

Chaplain Klingenschmitt's rebuttal to Chaplain Holcomb's allegations on Sean Hannity Radio show:

1) Chaplain Holcomb stated: "I told Chaplain Klingenschmitt, with another chaplain present, that he would not be kicked out of the military, and he's deceiving the public to claim he's getting kicked out."

My Response: During that meeting, I asked Chaplain Holcomb if he was speaking his own opinion, or if his superior officers had authorized him to put something in writing, making me eligible for contract renewal. He admitted that he couldn't put anything in writing, and didn't have any documentation from his superiors at the Chief of Navy Chaplains office retracting their position, (when I have documents from them stating I'm ineligible) when that office STILL has not retracted (in writing) their written criteria that I need a positive letter from my commanding officer (which I don't have) to continue on active duty. While Chaplain Holcomb has ZERO documents authorizing me "continuation" on active-duty, I have FOUR documents (two from Holcomb's superiors) still threatening to kick me out. Those documents are:

a) Appendix G on my web-site (www.persuade.tv), the five page document in which my Commanding Officer told a Navy board to end my career because "Chaplain Klingenschmitt over-emphasized his own faith system" (i.e. in his sermons and prayers.)

And since they're calling me deceptive in national media, interested reporters should ask the Navy to release THREE SECRET EMAILS (classified FOUO) from the Chief of Navy Chaplains and NAVPERS, specifically:

b) The email from Chaplain Lyman Smith (speaking for the Chief of Navy Chaplains) to Chaplain Norm Holcomb (April or May 05) establishing new "criteria" for my continuation on active duty (including a positive letter from my CO, which I don't have), which criteria have never been revoked in writing, which criteria I still don't meet, still making me INELIGIBLE for contract renewal.

c) The email from Chaplain Lantz (speaking for the Chief of Navy Chaplains) to CAPT White (Nov or Dec 05) expressing "grave concern" about Chaplain Klingenschmitt's potential for continuation, since he didn't have a "positive letter" from his CO.

d) The email to CAPT White from Navy Personnel stating I'd still be vulnerable during a "show-cause review" to end my career, which may be requested by law at any time, since I don't have a positive letter. (If they don't request that review, their hammer will be held over my head indefinitely, which is illegal). The cause of my discharge would simply be my failure to meet established Navy criteria for continuation, according to 10 U.S.C. § 643: "Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, a commissioned officer on the active-duty list of the Army, Navy, or Air Force who is appointed or designated as a chaplain may, if he fails to maintain the qualifications needed to perform his professional function, be discharged or, if eligible for retirement, may be retired."

I AM THEREFORE INELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT RENEWAL, ACCORDING TO PUBLIC LAW AND CURRENT (written) NAVY CRITERIA, (no matter what they say verbally). BELIEVE THEIR DOCUMENTS, NOT THEIR WORDS. REQUEST THESE THREE DOCUMENTS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

So unless the Chief of Navy Chaplains MORPHS THE CRITERIA FOR ALL

CHAPLAINS, JUST TO FIT ME, (to allow all chaplains continuation, even with a negative CO endorsement), or unless a Navy judge overrules my CO to grant me redress of a positive endorsement, the Navy CANNOT LEGALLY retain me on active duty, since I don't meet current standards for "continuation."

2) Chaplain Holcomb stated: "Chaplain Klingenschmitt hasn't been stripped of his uniform, rather Navy regulations require that when he states his own "personal religious views" on television that he's not allowed to wear a uniform."

My response: Has talking about Jesus become my personal "religious" view now? (Hint: The government pays me to talk about Jesus in uniform.) Besides, Chaplain Holcomb only quoted half of that regulation. He omitted the phrase of the regulation that grants an exemption for worship services, during which Navy Chaplains should (obviously) be allowed to talk about their religion, publicly, while wearing a uniform, such as saying public prayers, as authorized by the same regulation he cited to strip me of my uniform. So why am I STILL forbidden to appear on television in uniform and pray "in Jesus name?" Is that against Navy policy? They can't claim I have a right to pray publicly "in Jesus name" while they simultaneously forbid me to do so in uniform on television.

3) Chaplain Holcomb stated: "Chaplain Klingenschmitt has a problem with authority. He told us he would wear his uniform anyway, even when his commanding officer forbid it."

My response: If I've ever disobeyed a lawful order, please prove it. Rather I complied with orders, and issued a proper protest, via my chain of command, to the President of the United States, using proper military channels. I made proper use of my Constitutional right to petition the government for redress of wrongs, and my exercise of that right doesn't make me disobedient. I have always submitted to proper authority, and always lodged protests of abused authority. I have no problem with authority, but I do have a problem with officers who abuse it, so I properly appeal to their superiors.

4) Chaplain Holcomb stated: "I've been a Navy Chaplain for 30 years, and I pray in Jesus name, and I've never had any trouble."

My Response: Then why does the 1998 policy memo signed by former Chief of Navy Chaplain Rear Admiral Holderby, posted on my web-site, declare that if we must pray "in Jesus name" then we "ought to exclude ourselves from participation in the secular event as the prayer giver?" And why did your superior, current Chief of Navy Chaplains Rear Admiral Iasiello, tell me in writing that if we pray "in Jesus name" then we're "denigrating other faiths." Both those documents are on my web-site, and Chaplain Holcomb admitted to me he cannot defend their reasoning, because he knows they violate US Code Title 10 Section 6031: "An officer in the chaplain corps may conduct public worship according to the manner and forms of the church of which he is a member." He knows this. So technically Chaplain Holcomb's own prayers violate Navy policy since 1998.