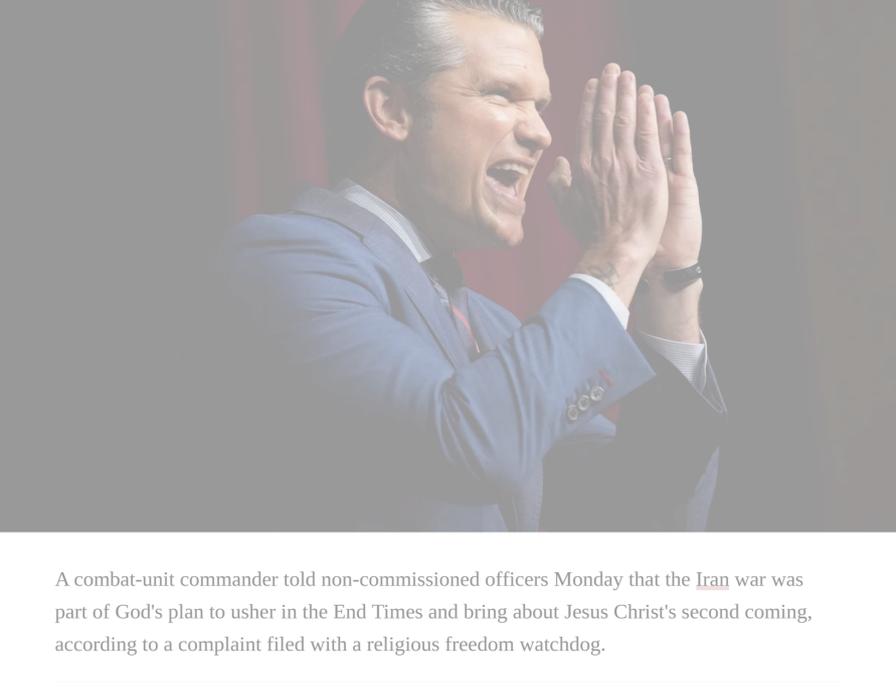


# Military leaders pushing 'Armageddon views' on troops as Iran war begins: complaint

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A combat-unit commander told non-commissioned officers Monday that the [Iran](#) war was part of God's plan to usher in the End Times and bring about Jesus Christ's second coming, according to a complaint filed with a religious freedom watchdog.

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The [Military Religious Freedom Foundation](#) (MRFF) has fielded more than 110 similar complaints about commanders in every branch of the U.S. military between the war's start on Saturday morning and Monday night, [reported](#) [journalist Jonathan Larson on his Substack page](#), and the group told him the complaints came from more than 40 different units stationed in at least 30 military installations.

"These calls have one damn thing in freaking common; our MRFF clients [service members who seek MRFF aid] report the unrestricted euphoria of their commanders and command chains as to how this new 'biblically-sanctioned' war is clearly the undeniable sign of the expeditious approach of the fundamentalist Christian 'End Times' as vividly described in the New Testament Book of Revelation," said MRFF President and Founder Mikey Weinstein, a veteran of the Air Force and the Reagan [White House](#).

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"Many of their commanders are especially delighted with how graphic this [battle](#) will be zeroing in on how bloody all of this must become in order to fulfill and be in 100 percent accordance with fundamentalist Christian end of the world eschatology," Weinstein added.

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Weinstein pointed out prohibitions in the U.S. Constitution and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) against inserting religious beliefs into official military instruction or messaging, and a non-commissioned officer who filed a complaint with MRFF said their commander's comments "destroy morale and unit cohesion."

"This morning our commander opened up the combat readiness status briefing by urging us to not be 'afraid' as to what is happening with our combat operations in Iran right now," that non-commissioned officer said in a complaint filed Monday. "He urged us to tell our troops that this was 'all part of God's divine plan' and he specifically referenced numerous citations out of the Book of Revelation referring to Armageddon and the imminent return of Jesus Christ."

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"He said that 'President [Trump](#) has been anointed by Jesus to light the signal fire in Iran to cause Armageddon and mark his return to Earth,'" the complaint continued. "He had a big grin on his face and said, 'This is the end of the world as we know it. It's going to be crazy.'"

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"Some Christians claim biblical prophecy requires Israel to exist for Jesus to return," Larson wrote. "But Hegseth's Bible study leader, preacher Ralph Drollinger, [teaches](#) that the reason to support Israel is that God still blesses Israel's allies and curses Israel's enemies, even though Israel killed Jesus (this smear, the historic root of antisemitism, has been rejected by every major religion)."

The non-commissioned officer's complaint states that those views were passed down from their commander to troops deployed in their "ready-support" unit, and that individual said the group was troubled by the apocalyptic religious framing of the military operation.

"I and my fellow troops know that it is completely wrong to have to suffer through what our commander said today," that non-commissioned officer said. "It's not just the separation of church and state as we discussed Mr. Weinstein. It's the fact that our commander feels as though he is fully supported and justified by the entire (*combat unit's name withheld*) chain of command to inflict his Armageddon views of our attack on Iran on those of us beneath him in the chain of command."

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