

Appendix L: Two-star Admiral overrules Chaps' protest, mandates church quotas.

(This 'smoking gun' document explains how two senior chaplains hijacked an Admiral's rank to establish 'government-mandated church quotas' forcing their own faith on scores of young Sailors, ordering them to pretend to worship, on-duty, in uniform, for the TV cameras, at a pro-gay church. Then they punished a junior chaplain who dared to propose an equal opportunity alternative, and cited his proposal as a performance deficiency. They later cited his protest as grounds he should be denied continuation on active duty, trying to end his career after 14 years of service, because he proposed to invite off-duty Sailors to an optional evangelical church, instead of supporting the mandatory one.)

Gordon James Klingenschmitt

From: Klingenschmitt, Gordon James LT
Sent: Friday, May 07, 2004 5:26 PM
To: 'M...' W... LCDR'; 'D...' B... (E-mail); 'S...' F... (E-mail); F...
Subject: Invitation to attend Times Square Church, NYC Fleet Week, 30 May Sunday

*Four chaplains or ship religious coordinators
No public protest at all. Then.*

Chaplain M...

Sir, I'm regretfully withdrawing my support of taking ANZIO sailors to visit the Marble Collegiate Church during fleet week, based on my findings on their web-site, particularly at this page which endorses homosexual sin, same-sex parenting, and mockery of those who try to escape the gay-lesbian lifestyle: <http://www.marblechurch.org/glfellowship.html>
notice I didn't speak for my CO.
my protest is on clear religious grounds.

I propose leading a group of sailors from ANZIO (and any other ships who wish to participate) to visit David Wilkerson's interdenominational Times Square Church (TSC) on 51st and Broadway.
I only proposed this for optional consideration.

TSC offers the following services on Sunday, 30 May:

9:00 AM Congregational Prayer
10:00 AM Church Service
1:00 PM Congregational Prayer
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM High School Prayer
3:00 PM Church Service
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM High School Small Groups
5:00 PM Congregational Prayer
6:00 PM Church Service
6:00 PM Kids Church
optional attendance

Any sailors interested should meet Chaplain Klingenschmitt at the brow of USS ANZIO (Pier 88) at 0800 Sunday morning, 30 May 04. We'll catch public transportation, lunch afterwards, and return to the ships around 1400.

(Please feel free to edit this email, and forward only the relevant details to your sailors...)

Very respectfully,
Chaplain Klingenschmitt
USS ANZIO

HOW DID SENIOR CHAPLAINS PUNISH ME FOR THIS EMAIL?

Chaplain M. forwarded my above email proposal to CAPT Chaplain Jane Vieira for consideration. Chaplain Vieira immediately called CAPT Chaplain Steve Gragg directing him to 'put the clamps on that junior chaplain' and 'put him back in his box' (Chaplain Gragg admitted this to me). Chaplain Gragg immediately called my command directing I be punished, and later my CO punished me, citing my email protest above, documenting it against me as a performance deficiency, in writing (Appendix D), as grounds I should be denied continuation on active duty (Appendix G), attempting to end my active duty career after 14 years, without retirement, because I declined to attend Chaplain Jane Vieira's pro-gay church, and proposed the option to invite off-duty Sailors to an evangelical church instead.

Why was Jane Vieira so angry that she'd silence my protest, deny my proposal to invite Sailors to an optional evangelical church, direct my CO to punish me for my faith, and then convince the Admiral to order scores of on-duty Sailors to fill her 'government-mandated church quotas' to attend her pro-gay church? Why? Here's why:

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC) WEBSITE:

UCC policy statement endorsing homosexuality:

<http://www.ucc.org/men/open.htm>

Letter by former UCC President questioning the Bible's definition of homosexuality as sin:

<http://www.ucc.org/news/record/pastoral.shtml>

UCC scholarship fund created for gay and lesbian seminary students:

<http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/jul00/scholar.htm>

List of chaplains endorsed by UCC praising Chaplain Jane Vieira:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/iraq-chaplains.htm>

Praise of a public prayer written by UCC Chaplain Jane Vieira:

<http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/sep02/clip.htm>

Citation of commendation medal to UCC Chaplain Jane Vieira:

<http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/oct01/chaplains.htm>

AND WHAT SHE DID NEXT WILL SHOCK THE WORLD....

HOW DID CAPT CHAPLAIN JANE VIEIRA FORCE ON-DUTY SAILORS TO ATTEND HER PRO-GAY CHURCH?

My above email was sent 7 May. On 20 May, when CAPT Chaplain Jane Vieira couldn't get enough volunteer Sailors to attend her pro-gay church by directing junior chaplains to recruit for her, she convinced the two-star Admiral (CCDG-2, who was fully aware of my objection) to sign an operations order enforcing 'government-mandated church quotas.' CAPT Chaplain Jane Vieira not only violated the U.S. Constitution to force her faith upon my young Sailors, she hijacked the rank of the entire line community, getting them to violate the Constitution. And they agreed to this?

-----Original Message-----

From: M [REDACTED], R [REDACTED] LCDR
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 3:20 PM
To: CHAPS
Subject: FW: Worship Services During Fleet Week

OK, no longer a volunteer event. 20 bodies.

-----Original Message-----

From: M [REDACTED], W [REDACTED] LCDR [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 4:06 PM
To: 'xo@[REDACTED]'; 'xo@[REDACTED]'; 'xo@[REDACTED]';
'xo@[REDACTED]'; 'xo@[REDACTED]'; 'xo@[REDACTED]';
'xo@[REDACTED]';
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; 'Gordon J. Klingenschmitt (E-mail)'; [REDACTED]
(E-mail)'; [REDACTED] (E-mail)'; [REDACTED] (E-mail)';
Subject: Worship Services During Fleet Week

XOs and Chaplains,

This afternoon was the Pre-Sail conference onboard IWO. Two things I would like to pass down.

1. Thank you to each command for working to keep the comrels on track, I received all the lists and appreciate the support.
2. Marble Collegiate Church. At the briefing today it was made clear that each ship coming to Fleet Week is expected to provide bodies to this service. IWO will provide 50 and each of the other ships will provide 20. This is per CCDG-2 direction that this be done. Obviously it is preferable to fill with volunteers if at all possible. Understand that for some this raises questions, but as I pulled the string on this request at the conference it was made clear that this is how the Admiral wants it done.
3. The church is reserving center front seating and food for 150. The menu will be barbecued chicken and ribs, corn on the cob, cole slaw and desserts.
4. Greatly appreciate all of your ongoing support.

V/R Chaplain M [REDACTED]

Upon learning attendance at the pro-gay church was now mandated with quotas, I immediately protested again, in person to my CO CAPT James M. Carr, this time on constitutional grounds, telling him he'd create a public relations nightmare if he followed that order, and forced on-duty Sailors to attend a pro-gay church, *especially* since our command recently discharged two Sailors for homosexual conduct at sea. CAPT Carr replied, "Don't worry Chaps, the press will never figure that out." (OK sir, roger that.)

He directed me to identify Sailors and fill the mandatory quotas, and protest later in the after-action report, which I did. Against my faith I recruited many volunteers to attend the pro-gay church, just so others wouldn't be forced to attend against their will. But most only 'volunteered' after hearing the command would order others to go if they didn't volunteer. (And the other ships didn't seek volunteers face-to-face like I did, they just ordered their duty section to go.) Even so, we didn't quite fill our quotas, because the entire chief's mess rightly refused to participate. But many young 'volunteers' were sent, against my advice. Five other Sailors and I protested again, by attending the evangelical church instead, without getting permission from Chaplain Jane Vieira.

Not wanting to embarrass the Navy, I kept all this quiet, even when my CO documented my private protest against me as a performance deficiency (again he followed the direct advice of Chaplain Gragg and a third senior chaplain CAPT Chaplain Bob Evans) in his secret letter of 'theological' instruction (Appendix D). Now three senior chaplains have recommended I be punished for my religion. But 10 months later, when CAPT Carr cited my protest against me yet again, citing it as grounds for recommending I be denied continuation on active duty (Appendix G), he forced me into a corner that required a new method of protest. Since quiet protesters of ethics and legal violations of senior officers are silenced, punished, and removed from the Navy, maybe it's time to get the public involved.

Question: Why should a junior chaplain be disciplined, silenced, and kicked out of the active duty Navy, for privately protesting the religious abuse of his on-duty Sailors, for declining on religious grounds to attend mandatory worship at a pro-gay church, and for proposing the option to invite off-duty Sailors to an optional evangelical church instead? Is this my performance deficiency, or theirs?

Read the white paper sending shock waves through the Naval Chaplain Corps: www.persuade.tv