



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 501ST COMBAT SUPPORT WING (USAFE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR 501 CSW PERSONNEL

FROM: 501 CSW/CC

SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation Emphasis Letter

1. Free exercise of religion is a basic principle of our nation and our military. Without it, military readiness, unit cohesion, standards, and discipline would greatly suffer. As such, the Department of Defense and the Air Force place a high value on the rights of service members of the Armed Forces to observe their respective religions.
2. The task for any commander is to continuously balance the demands of the military while also meeting the needs of individuals. In the area of religious accommodation, we achieve this by applying a reasonable, commonsense approach which supports both the expression of religion as well as the requirements of military discipline and order.
3. Every member of the 501st Combat Support Wing has a right to the free exercise of religion IAW AFI 36-2706, Equal Opportunity Program, 1 October 2010, and DoDI 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices within the Military Services, 10 February 2009. If you have questions about religious accommodation, our Wing Chaplain (DSN: 268-3343) and Equal Opportunity offices (DSN: 268-3829) are available to assist you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. T. Kelly".

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Commander