Tuesday Afternoon, October 20, 2020



## MRFF DEMANDS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PUNISH GOP CONGRESSMAN/USAF RESERVE CHAPLAIN DOUG COLLINS FOR VIOLATING **REGULATIONS IN CAMPAIGN ADS** After getting the DoD to rewrite religion regs to allow his fellow fundamentalists to shove their religion down others' throats,

fundamentalist Christian zealot GOP Congressman Doug Collins shamelessly violates DoD regs in Senate campaign ads.



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NOW DOUG COLLINS IS FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING DoD REGULATIONS BY APPEARING IN UNIFORM IN NUMEROUS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ADS FOR HIS SENATE CAMPAIGN!

Doug Collins, GOP Rep. Who Got DoD to

By: MRFF Senior Research Director Chris Rodda Tuesday, October 20, 2020

## Freedom Foundation (MRFF), writing letters to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper decrying MRFF's successes in keeping military members free from

To appease these fundamentalist Christian GOP Congress members, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Matthew P. Donovan rewrote one of the DoD's core regulations on religion, DoD Instruction 1300.17, to allow just about any form of previously prohibited

religious behavior and proselytizing, with no regard for the right of service

regulations to allow his fellow fundamentalist Christians in the military to shove their religion down others' throats has no regard for military regulations when it comes to running his Senate campaign. DoD Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces," contains a detailed section on what is and what is not allowed in campaign materials for active, reserve, or retired members of the military running for office.

DoD Directive 1344.10 is also very specific about what is not allowed in

4.3.2. Members included in subparagraph 4.3.1. may NOT, in campaign

campaign materials (emphasis added):

January 2020 to fill the seat until the special election could be held. While

other Republican senators facing reelection are now trying to distance

representation in any campaign media, such as a billboard, brochure, flyer, Web site, or television commercial. For the purposes of this policy, "photographs" include video images, drawings, and all other similar formats of representational media. 4.3.2.2. Depict or allow the depiction of themselves in uniform in a manner that does not accurately reflect their actual performance of duty. For the purpose of this policy, "photographs" include video images, drawings, and all other similar formats of representational media.

Ad after ad on Collins's Senate campaign Facebook page and Twitter feed

contains a photo of Collins in uniform as "the primary graphic

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MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

October 20, 2020

Washington DC 20310 Re: Demand for Immediate Punishment of Military Chaplain (Lt. Col., USAF-Reserve)/United States Congressman (R-Georgia) Doug Collins Dear Secretary Esper, I write you this day regarding a spectacularly egregious violation of DoD Regulations and, inter alia, Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) by a sitting United States Congressman who is also a Field Grade Officer (Lt. Colonel) in the United States Air Force Reserve; to wit, Doug Collins (R-Georgia). The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) has received numerous formal complaints, just in the last 48 hours alone, against Congressman Collins by Active Duty and Reserve military members as well as veterans and DoD civilians to include individuals on your own senior DoD staff, Mr. Secretary. Keeping it very brief, USAF Reserve Chaplain (Lt. Col.)/U.S. Congressman Collins is viciously and specifically violating germane DoD regulations by BLATANTLY misusing photographs of himself in military uniform to enhance himself, politically, in his current highly contentious campaign bid to become a United States Senator from the State of Georgia. To this end, please see the following link to the Breaking News article which MRFF's Senior Research Director, Ms. Chris 

The overt and flagrant violations of these DoD regulations also constitute a severe violation of UCMJ Article 92 ("Failure To Obey Order or Regulation," 10 United States Code, Section 892) as well as potentially other UCMJ

Mr. Secretary, it may well be that you, personally, align yourself with USAF Reserve Chaplain (Lt. Col.)/U. S. Congressman Doug Collins' fundamentalist and extremist Christian religious views as well as his hard-right, conservative ideological and

Nevertheless, even if that may be so, it in NO WAY serves as an acceptable basis for Collins to horribly malign and tortuously abuse the salient DoD regulatory provisions and their concomitant, clear UCMJ mandates as he is now doing without ANY

On behalf of our many clients who reported this reprehensible and illicit behavior by Collins to MRFF, MRFF demands that you issue immediate orders to USAF Reserve Chaplain (Lt. Col.)/U.S. Congressman Doug Collins to timely cease and desist from any further use of photographs of himself in uniform to enhance his current election bid to become a

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There are plenty of legal and ethical ways in which Collins may continue to pursue his U.S. Senatorial election campaign without violating DoD bedrock regulations and the foundational structure of the military criminal justice system 13170-B CENTRAL AVENUE SE, SUITE 255, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87123

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Collins

☼ 2.5K 375 Comments 285 Shares Doug Collins O October 12 at 9:30 AM - \* Voters have a clear choice when it comes to defending the 2nd Amendment. Compare the candidates for U.S. Senate in Georgia here: https://www.comparedougandkelly.com/ Kelly Loeffler **Doug Collins** Only candidate to Partnered with Michael Bloomberg's receive an A+ rating from the NRA gun grabbing group Fought against Democrats' Lied about owning attempts to strip law-abiding citizens of 2nd Amendment a hunting license Donated to anti-gun rights Democrats like Maxine Waters and Debbie Ço-sponsored the Concealed Reciprocity Act OO8 434 92 Comments 58 Shares Doug Collins 2

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Doug Collins October 11 at 6:00 PM · \* I'm the clear pro-law enforcement candidate in this race. Learn more here: https://www.comparedougandkelly.com/ **DOUG COLLINS** KELLY LOEFFLER Son of Georgia State Trooper Allowed her WNBA team to support the **Endorsed by Black Lives Matter Atlanta Police Union** Movement **Donor to Maxine Endorsed by** Waters and over 40 sheriffs other Defund the **Police Democrats Collins** 127 Comments 120 Shares ○○ ¥ 1K Doug Collins (Text DOUG to 87123) @ @CollinsforGA · Oct 9 US Senate candidate, GA-Special "Democrats' latest threat to pack the Supreme Court throws our nation's history to the wayside in pursuit of political gain and threatens the very foundation of our democracy." DOUG COLLINS

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**Fundamentalist GOP Lawmakers** 

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Trash Religion Regs, Violates DoD Regs in Senate Campaign Ads (Excerpts from Daily Kos/Emphasis Added by MRFF) Over the last several months, I've written about a group of twenty GOP House members and one senator who went on the warpath against the Military Religious

members to be free from unwanted religion. Leading that group of fundamentalist Christian GOP Congress members was Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), who is now running in his state's special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated in 2019 by Johnny Isakson. Because this is a special election and there was no primary, Collins is running not only against Democrat Raphael Warnock but also against fellow Republican Kelly Loeffler, who was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp in

unwanted religious proselytizing during the pandemic.

themselves from President Trump, Collins and Loeffler are both running on who is the biggest defender of Trump. But it seems that same **Doug Collins** who led the charge for changing DoD

[...]

literature (including Web sites, videos, television, and conventional print advertisements): 4.3.2.1. Use or allow the use of photographs, drawings, and other similar media formats of themselves in uniform as the primary graphic

representation" or that "does not accurately reflect [his] actual performance of duty." Using the uniform as Collins does to bolster his political image as someone who will "handle the mob" or who "fought Stacey Abrams" is a flagrant and shameless violation of regulations, as is using the uniform to solicit campaign donations.

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The Honorable Mark T. Esper Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon

Articles.

Hi Mikey,

Background on the GOP's Congressional attacks on MRFF led by Rep. Doug Collins and subsequent rewriting of religion regs by DoD 9/18/20 – MRFF Appalled by Defense Deptartment Under Secretary Rewriting Religion Regs to Appease 7/6/20 – National Defense Authorization Act to Include Military Training on How to Force Religion on Others 7/2/20 – U.S. Army Sides With MRFF, Incensing 20 Fundamentalist GOP U.S. Congress Members! 6/10/20 – GOP Senator Ted Cruz Condemns MRFF in Press Release and Letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper

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