

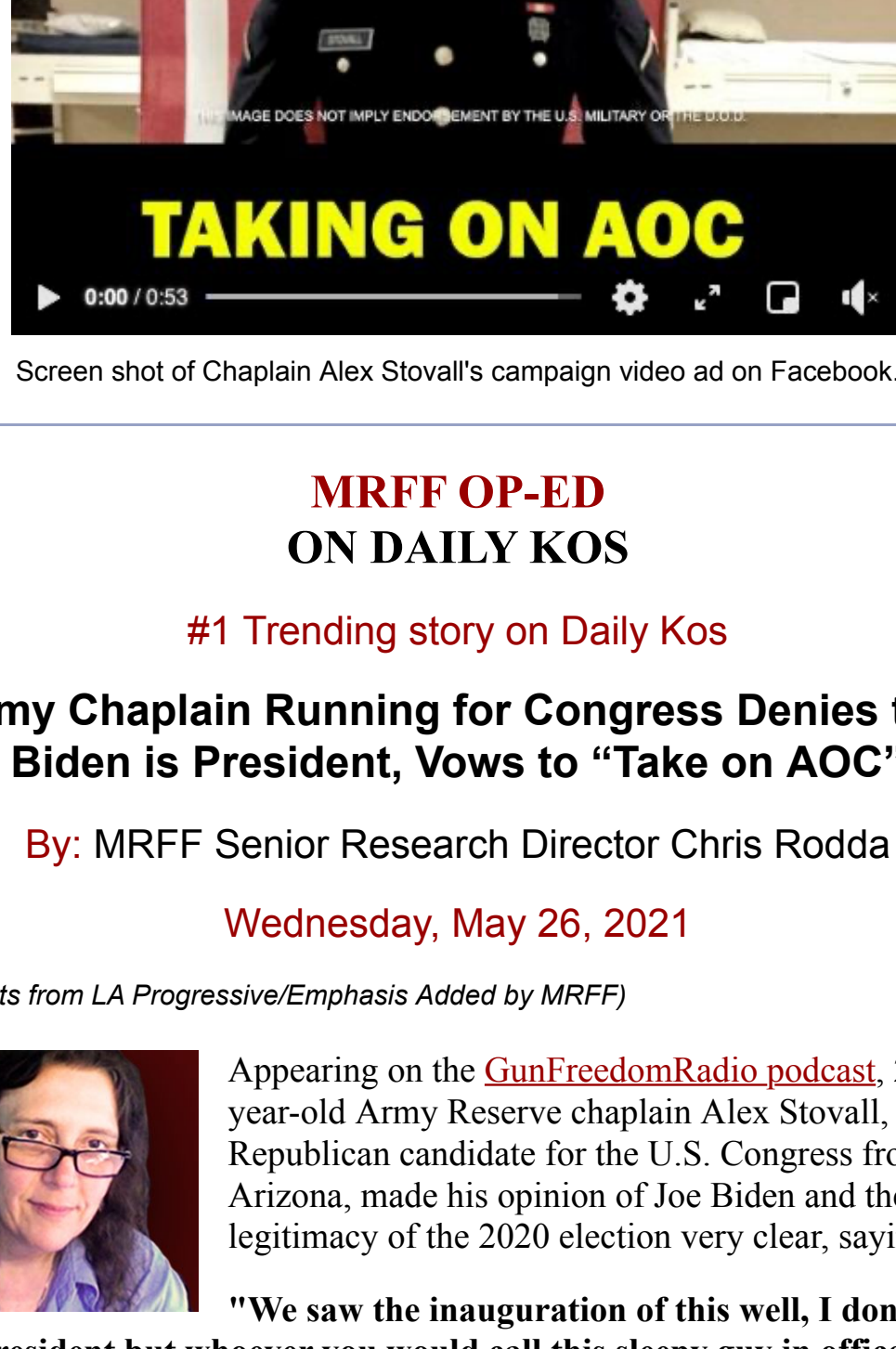


MRFF TO DEMAND PUNISHMENT OF MILITARY CHAPLAIN CONGRESS CANDIDATE WHO DENIES BIDEN'S PRESIDENCY; ILLICITLY WEARS UNIFORM IN CAMPAIGN ADS

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Screen shot of Chaplain Alex Stovall's campaign video ad on Facebook.

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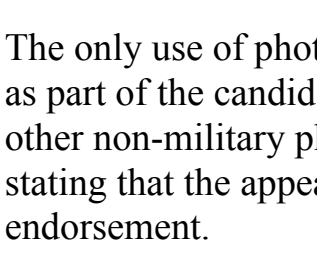
#1 Trending story on Daily Kos

Army Chaplain Running for Congress Denies that Biden is President, Vows to "Take on AOC"

By: MRFF Senior Research Director Chris Rodda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

(Excerpts from LA Progressive/Emphasis Added by MRFF)



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In an email this morning to the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)** alerting MRFF to Stovall's wearing of his uniform in his campaign ads, a retired Air Force senior NCO asked:

"[D]oes wearing a uniform in the ad and directly attacking A.O.C. constitute a violation of Art 88 if being done and done on social-media in a cognizable duty status (such as on ADT Annual Tour or IDT weekend drills)?"

The answer to the retired NCO's question in an unequivocal YES!!!

Article 88, part of Title 10 of the U.S. Code, also known as the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) addresses **"Contempt toward officials,"** stating (emphasis added):

"Any commissioned officer who uses contemptuous words against the President, the Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Governor or legislature of any State, Commonwealth, or possession in which he is on duty or present shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

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Chaplain Stovall's campaign ads also violate DoD Directive 1344.10, **"Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces,"** which 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.

The only use of photos of the candidate in uniform that is allowed are photos as part of the candidates biographical information, when accompanied by other non-military photos, and when also accompanied by a disclaimer stating that the appearance of the photo in uniform doesn't imply a DoD endorsement.

[...]

The focal point of Chaplain Stovall's campaign ads is that he is a U.S. military chaplain — a chaplain who will "take on AOC."

Chaplain Stovall's campaign ads primarily target one person — Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). [According to Stovall:](#)

"Socialists like AOC hate two things — God and America."

Not surprisingly, Stovall is also opposed to mask-wearing, idiotically saying on the GunFreedomRadio podcast:

"The government has no business telling us what to wear. ... For Pete sake, you're telling me I have to wear a mask to go into a grocery store? Before you know it, they'll be telling you to wrap your face with Saran wrap."

Equally unsurprising is that this Army Reserve chaplain and wannabe congressman is a former regional director for [BLEXIT](#), the Trump-supporting organization founded by Candace Owens to "free" Black people from the Democratic Party.

He was also a "field organizer for the Trump Victory Campaign," [telling a reporter](#) at the December 12, 2020 post-election-loss Trump rally in Washington, DC:

"I support President Trump because I'm a veteran myself, and **he's a patriot.** He loves America. He doesn't want America to be for sale anymore. Nor do I. I take pride in my country, I take pride in the things I fought for, and the brothers that have died before me. And if I could say anything to President Trump, I would say keep on keeping on. **He's fighting the good fight.**"

[...]

But, back to the matter at hand, Stovall is a U.S. military officer who is **flagrantly violating military regulations to further his political ambition** to join the ranks of Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, and Matt Gaetz (if he's still in Congress and not in jail) in 2022.

MRFF, as it similarly and successfully did when failed Georgia Senate candidate and chaplain [Doug Collins was similarly violating the same regulations](#) in his 2020 Georgia primary ads, will be taking action to stop this anti-American chaplain/model/actor/financial advisor from illegally using his military rank and position to advertise his candidacy and his contempt for America.

[...]

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MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's statement on Chaplain Stovall's illegal campaign ads and contemptuous words towards President Biden



U.S. Army Reserve Officer/Chaplain Alex Stovall has most disgustingly managed to BLATANTLY violate just about as many crucial DoD regulations and standards as is humanly possible.

MRFF will shortly be officially demanding to the Pentagon that the U.S. Army vigorously investigate and aggressively and visibly punish this individual to the full extent of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and related regulatory provisions.

Email of appreciation from retired Senior NCO who reported Chaplain Stovall's illicit campaign ads to MRFF

"Champions for Warfighters"

From: (MRFF client/Retired Senior NCO's email address withheld)
Subject: Champions for Warfighters
Date: May 26, 2021 at 12:21:22 PM MDT
To: Mikey Weinstein <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

As a retired SNCO, with time to be thoughtful about an American society and political climate that is very different from when I enlisted over 30 years ago, I'm more vigilant to the intrusions of uninvited religion into my everyday life. Seeing these changes can be unnerving and has made me more sensitive to how even strong democracies can be undermined by those who think they have a divine mandate to commandeer and recreate society in their self-defined image. When the spectacle of these intrusions becomes most outrageous, I know I can rely on the MRFF to pick-up the cause and champion for the Constitutional rights of both service members and the hard fought reputation of the services. My advice to a younger generation of warfighter is not to wait until you are retired to think about these things, but rather to look to the MRFF for zealous advocacy now -- for the Constitution and what it represents needs protecting today.

<signed>

A retired SNCO

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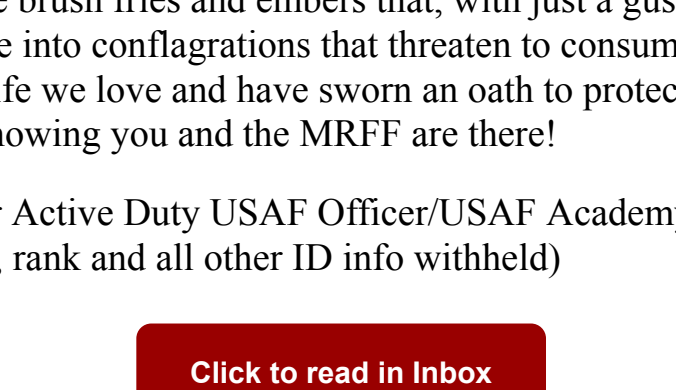
Lincoln Project Executive Director Fred Wellman tweets MRFF's article about Chaplain Stovall



Previous MRFF Victory when failed U.S. Senate candidate Doug Collins (R-GA) – also a military chaplain – illegally used his military uniform and position in his 2020 campaign ads

[10/20/20 – MRFF Demands Secretary of Defense Punish GOP Congressman/USAF Reserve Chaplain Doug Collins for Violating Regulations in Campaign Ads](#)

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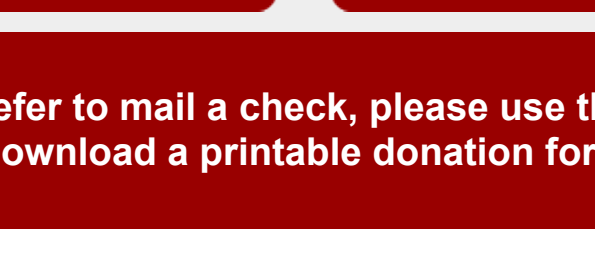
From: Former Active Duty USAF Officer/USAF Academy Faculty Member's E-mail Address Withheld
Subject: Thanks Again for Everything!
Date: May 24, 2021 at 11:05:31 AM MDT
To: Mikey Weinstein <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

Hi Mikey,

For the better part of the past twenty years, you and the MRFF have been tireless advocates for those of us who have no other place to turn. As a MRFF client while assigned to the faculty at the U.S. Air Force Academy, your guidance, support, advocacy, wise counsel, and direct intervention have always been available and, more importantly, have always produced results. During the dark interregnum when Christian dominionists seized power even in the nation's highest offices, we continued the fight, knowing that, in the end, good would triumph over evil. But, it is clear to me that our work is not finished and we must remain constantly on guard. We must fully extinguish all the brush fires and embers that, with just a gust of hot air, would again flare into conflagrations that threaten to consume our democracy and the way of life we love and have sworn an oath to protect. I sleep much better at night knowing you and the MRFF are there!

Thanks, (Former Active Duty USAF Officer/USAF Academy Faculty Member's name, rank and all other ID info withheld)

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