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DESPERATE AND LAUGHABLE GOP SENATOR TED CRUZ (R-TX) STILL RAILING AGAINST MRFF'S CONSTITUTIONAL VICTORY!!

MRFF's victory in having Lt. Col. (USAF-Ret.) Jay Lorenzen removed from the annual training for United States Marine Corps Reserve JAGs has gotten under Ted Cruz's thin skin.

"In the final days of our country's nightmarish fundamentalist evangelical regime, Cruz is desperately doing nothing more than throwing red meat to the fundamentalist Christian electorate."

— Mikey Weinstein, MRFF Founder & President



GOP Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), MRFF Founder & President Mikey Weinstein

FOX NEWS COVERS MRFF

Cruz accuses Pentagon of 'culture of hostility towards religion' after Christian Air Force vet's talk canceled

By: Sam Dorman

Monday, August 3, 2020

(Excerpts from Fox News/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, accused the Defense Department of "religious discrimination" Monday in a strongly-worded letter that pressed Defense Secretary Mark Esper on how his department planned to address "its culture of hostility towards religion."

[...]

MRFF President Michael Weinstein told Fox News that Cruz's letter was "ridiculous" and "nothing more than red meat being thrown to the fundamentalist Christian electorate that's out there."

Weinstein similarly called for discipline in the Lorenzen incident but **said the punishment should be applied to whoever approved Lorenzen to speak.** He told Fox News on Monday that he hasn't received any updates on potential reprimands.

A class itinerary provided by MRFF shows Lorenzen was scheduled for three presentations on "leadership." Although the document doesn't explicitly indicate religious instruction, **Weinstein pointed Fox News to an included biography that highlighted, among other things, Lorenzen's work with Campus Crusaders for Christ.** The bio also links to a separate event -- "Life and Leadership: Reflections from a Lazy River" -- in which Lorenzen tours the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg and offers Christian instruction.

[...]

In a June letter, Cruz called out Weinstein's group as "waging a campaign against the chaplaincy, and frankly, against religious freedom in the military generally."

Weinstein maintains that many JAGs complained to him about Lorenzen and that he **"represents just under 70,000 active duty sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen, cadets, midshipmen, DoD civilian personnel, and veterans."** That includes, he said, about **95% who are practicing Christians.**

Both MRFF and Retired Army Col. Lawrence Wilkerson sought to participate in Collins' meeting with DoD, but Collins' office told Fox News it was only open to DoD officials and members of Congress. Wilkerson, a member of MRFF's advisory board, told Fox News last month that it was difficult for him to believe that Lorenzen wouldn't "resort" to religious language when discussing leadership.

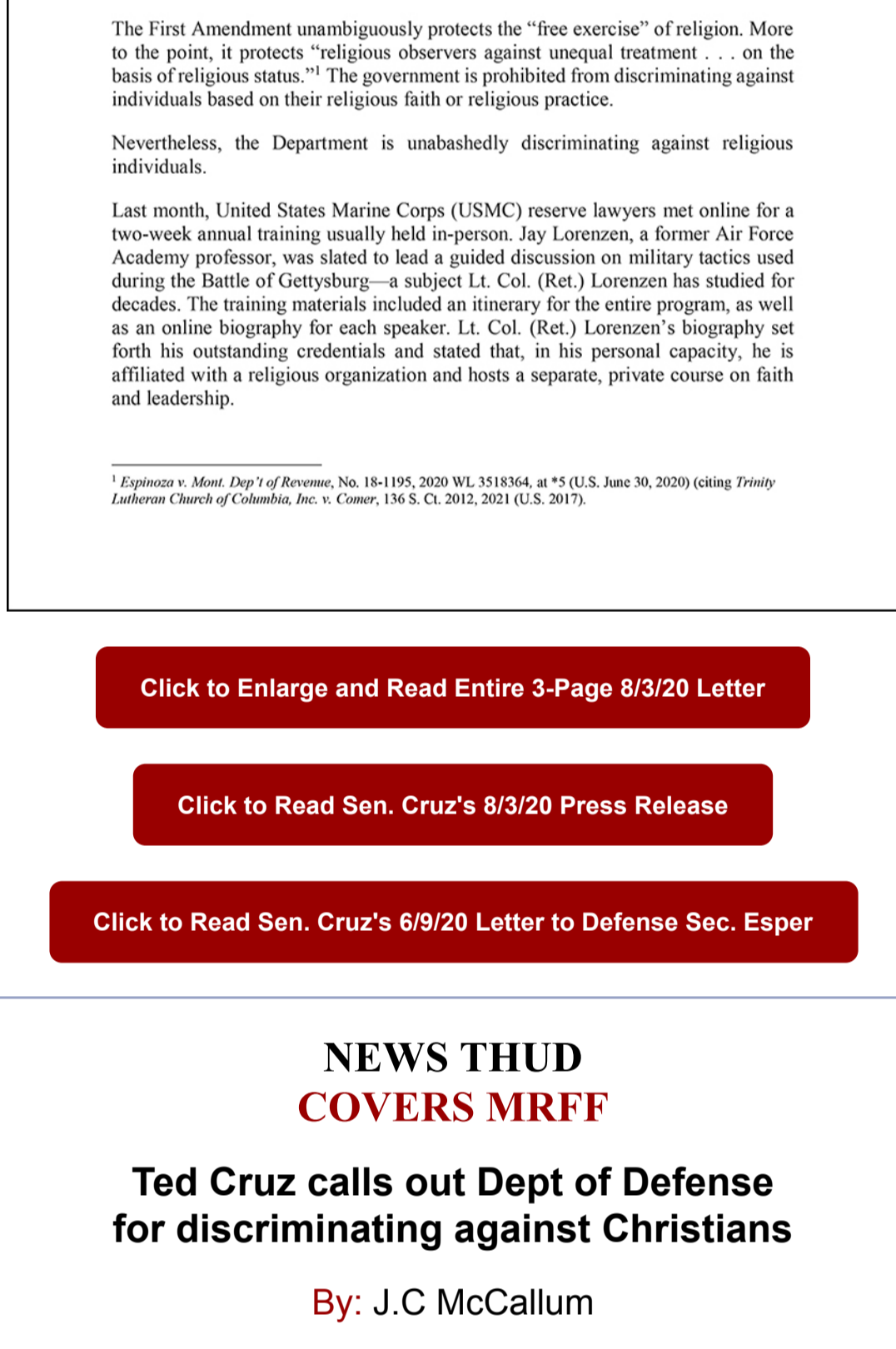
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Cruz Sends Yet Another Letter to Sec Def Esper Attacking MRFF's Victory After His 6/9/20 Letter Condemning MRFF was Ignored

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NEWS THUD COVERS MRFF

Ted Cruz calls out Dept of Defense for discriminating against Christians

By: J.C McCallum

Monday, August 4, 2020

(Excerpt from News Thud/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

[...]

Weinstein has been persecuting Christians in the Air Force for years. It's like they say jump and the Air Force says 'how high'. **We've documented several attempts over the years to try and remove "So help me God" from the oath in the Air Force to kicking the Baby Jesus off of a South Carolina Air Force Base.** These people are despicable and I'm glad Cruz is putting pressure on the DOD to stop cowering to these fools.

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Background on Sen. Ted Cruz and the GOP's Ongoing Congressional Attacks Against MRFF:

7/21/20 – Another MRFF Victory “Appalls” Fundamentalist GOP Congressman Doug Collins, Fox News Reports

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 Members Write to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper Condemning MRFF!

Background on MRFF's Victory in Having Lt. Col. (USAF-Ret.) Jay Lorenzen Removed from Annual Training for USMC Reserve JAGs

7/17/20 - MRFF Stops Mandatory Campus Crusade for Christ Training for Marine Reserve JAGs in Record Time!

7/21/20 - Another MRFF Victory “Appalls” Fundamentalist GOP Congressman Doug Collins, Fox News Reports

INCOMING HATE MRFF'S INBOX

“USMC training session”

I am appalled that your stupid org had to get involved and as such had a training session canceled because of the speakers background in Christianity.

As a 20+ year Marine vet, not many of us agree with your bullshit. Suck it up- whether he was a Jew or Christian Trainer- so what? Did you get offended? I guess I'm not too surprised you having served in the Air Force.

Totally pathetic organization.

(name withheld)

To see responses from
MRFF Advisory Board Member Mike Farrell and
MRFF Advisory Board Member Martin France:

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“Holy MOLEy”

I would like to know how much money from Chinese Communist Nationals your organization has received? After a few high profile events in academia with deep ties to Beijing— It got me thinking—

[...]

(name withheld)

To see responses from
MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein,
MRFF Senior Staff Member Andy Kasehagen,
and MRFF Board Member John Compere:

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