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Tuesday, September 11, 2018

MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOUNDATION HONORED TO ANNOUNCE NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER



MRFF WELCOMES NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER MARTY FRANCE RET. USAF BRIG. GEN.

Retired USAF Brigadier General, **Former Permanent Professor &** Head, Dept. of Astronautics; **Engineering Division Chair, USAF Academy**

Statement from USAF Ret. Brig. General **Marty France About Joining** MRFF's Advisory Board:

I've known Mikey Weinstein for almost 15 years—since the very founding days of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. In my active duty service of more than 37 years, I saw first-hand the need for an organization like the MRFF, the value of what's been accomplished to date, and the need for continued vigilance. I worked closely with Mikey and the MRFF during my continued organics. I worked cooseig but mixing and the MKFF airrilg my time at the USA iF proce Academy as a Permanent Professor, all within the tight, but necessary, restrictions that one voluntarily accepts as a member of our military. In that time, I helped resolve countless issues that never made it into the press and was committed to helping the Air Force and its Academy become even more effective, while protecting the rights of military personnel that we all took an oath to defend.

Now that I've retired from active duty, I'm deeply honored to be invited to join the Military Religious Freedom Foundation's Advisory Board, serving alongside Mikey and so many other distinguished board members in a more visible way.

We have the greatest, most lethal military in world history, serving the richest, freest, most powerful nation on Earth—in large part because of our Constitution that strictly forbids the conflation of patriotism, service, and any one specific spiritual perspective. Hawing faced religious prejudice first-hand and suffered the consequences of leadership that feels comfortable (if not enthusiastic) about allowing their biases to shape organizational culture and repress those with opposing views, I'm in a unique position to help our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and civil servants within the DoD—and help our DoD leaders be more effective and understanding as well. I look forward to that challenge and will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Mikey and the superb MRF staff to continue to support and defend the Constitution against superb MRFF staff to continue to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Thank you for this privilege.

Marty France USAF Ret. Brig. Gen. | Former Perm. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Astronautics, Engineering Div. Chair, USAF Academy

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ABOUT: Marty France, Ret. USAF Brig. Gen., Former Perm. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Astronautics, **Engineering Div. Chair, USAF Academy**

-BS Degrees in Engineering Science and Engineering Mechanics, US Air Force Academy

-MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Stanford University

-MS in National Security Strategy and Distinguished Graduate. The National War College, National Defense University

-PhD in Engineering Science and Mechanics, Virginia Tech

-Permanent Professor & Head, Dept of Astronautics (2005-2018);

Engineering Division Chair (2015-2017), USAF Academy

-Past assignments to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Staff, Air Force Space Command Headquarters, The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), as the USAF Exchange Engineer to the French Ministry of Defense, and as the Chief Scientist to the Joint IED Defeat Organization

-Named a Fulbright Scholar to Nanyang Technological University,

-Father of a USAF Academy graduate and a USMC infantryman; grandfather of three boys; married 37-plus years to Becky France

-Active cyclist, hiker, avid traveler (66 countries so far!), professional photographer, published author, and experienced stand-up science comic

Excerpts from: Colonel Marty France, Permanent Professor & Department Head

USAFA Bio: Marty France

Marty France is a retired USAF Brigadier General, and former Permanent Professor & Head of the Dept. of Astronautics and Engineering Division Chair at the USAF Academy.

He commanded the Department of Astronautics with final responsibility for curriculum, personnel, research, budget, long-range planning, faculty development, and cadet instruction. The Department of Astronautics helps produce the finest Air Force officers in the world who live our core values and understand space. He supervised 30 Air Force officers, NCOs, civilians and support contractors offering 18 college-level courses annually to educate over 1,300 cadets in Astronautics and Space Operations. He also managed a dynamic \$6.0M4 research program funded by Air Force Space Command, AFRL, and other DoD organizations.

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Ret. Brig. Gen. France earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1981, graduating with majors in Engineering Mechanics and Engineering Sciences. Colonel France's professional experience include research and development assignments with the Air Force Research Lab working on high energy laser systems, as the Air Force Exchange Engineer to France, assigned to Toulouse, France, and as a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). He served as the Chief Scientist of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) during a sabbatical assignment and has earlier experience as an instructor, associate professor, and executive officer in the Department of Astronautics, USAF Academy.

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He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 2014 and served as a visiting scholar to Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) during the fall of that year. He has published technical, policy, and strategy papers in several refereed journals, is a fully qualified Foreign Area Officer (fluent in French), a Joint Specialty Officer, and a Level III Certified Acquisition Professional.



"From A Concerned U.S. Army Captain" Sunday, September 9, 2018

From: (Active Duty U.S. Army Captain's E-Mail Address Withheld)
Subject: From A Concerned U.S. Army Captain
Date: September 9, 2018
To: Mikey Weinstein

Dear MRFF:

Thank you for your tireless support for religious freedom. It is comforting to know there is a place to turn for help when the religious overtones in the military become overbearing. In these time of hype-nationalism cloaked in religious expression, there needs a to be an advocate for the true meaning of the First Amendment.

Over the past several months, there has been a sharp increase in conservative Christian religious activities at my post. This trend is alarming and scary for those who are not a part of the religious right. As a mainline Protestant, I find these activities detrimental to the actual mission of the church.

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...there has been a blurring of the line between leadership and a certain sect of Christianity. It feels like only those who follow this form of religion are welcome at my post and the only ones the chaplains are willing to serve.

Thank you again MRFF for being a voice of reason and civil rights activism. As a person of Christian faith, I believe in the importance of religion but also believe all religions and non-faith traditions should be allowed to freely practice.

Warmest Regards

A concerned U.S. Active Duty Army Captain (name, MOS, assigned duty unit and U.S. Army installation all withheld)

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INCOMING HATE MRFF'S INBOX

"Hate Mail" Monday, September 10, 2018

From: (name withheld)
Date: September 10, 2018
To: Mikey Weinstein

You people are not about religious freedom. You are about censoring Christians in the military. You will lose, you are fascist hate mongers. Your probably Muslim terroitst. You will not in Hell. The usaf guy your complaining to Gen. Mattis about had a constitutional right to talk about his faith. Gen. MATTIS WILL LAUGH AT YOU WHILE LIGHTING HIS CIGAR WITH YOUR COMPLAINT!!! give up you can't stop God... Trying makes you fools!! (name withheld)

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"MRFF" Tuesday, September 4, 2018

From: (name withheld)
Date: September 4, 2018
To: Mikey Weinstein
Subject: MRFF

Mikey

Wouldn't it be better to name MRFF closer to your other org by just calling this one Military Freedom From Religion? Then all the military men, who have unresolved daddy issues like you sissies, can feel better about being marginal too.

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"Micky is the reason" Tuesday, September 4, 2018

From: (name withheld)
Date: September 4, 2018
To: Mikey Weinstein
Subject: Mickey is the reason
Reply-To: (name withheld)

Reply-To: (name withheld)

Mickey is the reason nobody trusts or likes the jew tribe anywhere anyhow and anytime.

The jew is a death cancer to all clean human beings who submit and love The Son of God.

Historical leaders have tried to cut out this cancer but they never can quite get the job done right.

Mickey is a dirty jew amongst the dirtiest jews and is amongst the worst cancers of the dirty jew tribe. America will be great again when it prevents jew Mickey from his attacks on the military and his attacks on Christ Jesus.

Semper Fi/Anonymous USMC Lifer

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