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"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

(John 15:13)



Freedom requires sacrifice. And that is true for our nation. The cost of freedom is great. The fight for freedom is never over. We must fight to win it, and then we must fight to keep it.

Just survey our rich history and heritage of freedom. From the Minute Men who were out-manned and out-gunned by the British on Lexington Green and later that day at Concord Bridge, to General Washington and his ill clad men enduring the harsh winter at Valley Forge, to the rocket's red glare over Fort McHenry in the War of 1812, to the blood soaked fields around Gettysburg where brother fought against brother, to the Doughboys in the trenches facing sniper fire and mustard gas in WWI, to the scores of Sailors who died at Pearl Harbor, to the Soldiers who stormed the beaches of Normandy, to the Airmen who went on bombing raids over Tokyo, to the Marines who fought on the shores of Iwo Jima, on the frigid hills of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, the deserts of Iraq, and the rugged mountains of Afghanistan —these Patriots secured our liberty at a high price.



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Because of God's blessing and because of the sacrifices of our military, no other nation enjoys such great freedoms as America. But our freedom, won at such a high price, is under fire in America today.

Sadly, we have seen a major assault on religious liberty in recent years. Air Force Col. Leland Bohannon was denied a religious accommodation exempting him from having to sign a "certificate of spouse appreciation" for an airman in a same-sex marriage and then suspended for "discrimination." However, Air Force Sec. Heather Wilson overturned this decision, in part due to FRC presenting her with 77K petitions in support of Col. Bohannon. Thankfully, President Trump is trying to make changes, but many anti-faith career employees are still embedded in the military. Service members should be free to practice their beliefs.



ACTION STEPS:

1. Pray for the members of the military and their families.

Thank God for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

2. Learn about the threats to Religious Liberty in the Armed Forces.

Visit militaryfreedom.org and download Clear and Present Danger I, II.

3. Urge your elected officials to act. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Or visit www.FRC.org and click on Contact Officials.

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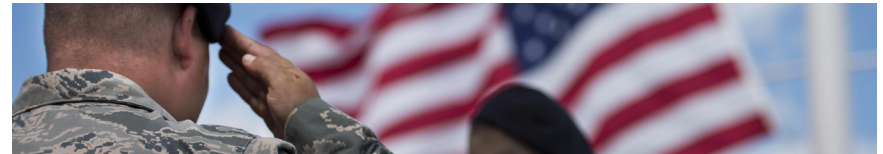


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