

Saturday Evening, May 23, 2020

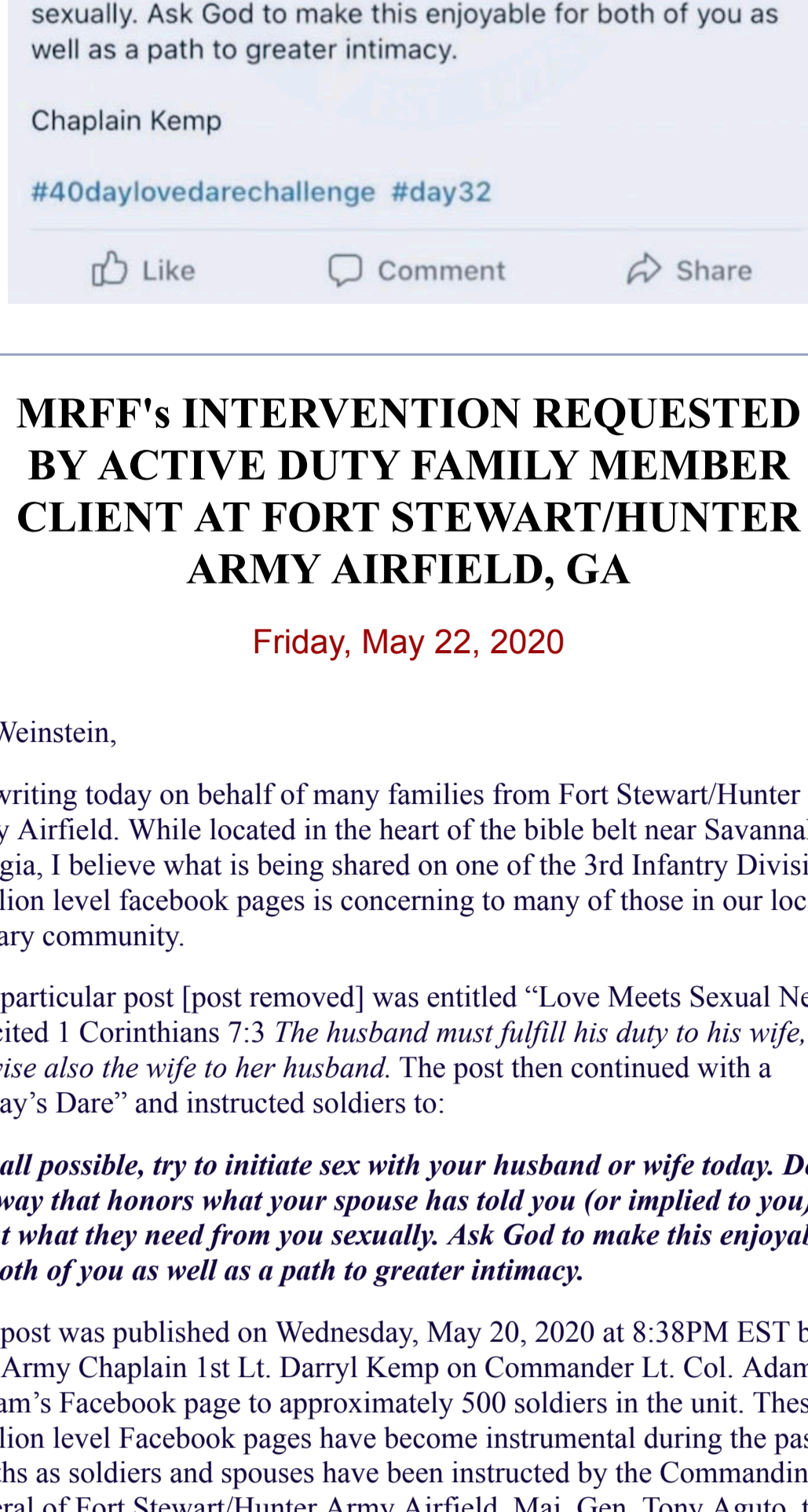
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MRFF SWIFTLY GETS CHAPLAIN'S BIBLICAL SEX DARE POST REMOVED FROM COMMAND FACEBOOK PAGE

Citing 1 Corinthians 7:3 – "The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband" – Chaplain "dared" likewise members to "initiate sex with your husband or wife today" and "Ask God to make this enjoyable."



MRFF's INTERVENTION REQUESTED BY ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBER CLIENT AT FORT STEWART/HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, GA

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. Weinstein,

I'm writing today on behalf of many families from Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. While located in the heart of the bible belt near Savannah, Georgia, I believe what is being shared on one of the 3rd Infantry Division's battalion level facebook pages is concerning to many of those in our local military community.

This particular post [post removed] was entitled "Love Meets Sexual Needs" and cited 1 Corinthians 7:3 *The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband*. The post then continued with a "Today's Dare" and instructed soldiers to:

If at all possible, try to initiate sex with your husband or wife today. Do this in a way that honors what your spouse has told you (or implied to you) about what they need from you sexually. Ask God to make this enjoyable for both of you as well as a path to greater intimacy.

This post was published on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 8:38PM EST by U.S. Army Chaplain 1st Lt. Darryl Kemp on Commander Lt. Col. Adam Latham's Facebook page to approximately 500 soldiers in the unit. These battalion level Facebook pages have become instrumental during the past few months as soldiers and spouses have been instructed by the Commanding General of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Maj. Gen. Tony Aguto, to look at these pages for COVID-19 updates that involve the continued training and deployments of our soldiers. Along with many others, I find this very distasteful and disrespectful for those of us that may come from different faiths to be solicited in such a way-- on a Facebook page that we come to for the official release of such pertinent information.

While the Facebook post and its message may not be in-line with my personal beliefs, I do not find that it should not have been shared at all, I just would ask that it be shared in a more appropriate manner, such as the garrison chaplain's facebook page or a chaplain's marriage Facebook group. Our nation is often described as a "melting pot" of all religions and I feel that by singling out one faith to promote on an official unit Facebook page we are forgetting what is at the core of our nation: Great people coming together from all faith backgrounds to give Democracy our best shot. Posts such as these that promote one religion, leave soldiers feeling divided, not united.

Even more alarming, this was the 32nd in a series of such posts that have been shared on the "5-7 CAV, 1ABCT, 3rd ID" (Lt. Col. Adam Latham's official government Facebook for the 5-7 Cavalry Battalion that he commands) page that only targets those within a marriage that are of the Christian faith. I also feel keenly for the single soldiers that have been subjected to a Facebook marriage series that may be feeling increasingly alone during the pandemic as has been depicted by the increase of mental health issues at military treatment facilities nationwide. These posts frankly do not seem sympathetic to the single soldiers' spiritual needs.

In closing, I hope that you can understand why I chose to remain anonymous when reporting this issue and asking for the Military Religious Freedom Foundation's assistance. In today's military coming forward and speaking out against something of this nature can cost a soldier their career, their livelihood and their ability to provide for their family. Unfortunately, I am not in a place in which I can take that risk.

I believe that the following people may be instrumental in providing assistance for this situation:

The 5-7 Cavalry Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Adam Latham who holds the command responsibility for this Facebook page can be reached via (email and phone number withheld).
<https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/units/1ABCT/5-7CAV>

The next in the chain of command is the Commander of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team Col. Trent Upton. He can be reached via (email and phone number withheld).
<https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/units/1ABCT/1st-abct-lea>

The next in the chain of the command above Col. Trent Upton would be Maj. Gen. Tony Aguto as he is the 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General and the highest ranking military officer for Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. He can be reached via email at (email withheld).
<https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/units/3ID/3rd-ID-CDR>

The Fort Stewart Public Affairs can be reached by calling (phone number withheld) and asking to speak to the public affairs officer on call or by emailing (email withheld).
<https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/Garrison/garrison-staff-offices/PAO>

Sincerely,

(MRFF Active Duty Family Member's name, rank, MOS, title, unit and installation all withheld)

MIKEY WEINSTEIN'S LETTER TO MAJ GEN ANTONIO AGUTO DEMANDING POST'S REMOVAL

Saturday, May 23, 2020

RE: Sexual Intercourse Related Facebook Posting By One of Your Army Chaplains on Official Battalion Facebook Page:

"If at all possible, try to initiate sex with your husband or wife today. Do this in a way that honors what your spouse has told you (or implied to you) about what they need from you sexually." (U.S. Army Chaplain (1Lt.) Darryl Kemp, posted Wed., May 20, 2020)

Maj, General Tony Aguto,

Sir, I am sad to report that I am writing you to this morning regarding a flagrant and SHOCKING violation of the separation of church and state guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution et al by one of the U. S. Army Chaplains, and his Battalion Commander, under your direct command at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) has received 23 specific complaints from U.S. Army personnel under your direct command regarding the disgusting matter laid out in detail below this E-mail by one of these 23 MRFF client complainants. So you know, General, 16 of our MRFF complainants practice the Christian faith, themselves, and the remainder of MRFF's client complainants are from minority faith traditions including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism as well as non-faith traditions to include Atheism, Agnosticism and Secular Humanism.

All of them are justly OUTRAGED by the unconstitutional and unconscionable actions of U.S. Army Chaplain (1Lt.) Darryl Kemp and his Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Adam Latham as detailed below, both of whom are under your direct command, General.

As you may be aware, General Aguto, the matter of military chaplains unconstitutionally hijacking their commander's/installation's Facebook (FB) pages with illicit, proselytizing, sectarian and nonsecular video postings has unfortunately been much in the news recently and MRFF has been able to engage senior military leadership to get them timely removed on every single occasion. Indeed, in this regard, please see this link:
<https://militaryreligiousfreedom.org/press-releases/2020/4-28-20-MRFF-VICTORY-Redstone-Arsenal-Removes-Proselytizing-COVID-19-Video.pdf>

Military chaplains must confine such proselytizing videos to their own military chaplain social media outlets and NOT place them on their unit's or commander's FB pages or related social media outlets as such postings specifically imply bible command endorsement and validation of these Chaplains' own fundamentalist Christian views which is both wholly unconstitutional and enormously destructive to their unit's good order, morale, discipline and unit cohesion.

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) does not care in the least about the specific religious or non-religious beliefs of any U.S. military member. **MRFF only cares about the time, place and manner in which a member of the American military decides to DEPLOY their belief or non-belief traditions.** Any such deployment, especially from a military superior to a military subordinate, MUST completely conform to the clear mandates of the separation of church and state inherent in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution, its construing Federal and State caselaw, all DoD Directives, Instructions and Regulations, all Core Values of the various military branches and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Christian military chaplains, (many of whom are resolute MRFF clients) have no special exemptions from these Constitutional adherence requirements. Indeed, it must be remembered that these military chaplains are also commissioned military OFFICERS who have all sworn an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and NOT their favored parochial version of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus, they are all subject to the entirety of the foregoing strictures. In the ongoing battle between "The Great Commission" (see Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19) and "The Great Constitution", the latter must and shall always prevail in the U.S. armed forces. Again, as stated above, to allow otherwise would utterly destroy the good order, morale, discipline and unit cohesion needed for the American military to maximize its lethality in order to protect our national interests.

MRFF is wholly dedicated to the winning of that battle for our 23 clients under your direct command in favor of The Great Constitution!

MRFF demands that the illegal and destructive actions of both Army Chaplain (1Lt.) Kemp and Lt. Col. Latham be swiftly and expeditiously reviewed by at least an Oath 15-6 investigatively and, subsequently, visibly and meaningfully punished for their explicitly egregious transgressions by trial at courts-martial.

Should you have any questions, Major General Aguto, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

MRFF awaits your timely response to the repulsive disgrace outlined in the E-mail right below this one from one of our 23 MRFF clients under your direct command regarding this matter.

(Among others, MRFF has copied the Secretary of the Army, the Army Chief of Staff and the Army Chief of Chaplains above.)

Sincerely,

Michael L. "Mikey" Weinstein, Esq.
Founder and President
Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)
505-250-7727 (see MRFF client E-mail below)

GRATITUDE RESPONSE FROM MRFF CLIENT

Saturday, May 23, 2020

From: MRFF Active Duty Family Member Client's E-mail Address
Subject: My Earnest Thanks

Date: May 23, 2020 at 12:53:38 PM MDT

To: Mikey Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein,

A moment ago I become aware that within minutes of the Army receiving the Military Religious Freedom Foundation's (MRFF) demand letter, which included my initial letter to MRFF on behalf of many of the concerned Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield military community members regarding the "5-7 CAV, 1ABCT, 3rd ID" Facebook page, the Army has not only removed the Day 32 "Love Meets Sexual Needs" post, but also all posts regarding the "Love Dare Challenge".

Again, I did not have the intention of having "Love Day Challenge" posts disappear, just to be moved to a more appropriate platform or venue such as the local garrison chaplain's Facebook page so that those that wish to continue to utilize the resources will have them available to them.

On behalf of the 23 United States Army MRFF clients collectively submitting this complaint from Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, we cannot thank you enough, Mr. Weinstein, for all the work that you and your staff do with the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. You and the Foundation are the true patriots of our nation as you fight to uphold the Constitution of the United State of America.

As we take time to honor our fallen this weekend for Memorial Day, I hope that you know that your work is truly living out the legacy of all of our fallen American heroes. These brave women and men laid their lives down not only for our country, but for the constitution on which it was founded. The Military Religious Freedom Foundation's mission ensures that the United States Constitution is upheld in a way that all American's should be proud of and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Stay safe and well,

(MRFF Active Duty Family Member's name, rank, MOS, title, unit and installation all withheld)

Past MRFF Facebook Victories

3/23/20 – AIR FORCE RESERVE REMOVES PROSELYTIZING COVID-19 VIDEO FROM OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

4/9/20 – U.S. ARMY, FORT HAMILTON REMOVES PROSELYTIZING COVID-19 VIDEO FROM OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

4/20/20 – U.S. ARMY, FORT DRUM, NY REMOVES PROSELYTIZING COVID-19 VIDEO FROM OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

4/20/20 – MRFF Op-Ed: "MRFF Gets More Proselytizing COVID-19 Chaplain Videos Removed From Facebook"

4/23/20 – MRFF DEMANDS REDSTONE ARSENAL REMOVE PROSELYTIZING COVID-19 VIDEO FROM FACEBOOK PAGE

4/27/20 – Op-Ed by MRFF Advisory Board Member Larry Wilkerson: "The Military Chaplaincy and Its Proper Place"

4/27/20 – MRFF Advisory Board Member Ted Furlow thoroughly dismantles Catholic League President Bill Donohue's "Christian Speech Removed From Facebook" Op-Ed

4/28/20 – U.S. ARMY GARRISON REDSTONE ARSENAL REMOVES PROSELYTIZING COVID-19 VIDEO AFTER MRFF DEMAND



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