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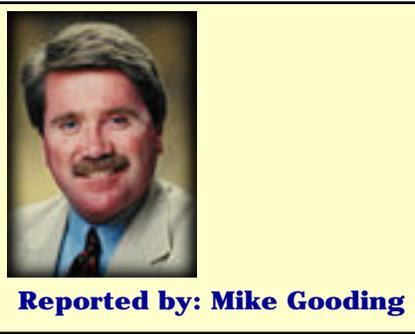
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Read the guidelines: Air Force issues new guidelines for its chaplains

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There's new controversy over what words military chaplains can and cannot say while praying in public.

Revised interim guidelines for the Air Force are designed to protect chaplain's religious expression.

Navy chaplain Lt. Gordon Klingenschmitt says the new rules do just the opposite and that discrimination against

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The guidelines require "non-denominational, inclusive prayer or a moment of silence ... appropriate for military ceremonies or events of special importance when its primary purpose is not the advancement of religious beliefs."

"I'm very disappointed," said Lt. Klingenschmitt. "These new, quote-unquote 'brand-new' Air Force prayer guidelines are the same as the old guidelines. They still say you can't pray in Jesus' name."

Lt. Klingenschmitt staged an 18-day hunger strike outside the White House over similar guidance he received from Navy officials.

"Well, it's blatant censorship of my prayers. They want me to pray to the government-approved, civic God of civic religion instead of praying according to my bishop's faith."

House Armed Services Committee member, North Carolina Rep. Walter B. Jones (R-3rd D), appears to agree. He says, "I have read reports, received letters and seen documentation which verifies the suppression of religious freedom throughout our Armed Forces is a pervasive problem affecting military chaplains from all denominations and religions."

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Lt. Klingenschmitt says he'll sue should Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld apply the new Air Force rules to all branches.

"I don't see any other way to protect a chaplain's first amendment right to compose

his own prayers and pray according to his own diverse faith. They won't let us pray in Jesus' name and I think we ought to be able to do that."

Last May, Klingenschmitt was removed as chaplain of USS Anzio and given shore duty.

He now works at the base chapel at Naval Station Norfolk.

He's just received a new three-year contract with the Navy, but he's convinced he's advanced as far as he ever will because he spoke out.

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