

Tuesday Afternoon, July 21, 2020



MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOUNDATION

ANOTHER MRFF VICTORY "APPALLS" FUNDAMENTALIST GOP CONGRESSMAN DOUG COLLINS, FOX NEWS REPORTS

In what is getting to be a habit, GOP Congressman Doug Collins, a Reserve military chaplain on a crusade against MRFF, has his knickers in a twist over MRFF's recent victory in stopping a mandatory Campus Crusade For Christ-connected "Battle Study" for Marine Reserve JAGS.

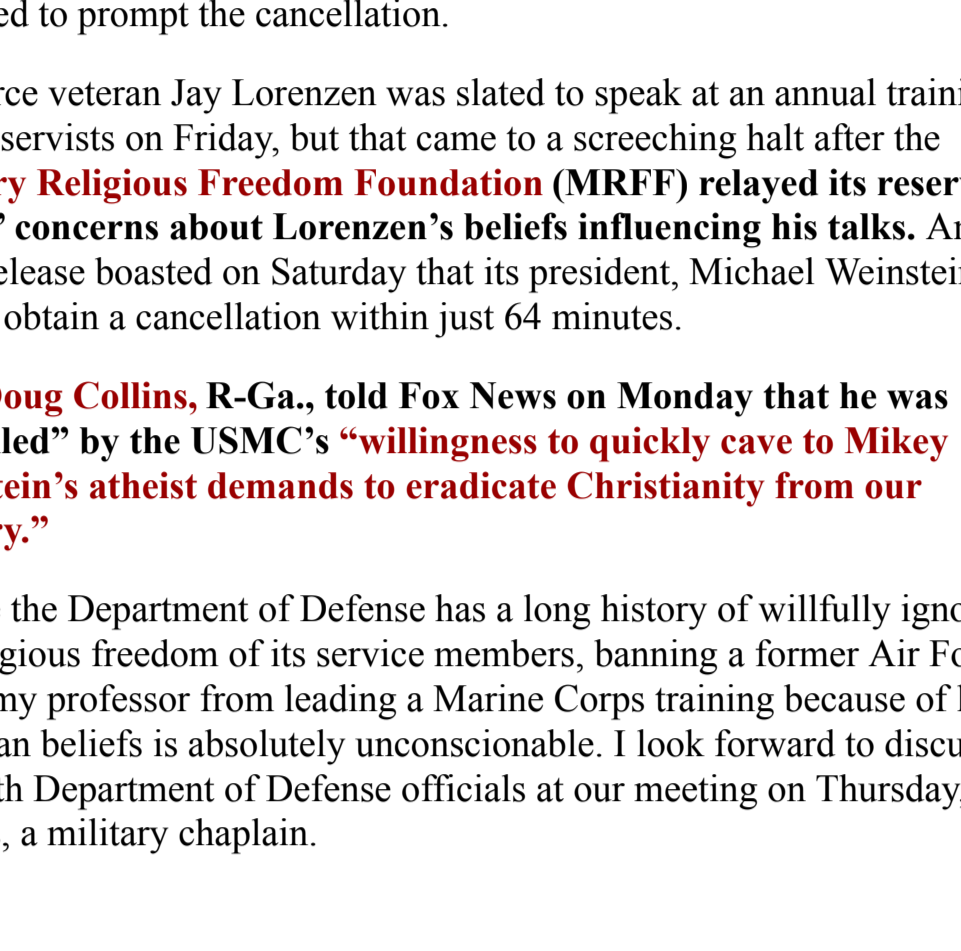
The scheduled "Battle Study" speaker Lorenzen's known history of combining Christian proselytizing with his historical presentations deeply concerned Marine Reserve JAGs who came to MRFF for help.

One look at the website for Lorenzen's "High Ground at Gettysburg" training confirmed that the JAGs' concerns that this was to be a Christian proselytizing event were well founded.

CLICK TO VIEW LORENZEN'S DRIPPING-WITH-CHRISTIAN-PROSELYTIZING WEBSITE, which was included in the email received by MRFF's Marine Reserve JAG clients from Marine Reserve JAG leadership for this mandatory "Battle Study" training

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON THE ABOVE WEBSITE TO:

- The testimonials (all from Christian viewers)
The "critical" before-talk "Reading/Viewing Assignments," which include the book "In the Name of Jesus"
The bullet point in the Overview, "How Leaders Must Be Both Gospel Courageous (Justification) and Gospel Corrective (Justice)"
The blog



GOP Congressman Doug Collins (l), Mikey Weinstein (r)

FOX NEWS COVERS MRFF

Marine Corps under fire after canceling training session amid concerns about speaker's Christian background

By: Sam Dorman

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

(Excerpts from Fox News/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) is facing backlash from both sides of the religious liberty debate after it planned a training session that was later canceled over the speaker's background in Christianity -- fueling Congressional scrutiny of both the military and the nonprofit which appeared to prompt the cancellation.

Air Force veteran Jay Lorenzen was slated to speak at an annual training for JAG reservists on Friday, but that came to a screeching halt after the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) relayed its reservist clients' concerns about Lorenzen's beliefs influencing his talks. An MRFF press release boasted on Saturday that its president, Michael Weinstein, was able to obtain a cancellation within just 64 minutes.

Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., told Fox News on Monday that he was "appalled" by the USMC's "willingness to quickly cave to Mikey Weinstein's atheist demands to eradicate Christianity from our military."

"While the Department of Defense has a long history of willfully ignoring the religious freedom of its service members, banning a former Air Force Academy professor from leading a Marine Corps training because of his Christian beliefs is absolutely unconscionable. I look forward to discussing this with Department of Defense officials at our meeting on Thursday," said Collins, a military chaplain.

[...]

In June, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, sent a letter to the Defense Department urging Secretary Esper to protect servicemembers' religious freedom.

"During this global pandemic, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) has been waging a campaign against the chaplaincy, and frankly, against religious freedom in the military generally," he said.

[...]

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Background on latest MRFF victory that is "appalling" Congressman Collins: MRFF OP-ED ON DAILY KOS

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.

One look at the website for Lorenzen's "High Ground at Gettysburg" training confirmed that the JAGs' concerns that this was to be a Christian proselytizing event were well founded.

[...]

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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Email from MRFF Advisory Board Member Lawrence Wilkerson, former Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell, requesting to attend meeting on Capitol Hill between Congressman Collins and fellow GOP Congressman Doug Lamborn with Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Matthew P. Donovan this Thursday, July 23.



Under Secretary Donovan, I understand that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday on the Hill at which there will be representatives from all the military services and some of the MOC, including Rep Doug Collins and Rep Doug Lamborn, who have raised their concerns about the DOD's recent actions to uphold the U.S. Constitution with regard to separation of church and state. I also understand that the MOC will cite the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) as a source of their concerns with regard to those who have influenced, in their view, the DOD to uphold the U.S. Constitution.

As an advisory member of the board of the MRFF -- one who assumed the position when advisory board member and former USN SEAL Glen Doherty was killed in Benghazi in 2012 -- I have become fully conversant with the Foundation's important mission to assist in keeping the military in synch with the Constitution with regard to religion. As such, I understand how important it is for the MRFF to be present when those who would have the military act otherwise than in concert with the Constitution put forth their views in official channels.

Consequently, I respectfully request that I be permitted to attend the meeting planned for this Thursday.

Upon your approval, I request that the meeting details be sent to me by Ms Warner or her staff, to include requirements mandated by DOD and the Congress given the present COVID-19 pandemic.

Lawrence B. Wilkerson
Colonel, USA (Retired)
Advisory Board Member
Military Religious Freedom Foundation

Background on the GOP's ongoing Congressional attacks against MRFF:

7/20/20 - GOP Congressman Collins Proposes Absurd Amendment to Protect Christians in the Military From MRFF's Victories!

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!

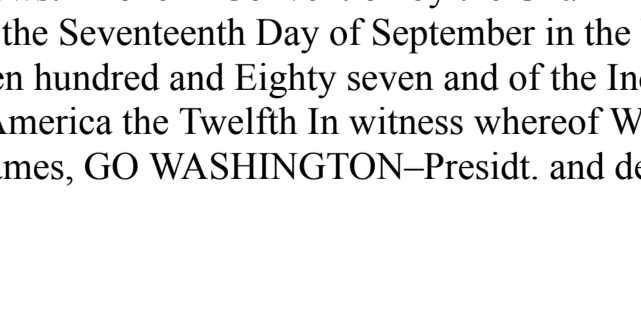
6/10/20 - GOP Senator Ted Cruz Condemns MRFF in Press Release and Letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper

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)



"Support For Religious Freedom"

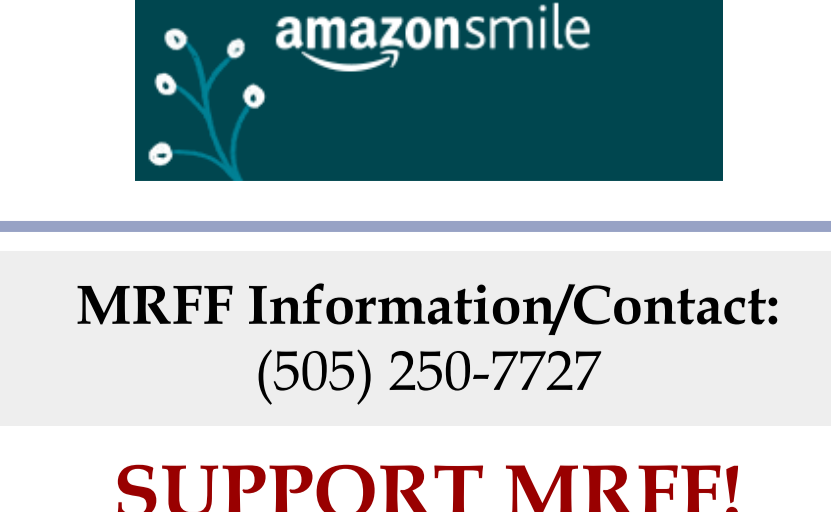
Would this organization support an individual service member or group of service members suing the Department of Defense because they were denied their constitutional rights to freely practice their Christian faith or their Jewish faith or Muslim faith?

Sincerely,

(name withheld)

To see response from MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein:

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"Fuck you"

Just want you to know that Mikey mother fucking communist. its a disgrace you ever served.

(name withheld)

To see responses from MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein and MRFF Board Member John Compere:

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"There is a God"

May the creator of all there is deal with you, Michael Weinstein and your organization in a dramatic and appropriate manner that when done there will be no doubt in your mind that God Himself deals with those who oppose Him.

(name withheld)

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"Stop it."

We fight for freedoms as service members. One of which is freedom OF religion, not freedom FROM religion. You can be an atheist, I support your freedom in that. You can try to convert others to your lack of faith, that is between you and them. Speaking is freedom of speech. No more than anyone will try to stop you from speaking and depriving you if your Constitutional rights, don't do the same to others. Pound sand with your political threats. You've violated your oath to protect the Constitution and it's rights by threatening action against those who don't support YOUR ideals, not those in the Constitution. Coercion, misinformation, and blackmail will come back to haunt you. Focus on a mission of protecting service members from prosecution and punishment for their beliefs, or lack there-of, thereby promoting freedom of religion. Your actions to shut down other religions in favor of yours (a belief in no God is faith in something that can't be proven, ergo, still a religion) is no different than any other religion doing the same. Would you rush to protect service members from an atheist speaker? I doubt it. Hypocrites. Focus on true violations instead of inside agendas.

(name withheld)

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"Marine Corps under fire after canceling training session amid concerns about speaker's Christian background"

More BS from little Mickey.

(name withheld)

To see response from MRFF Board Member John Compere:

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"you really are ignorant of american history"

please use the attached to learn history that should have been taught to you in 5th grade civics classes. you really are an ignorant ass group of people that want to force their heathen lifestyles upon everyone else. get a life, and let everyone else live their own. it is fully confirmed every day why the self proclaimed moniker of the liberal party being the DIM party is so apt, couple that with a jackass as a mascot, that is all anyone needs to know.

(name withheld)

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