

PRESS RELEASE #12: CHAPLAIN KLINGENSCHMITT PUNISHED FOR PRAYING IN UNIFORM
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QUESTION: What charges were filed today, Friday, 28 Apr 06?

ANSWER: Captain Lloyd Pyle, Commander of Naval Station Norfolk, revealed his intention to take Chaplain Klingenschmitt to "Captain's Mast" on charges that the Chaplain 1) disobeyed orders and 2) violated uniform regs, (Read charges here): <http://persuade.tv/frenzy3/captainasmast.pdf>

QUESTION: What counter-charges will soon be filed?

ANSWER: Chaplain Klingenschmitt plans to charge Captain Lloyd Pyle with religious harrasment (for punishing the chaplain for praying in Jesus name) and reprisals in violation of the Whistleblower Protection Act (for punishing the chaplain because he appealed to the President.)

QUESTION: When and where did the Chaplain allegedly disobey orders?

ANSWER: On Thursday 30 Mar 06 when he said prayers "in Jesus name" in front of the White House at a press conference hosted by Chief Justice Roy Moore (story here):
<http://persuade.tv/frenzy3/Birmingham31Mar06.pdf>

QUESTION: Does the Chaplain agree he disobeyed orders?

ANSWER: Yes, but with written permission. (Read here): <http://persuade.tv/frenzy3/ChapsUniformThreats.pdf>

QUESTION: What are the Chaplain's two options?

ANSWER: Either (A) attend Captain's Mast and accept a "letter of reprimand" that will be permanently filed in his personnel record, ensuring he never gets promoted again. OR (B) decline Captain's Mast and defend himself at court-martial to prove his innocence.

QUESTION: When and what might Chaplain Klingenschmitt decide?

ANSWER: By 9 am Wednesday 3 May 06 he will choose A or B...but today he's undecided.

QUESTION: What is Chaplain Klingenschmitt's reaction to all this?

ANSWER: I believe I'm innocent, and I intend to prove my innocence, at either Mast or Court Martial.

-I had written prior authorization from the Executive Officer to wear my uniform, provided I limited my remarks to prayers, which I did, so I obeyed his written orders.

-Uniform regulations authorize me to wear the uniform when conducting "religious observances" even outside a chapel setting, even at secular events.

-My 30 Mar 06 appearance to say prayers outside the White House directly supported my earlier written appeal to the President, which appeal I made in writing on 15 Dec 05, via my chain of command, but Navy Admirals still today refuse to forward my letter to the President, now after 4.5 months.

-It's been ONE FULL YEAR since I went public with allegations that Captain Carr of USS ANZIO punished me for my prayers and sermons. Most investigations take 45 days to complete, but the Navy has rendered NO DECISION and they're still "investigating" the documents I posted online 30 Apr 05.

-Despite my Freedom of Information Act requests, and Congressional inquiries by DOZENS of Congressmen on my behalf, the Navy has yet to turn over their documents, (instead they're shredding some), they've yet to issue findings, yet to report to Congress, and yet to justify how 4 senior chaplains persuaded Captain Carr to punish me for my sermons and prayers. Now they come after me?

QUESTION:

On 7 Jan 06, there was "no problem" with Chaplain Klingenschmitt wearing his uniform (to say prayers in Jesus name) in front of the White House...

But on 30 Mar 06 there's a "major problem" with Chaplain Klingenschmitt wearing his uniform (to say prayers in Jesus name), in front of the White House...WHAT'S THE KEY DIFFERENCE?

ANSWER:

On 21 Feb 06 (in between the above dates), the Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter signed a brand-new prayer policy, mandating that chaplains only pray "in Jesus name" INSIDE a chapel setting, authorizing commanders to punish chaplains who pray "in Jesus name" OUTSIDE a chapel setting, for disobeying orders.

THIS PROVES THEY'RE ENFORCING THE NEW SECNAV POLICY TO PROHIBIT PRAYERS IN JESUS NAME.

New SECNAV policy bans Christian prayers outside a chapel setting. FRONT PAGE WASH TIMES here:
<http://persuade.tv/frenzy2/WashTimes23Mar06.pdf>

On 7 Jan 06, the Navy and I agree the event was a “bona fide religious service” setting, safe for Jesus-prayers.
But on 30 Mar 06, the Navy and I agree the event was a “press conference” unsafe for Jesus-prayers.
IF I HAD PRAYED IN UNIFORM INSIDE A CHAPEL SETTING, I WOULDN'T BE PUNISHED TODAY.
SINCE I PRAYED IN UNIFORM AT AN OTHERWISE SECULAR EVENT, I'M BEING PUNISHED.

Chaplain Klingenschmitt didn't initiate calls to the newspapers today. The Navy, CHINFO, CAPT Pyle and Rear Admiral McCreary DID BOTH INITIATE to blow this up in the press today. Why?

How can the Navy claim there's “no coordinated effort” to “get” me, when at 10 am I have charges referred against me, and by 6 pm the same day I'm getting phone calls from the national media...unless the entire Navy command, legal, and “information operations” apparatus are deliberately synchronized. And if they're all synchronized in today's effort, it demonstrates deliberate forethought and malice in their effort to discredit me and humiliate me.

When Congress seizes their emails, will it prove the Admirals conspired? What emails are they deleting to hide from Congress, right now?

With everything going on in the Global War on Terror around the world in the US Navy, the most important issue they could find to call the Washington Post about was an alleged uniform infraction by Chaplain Klingenschmitt, which should at worst merit a minor administrative correction, but instead merits threats of court-martial, and calls to the national media?

Why are they trying to swat a fly with a sledge-hammer? Is all this Navy-created drama really necessary, over a minor uniform infraction? Do they really plan to court-martial me for saying prayers in uniform, and appealing to the President? Do they still maintain my prayers in Jesus' name were “personal partisan religious views” inappropriate to speak in uniform? (I only prayed from the Bible-Acts 4, and the Book of Common Prayer, read my speech here: <http://persuade.tv/frenzy3/RevRobSchenckSpeech.pdf>).

Again the Navy spokesman lied to the press, claiming I'd never be punished for the events of 30 Mar 06, Read here: <http://persuade.tv/frenzy3/WashDateLine14Apr06.pdf>

They say chaplains can pray in Jesus name, they just can't do it outside a chapel setting.
They say chaplains can pray in Jesus name outside the chapel, they just can't wear a uniform while doing it.
They say we can support and defend the Constitution, just don't wear a uniform while doing it.

Enough is enough. I wear a cross on my uniform, I pray in Jesus name, and I my on-duty efforts (in uniform) honor the Constitution which they trample underfoot.

First I was punished (in writing) for my prayers and sermons. Now I'm punished for blowing the whistle.

I'VE DOCUMENTED 25 ACTS OF REPRISALS AGAINST A WHISTLEBLOWER AT THIS COMMAND, punishing me because I appealed to Congress and the President. More details to come...

The Navy tries to discredit me, shifting attention, only because they still today FAIL TO PROVIDE JUSTICE. They'd rather hide their own embarrassment by deflecting attention away from their religious harassment of my faith.

Does anybody think Navy leaders will EVER hold Captain Carr accountable, for punishing his chaplain for quoting the Bible in the chapel? Is Captain Carr above the law? Does Captain Pyle protect him, by taking reprisals on me, to punish me for appealing to the President, and for saying prayers in uniform?

Stay tuned...Court-martials are open to the public...and I could call upon many, many eye-witnesses.

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