a policy must be written to eradicate this across the VA medical system. As a member of a local veterans society of Nebraska and Western Iowa, we recently had a banquet with a POW/MIA table and we did it with professionalism and decorum without a mention of faith. It was an honorable way forward. The entire Veterans Administration must address this issue throughout the entire VA system and network through a coherent published policy. I ask the Military Religious Freedom Foundation not rest until a policy is signed and enforced.

Thank you

Mikey Forwarded Above Email from MRFF's Veteran Client to Sean D. Soucy at VAHCS, NE Regarding Unconstitutionally Displayed

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Response to Mikey from Omaha VA Health Care System (VAHCS)  
Associate Director Secretary Sean D. Soucy

From: Soucy, Sean D.  
Subject: Re: OMAHA VA CLINIC POW/MIA Display, Friday, 5 APR 2019  
Date: April 5, 2019 at 12:31 AM  
To: Michael L. Weinstein

To whom it may concern,

I have received this email, and will pass on the concerns addressed to the Director of the NWI VA.

Thank you,

Sean D. Soucy | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Secretary to the Associate Director, Patient Care Services | Nebraska-  
Western Iowa Health Care System

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MRFF's Mikey Weinstein Responds to

From: Michael L Weinstein  
Date: April 5, 2019 at 12:48:47 PM MDT  
To: "Soucy, Sean D."  
Subject: Re: OMAHA VA CLINIC POW/MIA Display, Friday, 5 APR 2019

...thx so very much, Sean.....plz have someone there at your NWI VA facility contact me ASAP about the unfortunate matter below....the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) is presently representing 9 veterans who are also patients at your VA facility....2 of them are Christians (including the writer below) and the others are Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Atheist/Agnostic....ALL of them fear reprisal or retaliation if they were to bring their objections to the placement of that Christian bible on your POW/MIA table directly to you and be forced, therefore, to identify themselves...they fear they will be targeted for revenge by the leadership at your VA facility.....MRFF asks on behalf of our veteran clients, who are also your VA patients, that you remove the sectarian Christian bible immediately from your POW/MIA display to ensure that this POW/MIA display is inclusive of ALL veterans regardless of their faith or no-faith traditions....as it stands now, Sean, that POW/MIA table, with the quite prominent inclusion of the sectarian Christian bible, clearly elevates the Christian faith to an unfair and unconstitutional position of supremacy, triumphalism, dominance and exclusivity over ALL other faith and no-faith traditions...as a State Actor, your VA facility MUST adhere to the U.S. Constitution's No Establishment Clause in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.....plz remove it right away.....please so advise soonest....thank you...Mikey Weinstein...Founder and President, Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) ...standing by at 505-250-7727

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**MRFF PAST VICTORIES:  
Bible Removals From  
POW/MIA Tables at  
VA Facilities/Military Installations**

**1/28/19 - MRFF Victory Bible Removal -  
Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
Does the Right Thing!**

**7/19/18 - MRFF Momentum Results in Second Bible  
Removal Victory in Two Days!**

**7/17/18 - MRFF Thanks USAF Wing Commander For  
Valiant Action Against Religious Favoritism at F.E.  
Warren AFB**

**11/3/17 – Denver VA Medical Center promptly removes  
Unconstitutional Bible from  
"Missing Man Table!"**

**10/18/16 - MRFF commends Chillicothe Veteran Affairs  
Medical Center (VAMC) in Athens Ohio, for prompt  
New Testament Bible removal from Medical Health  
Clinic**

**9/16/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from Eglin  
AFB, FL Allergy Clinic Table**

**4/19/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from  
Tobyhanna, PA VA POW/MIA Table**

**4/11/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from  
Houston, TX VA POW/MIA Table**

**4/8/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from Wright  
Patterson AFB, OH POW/MIA Table**

**4/4/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from  
Youngstown, OH VA POW/MIA Table**

**2/25/16 - New Testament Bible Removed from Akron,  
OH VA POW/MIA Table**

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