

Air Force Punishes Colonel who Refused to Affirm Gay Marriage

"The Air Force has punished a highly-decorated and respected colonel after he refused to publicly affirm the same-sex spouse of a retiring subordinate," [reports](#) Todd Starnes.

"Col. Leland Bohannon, who was on the verge of being promoted to a one-star general, was **suspended from command and orders were handed down recommending he not be promoted.**

"His career is likely over and he will likely have to retire as a colonel instead of as a general," said First Liberty Institute attorney Michael Berry.

"This sends a clear message - if you do not have the politically correct viewpoint, you are not welcome in the military," Berry said. "The military is no longer a place of diversity and inclusion if you are a person **who holds to a traditional belief on marriage.**"



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"Last May the colonel declined to sign a certificate of spouse appreciation for a retiring master sergeant's same-sex spouse.

"He was unable to do so because it would have caused him to affirm a definition of marriage contrary to his sincerely held religious beliefs.

"First Liberty Institute argues there is **no Air Force Instruction requiring a commander to personally sign a spouse certificate.**

"Col. Bohannon sought the advice of his Command Chaplain as well as the Staff Judge Advocate. He was advised to request a religious accommodation. However, that request was returned six weeks later 'without action.'

"A two-star general signed the certificate instead."

[Dr. Chaps' comment: No military member should be punished for refusing to acknowledge homosexual "marriage" which act would clearly violate our conscience. Forced to choose between obeying men or God, this Colonel **should have been granted an exception, which is required under federal law.**]

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Trump strengthens Religious Freedom law enforcement

"The Trump administration came out strongly in defense of religious freedom Friday, with new legal guidance and a move to reverse one of the most controversial Obamacare mandates," [reports](#) The Daily Signal.

"The Justice Department guidelines **direct attorneys and agencies that freedom of religious extends to both organizations and individuals**, and includes living out one's religious beliefs. Under the Justice Department guidelines, this could expand to allowing employers to hire in accordance with their religious beliefs and prohibit denying federal contracts to entities based on religious beliefs.

"The Department of Health and Human Services is **rolling back the Obamacare mandate that employers cover contraception and abortion-inducing drugs**, creating both a religious and moral exemption. This will expand the number of covered nonprofits and nonpublicly traded for-profit businesses.



"The president believes the freedom to practice one's faith is a fundamental right in this country," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Friday.

"That's all this is and that's all that today was about. Our federal government should always protect that right and as long as Donald Trump is president, it will. ... This is **a president who supports the First Amendment**, who supports the freedom of religion. I don't understand why that would be an issue."

In both cases, the departments are following up on President Donald Trump's directive that was part of a May 4 executive order on religious freedom."

[Dr. Chaps' comment: Do you think **Hillary Clinton would protect religious liberty** if she were elected President? Uhhhh, no. She would follow President Obama's pattern of weakening enforcement of existing liberty and conscience laws. Thank God President Trump is willing to enforce existing laws to protect religious freedom of conscience. Now let's pray these guidelines remain permanent, **and get extended to military chaplains.**]

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