

Friday Evening, July 17, 2020

**MRFF VICTORY
IN A LIGHTNING FAST 64 MINUTES!**



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**MRFF SWIFTLY STOPS MANDATORY
RELIGIOUS "BATTLE STUDY" TRAINING
FOR U.S. MARINE RESERVE JAGs**

A virtually attended parachurch-connected training was to take place tomorrow (7/18/20). The Religious "Battle Study" Training was to be led by Campus Crusade for Christ staff member and former U.S. Air Force Academy Professor Jay Lorenzen, Lt. Col. (Ret), USAF. MRFF clients, all of them Marine Reserve JAGs, contacted MRFF to get the Religious "Battle Study" Training stopped, which MRFF successfully achieved in a lightning fast 64 minutes.

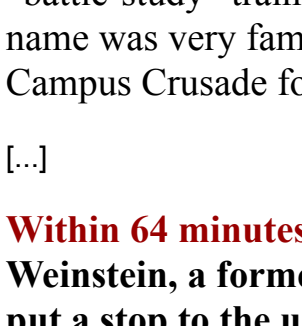


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**MRFF Stops Mandatory Campus Crusade-
Connected Training for Marine Reserve JAGs
in Record Time**

By: Chris Rodda, MRFF Senior Research Director

Friday, July 17, 2020



According to Campus Crusade for Christ's Military Ministry, which now goes by the name "Cru," the first responsibility of a member of the military is to "Know God's Word." "The purpose of the military is to administer God's justice," and "The soldier is to be a minister of God who administers God's justice."

[...]
The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) has been fighting the influence of Campus Crusade in the military for well over a dozen years .

[...]
So, last night when an email came in to MRFF from a Marine Reserve JAG, reporting that 120 Marine Reserve JAGs were to be required to attend "battle-study" training tomorrow at Gettysburg led by a Jay Lorenzen, the name was very familiar to us at MRFF as a staff member of none other than Campus Crusade for Christ.

[...]
Within 64 minutes this morning, MRFF founder and president Mikey Weinstein, a former JAG himself, with a few emails and one phone call, put a stop to the unconstitutional religious "military training" that this group of JAGs were going to be subjected to.

[...]
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7/17/20 Email Exchange Between MRFF's Mikey Weinstein and USMC Col. Eric Kleis, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate to the USMC Commandant, Demanding Disinvite of Fundamentalist Christian Extremist as Tomorrow's, 7/18/20 Official Speaker at Annual Training of 120 USMC Reserve JAGs

From: Michael L Weinstein
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 8:12 AM MDT
To: Kleis Col Eric R
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Clean E-Mail on Jay Lorenzen

...Eric, thx again SO much for engaging with MRFF on this terribly disappointing and shocking matter!!...deeply appreciated, sir!!.....please see the below from our MRFF Research Staff just in.....

.....MRFF is officially making the demand that Jay Lorenzen be immediately removed as an official speaker for the Annual Training for your 120 USMC Reserve JAGs tomorrow...

.....as I said on our phone call, Eric, having a fundamentalist Christian extremist parachurch official associated with Campus Crusade for Christ ("CRU") as a MANDATORY speaker in this particular MANDATORY USMC TRAINING scenario's time, place and manner viciously violates the No Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, Colonel, as well as all associated SCOTUS caselaw and a slew of USMC and DoD Directives, Instructions and Regulations...

...it is just totally illegal....

.....the fact that so many of your USMC Reserve JAG lawyers came to MRFF to beseech us to make this demand is most telling on a plethora of levels....in fairness, as I mentioned to you, we at MRFF now know that you and Major General Lecce did not know about this, but our MRFF USMC Reserve JAG clients did not know about it either until just late yesterday...

....but NOW you guys DO know...

...plz honor MRFF's demand on behalf of so many of your USMC Reserve JAGs and stop this unconstitutional disgrace from happening tomorrow morning by scratching CRU Official Jay Lorenzen from this event!!!...

....I am standing by, Eric at 505-250-7727.....many thx, sir...Mikey Weinstein.....Founder and President, MRFF

<https://www.militaryreligiousfreedom.org/video/USAF.mov>

**Compliance with MRFF's Demand
Response from Col. Eric Kleis**

On Jul 17, 2020, at 8:21 AM MDT, Kleis Col Eric R wrote:

Mikey,

The issue has been resolved.

Col Kleis

**MRFF's Mikey Weinstein Responds
after Email and Phone Call with Col. Eric Kleis**

From: Michael L Weinstein
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Clean E-Mail on Jay Lorenzen
Date: July 17, 2020 at 8:31:19 AM MDT
To: Kleis Col Eric R

...thank you SO much, Eric!!...and **thx for the phone call, Colonel, we just had confirming that Jay Lorenzen will no longer be speaking at the mandatory Annual Training event for your 120 USMC Reserve JAGs tomorrow morning**you made the just, rational, correct and Constitutional call here, sir!!.....profoundly grateful.....Semper Fi.....Mikey.....

**Email From MRFF Client, USMC Reserve JAG,
Expressing Gratitude for MRFF's Expeditious
Shutdown of Unethical, un-American
Proselytizing at Military Event**

On Jul 17, 2020, at 8:51:50 AM MDT [MRFF client] wrote:

Mikey Weinstein & the MRFF

I want to take a moment on behalf of myself and my fellow USMC Reserve JAG's to thank you for your lightening fast precision support in terminating a mandatory all day religious "Battle Study" of the Gettysburg battle required as part of my USMC Reserve Annual Training.

As you know we contacted you in the early evening of Thursday July 16, 2020 less than 36 hours before the mandatory religious lecture was announced with the "leader" of the battle study, a non-Marine Officer who has spent the last 30 years of his life "crusading" against the American Principles of equality, acceptance, and diversity by being intricately associated with Campus Crusade for Christ and its unconstitutional efforts to convert all military members to its own perverse world view.

The speaker for this event openly opposes those principles that we as Marines have fought for world wide.

The speed, urgency, efficiency and lethality that you and your MRFF team deployed to expeditiously shut down this unethical un-American proselytizing event was awe inspiring.

Simply put you shut it down in under 16 hours, 8 of those hours were non working hours.

Thank you.
(USMC Reserve JAG's name, rank, location and unit all withheld)

**Background on the GOP's
Congressional attacks on MRFF:**

7/15/20 – GOP U.S. Congress Members Continue Unmitigated Assault on MRFF and Religious Freedom

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!

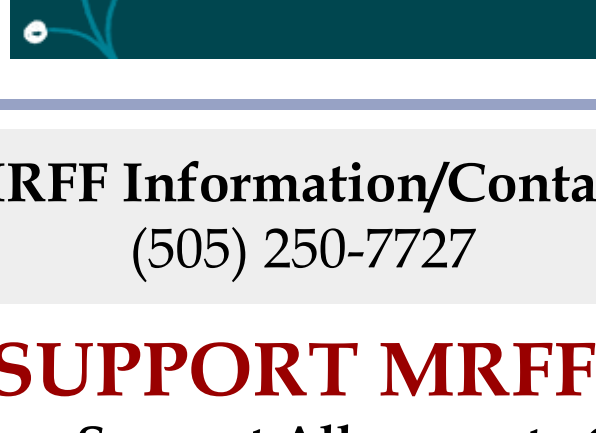
6/10/20 – GOP Senator Ted Cruz Condemns MRFF in Press Release and Letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper

5/14/20 – 20 GOP Congress Members Write to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper Condemning MRFF!

**Background on MRFF's Fight Against
Campus Crusade's Unconstitutional Proselytizing**

12/12/07 - MRFF vs. the Campus Crusade for Christ

VIDEO - 10/31/2019: "Halt!" SHOCKING: Gov't-Paid Missionaries in the US Military - (16:42)



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