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Chaplains to Army: Cease training that assaults biblical beliefs

Outgoing Secretary of the Army signs directive to promote political agenda

WASHINGTON — Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty has sent a [letter](#) to the acting Secretary of the Army regarding the outgoing Secretary of the Army's decision to sign a [directive](#) just hours before his resignation that wastes valuable resources on a plan to provide "training on implicit or unconscious bias."

"The military exists to protect our nation, not to be used as a laboratory for social engineering—and especially not from an outgoing official's 11th hour order," said Chaplain (COL) Ron Crews, USA (Retired), executive director of Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty. "This directive does nothing to increase military readiness but wastes valuable training time just to promote a political agenda."

The outgoing Secretary of the Army, Eric K. Fanning, signed Army Directive 2017-06 ("Promoting Diversity and Inclusion") just before his resignation. The directive requires the Army to spend time, money, and manpower to develop the training against "implicit or unconscious bias."

"The secretary does not define what this so-called unconscious bias is, but we believe this is a direct assault on those Army personnel who hold traditional Biblical beliefs concerning sexual ethics," the Chaplain Alliance letter explains. "Given the variety of serious threats our military faces every day, the Army must cease from continuing such training mandates that cannot be shown to help our soldiers be better prepared for combat readiness."

The Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty is an organization of chaplain endorsers, the faith groups that provide chaplains for the U.S. military and other agencies needing chaplains. The endorsers in the Chaplain Alliance speak for more than 2,600 chaplains serving the armed forces.

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