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Court says Veterans' Cross must be Torn Down

"Back in 1925, the American Legion erected a memorial in Bladensburg, Md., to honor the memory of 49 men who perished during World War I," [reports](#) Fox' Todd Starnes.

"The 40-foot tall memorial became known as the 'Peace Cross.'

"In 2014, the American Humanist Association -- a group that believes in 'being good without a god' -- filed a lawsuit alleging the cross-shaped memorial is unconstitutional and demanding it be demolished, altered, or removed.

"They alleged the cross carries 'an inherently religious message and creates the unmistakable appearance of honoring only Christian servicemen.'



"On Wednesday, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed and ruled the historic memorial must be torn down -- all because the Bladensburg Memorial is in the shape of a cross.

"The Fourth Circuit said the memorial excessively entangles the government in religion **because the cross is the 'core symbol of Christianity'** and 'breaches' the wall separating church and state.

Writing separately, Chief Judge Gregory wrote, "This Memorial stands in witness to the VALOR, ENDURANCE, COURAGE, and DEVOTION of the forty-nine residents of Prince George's County, Maryland who lost their lives in the Great War for the liberty of the world. I cannot agree that a monument so conceived and dedicated and that bears such witness violates the letter or spirit of the very Constitution these heroes died to defend."

"The American Legion could appeal directly to the Supreme Court.

"Today's decision sets dangerous precedent by completely ignoring history, and it **threatens removal and destruction of veterans memorials across America**," First Liberty Institute attorney Hiram Sasser said.

"First Liberty Institute and the Jones Day law firm are representing the American Legion in their fight."

[Dr. Chaps' comment: The cross honors the religion of the dead being honored. By removing the cross, this court dishonors everything the dead fought for and died for. The First Amendment protects the speech of the cross, not the easily offended eyes and ears of those who hate religious expression.]

[Dr. Chaps' comment: I saw Billy Graham preach in Buffalo in 1989, and what a legacy of service to the Lord. He preached the simple gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, and changed a generation of Americans. Thank God for his legacy.]

[Please select here to sign urgent petition, and we will fax all 100 Senators \(saving you time!\) to PROTECT MILITARY CHAPELS, CHAPLAINS AND TROOPS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM to oppose immorality, restore the good chapel amendment from H.R. 4310.](#)

[Petition to Air Force Secretary: Don't Punish Christian Officer](#)

My friends at the American Family Association are petitioning the Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson (my fellow USAF Academy grad), to demand she STOP persecuting Christian officers.

"U.S. Air Force Col. Leland Bohannon was asked in May 2017 to **sign a 'certificate of spouse appreciation' for a retiring master sergeant in a same-sex 'marriage,'**" [reports AFA.](#)

"As a devout Christian, Bohannon refused to sign the document stating it would violate his religious belief of marriage being between one man and one woman. As a result, the Air Force suspended the colonel and effectively ended his career.

[Sign the petition](#) to SECAF to demand the Air Force to restore and protect Colonel Leland Bohannon's Constitutional right to freely exercise his religious beliefs by

reversing the complaint against him and removing any unfavorable remarks from his record related to this complaint.



"Col. Bohannon requested religious accommodation after speaking with Air Force officials. Such an accommodation would have allowed Col. Bohannon to maintain his religious beliefs and excused him from having to sign the document.

"About six weeks later, the Air Force responded but gave no answer to Col. Bohannon's request, leaving him without a defense. The [[homosexual] airman filed a complaint with the Equal Opportunity Office against Col. Bohannon for refusing to sign the document.

"As a result, Bohannon was relieved of command. Additionally, a letter sent by a superior officer recommended against Bohannon's promotion to brigadier general, effectively ending his career. He appealed the decision, but Col. Bohannon was denied the appeal by Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, deputy commander of Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

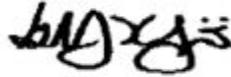
"In May 2017, President Trump, Commander in Chief, issued an Executive Order calling the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide guidance to the executive agencies on the protection of religious liberty. The DOJ issued the guidance on October 6.

"The Department of Defense (DOD) headed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is an executive agency that also gives direction to the U.S. Air Force led by Secretary Heather Wilson. So far, the DOD has failed to issue follow-up guidance to protect the religious freedoms the military is fighting to protect.

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God Bless you, in Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon James Klingenschmitt'.

Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt, PhD
Who is Dr. Chaps? [Read bio here.](#)

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