Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers

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A community by and for humanists, atheists, and other nontheists in the military

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We are atheists, agnostics, humanists, freethinkers — active duty and veterans — a global nontheist community

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Throughout the world and throughout history, humanist, atheist, and other nontheist service members have defended this country with distinction. Drawing on scientific naturalism and human-based, rational values, we face the dangers of combat without hope of reward after death. MAAF provides a unique service in building community for these heroes. As they move from base to base, from port to port, and from ship to ship, and out of service — MAAF is there to provide like-minded friends and caregiving. Secular service members need never feel they are alone. We deserve not just tolerance but support and respect from our leaders and squadmates. Nontheists get this support through MAAF.

MAAF encourages active duty personnel to begin an on-post chapter of the MAAF Network. At major installations, ships, and the academies, local organizations are growing around the world. Certified humanist lay leaders work with chaplains to secure resources, advertising, and materials for members. MAAF also partners with national and local secular organizations to develop a cohesive nontheist community. MAAF also maintains an online presence on Facebook, Twitter, Military.com, Atheist Nexus, LinkedIn and elsewhere.

We are not simply an organization of active duty service members, we need veterans and civilians to help as well. Our members are predominantly young service members who have little financial support for themselves and little ability to advocate for themselves. Active duty members and leaders look to prominent members of the civilian community and veterans to provide the benefit of their experiences in support of reform in the military.

MAAF educates military leaders about the nontheistic worldview, ensuring MAAF members have the support of their chain of command without fear of discrimination for lack of religious belief. This has come through direct collaboration with leaders, including at the US Air Force Academy 2010 Respect Conference:

Educating Leaders

Advocating for Members

Rank structure, combat situations, strict discipline, and concern about career success make it difficult for service members to advocate for themselves. We provide outreach to chaplains and leaders whose actions promote religion or are disrespectful to nontheists.

From the Air Force Academy to Kandahar, Afghanistan, leaders are changing behavior as a result of the intervention of MAAF. We also work closely with allies, connecting members with legal support and advice where necessary.