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**Soldiers Defending the Constitution  
Cannot be Denied Their Religious Freedom**

Each year new cases are brought to defend the religious freedom of members of our military by law firms who defend religious freedom in all relevant situations. Many Catholics wonder why there is an organization such as Catholics for Freedom of Religion. They tell us they can go to church on Sunday so what is the problem.

Freedom of Worship is not freedom of religion. Freedom of Worship is the right to pray within the church of your choice. Freedom of religion is the right to worship in church, in your home and in the public square, as in processions, public rosaries, etc. Freedom of Religion is the right to live your faith openly in every area of your life. So the cases brought against the military are an area of great concern. Many cases in recent years reflect a resistance to God's presence among the military as service men and women are criticized, marginalized and even dismissed for their religious beliefs and practices which denies their right to freedom of religion.

On Jan. 17, 2025 Liberty Counsel filed a lawsuit to defend an Idaho National Guardsman, Major Worley, because he was removed from a command position solely for his religious beliefs which he had stated in a venue off duty and outside of his military service. Major Worley was investigated based on a complaint filed by a guardsman who said he felt unsafe and threatened because of Worley's beliefs. The investigation showed no wrongdoing by Worley but still he was removed by a general who decided Worley's Christian views were toxic. Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/33d36csv>

Read here about a VA chaplain whose sermons are being censored because he preaches based on his religious beliefs and his ecclesiastical endorsement. <https://tinyurl.com/3pnhvnzn>

***The gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations!"***

***Benjamin Rush, Signer of the Declaration of Independence***