

# Congressional Survey of Accountability, Truth, and Freedom From Service Members Facing the DoD's Vaccine Mandate

## Enclosure 1: Brief Description of Service Members' Experiences

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Service members were asked to answer 23 questions specifically in response to the Department of Defense shot mandate and their attempts to request either a Religious Accommodation or a Medical Exemption. The last question asked them to provide a brief description of their experience (one-liner if able). Here were their responses in the order they were received:

Documented the lack of any FDA-licensed shots for COVID anywhere in the U.S. and requested Court-Martial for due process, but all have been ignored and proceeding on with the predetermined denial and paperwork drill to separation.
Currently working without masks/telework. Haven't caught COVID since 2020, and haven't missed a day of work due to illness.
My leadership continues to put me in challenging positions and is allowing me to develop as an officer but my career will end short due to my MAJCOM commander denying my sincerely held religious beliefs.
So far local command has been ambivalent and are waiting for my initial RAR to come back.
Stressful and life-changing. I will never trust be able to trust military leadership again.
Keep doing all the work throughout. CC changed mind to support but action taken by a higher level.
The whole process has been chaotic. The story constantly changes, and the reasons that they claim for denial are beyond speculative and go against the truth data that we actually have. Unless you were already on your way out the door, the Air Force never planned on "accommodating" us, and the science and laws and concerns do not seem to matter.
The AF refuses to take into consideration me as a person or real (not theoretical) factors. After my religious accommodation appeal was denied I filed for retirement with waiver for an ADSCs that occurred prior to the mandate, however it was denied despite having 21 years in service based on the justification that it was in the best interest of the AF for me not to separate. In the next paragraph it states they recognize I will be discharged if I am not vaccinated.
The military talks about wanting diversity everywhere, but it is discriminating against men and women of faith on a daily basis.
I was removed from flight training 9 months ago simply for stating my intent to request a religious accommodation.
Gen [Redacted] (Commander, [Redacted]), with whom I meet weekly, alluded to the fact that he did not have the ultimate decision authority regarding religious appeals--this was via a one-on-one sidebar in his office after a weekly meeting. In his denial, Gen [Redacted] noted that the vaccine is the least restrictive means to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission and COVID-19 contraction and yet he has not asked me to distance from him; I meet with him weekly, Lt Gen [Redacted] (Deputy Commander, [Redacted]) weekly, and various generals throughout [Redacted] and other Major Commands, as though I am vaccinated. This has been the case for the last year and Gen [Redacted] was aware of my status since ~November/December of 2021.
Persecuted by the DoD for pursuing bodily autonomy on the basis of my religious beliefs.
19.9 years in the military and threatened to be denied retirement if I don't take experimental gene therapy and compromise my religious beliefs.

I'm being told I will have to pay recoupment for my time at USAFA since I still have 3 years to go on my ADSC even if I am approved to vol sep, and that I will for sure have to pay recoupment if I am invol sep'd for not complying with the order after being denied vol sep.

Unvaccinated personnel still have to wear a mask on base where vax do not have to. Creates a horrible environment, division, and ostracizes the unvaccinated

I have successfully completed all aspects of my command tour, proved that I have a valid sincerely held religious belief, and my leadership will separate me ASAP when my RA appeal is denied.

In my 18.5 years of honorable service to include earning Honor Graduate from Basic Military Training (Feb 2001); Distinguished Graduate from ROTC (May 2007); Naval Postgraduate School and Defense Language Institute (Turkish) graduate (Oct 2012); 2x OSI detachment commander (2014, 2018); multiple deployments and overseas short tours (2002, 2003, 2009, 2012, 2018), I have NEVER experienced discrimination, division, and the stomping of Constitutional/religious rights as I have since 2021 when the Covid-19 inoculation was first introduced and then later mandated for service members (Aug 2021).

The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful career with many unique and accelerated milestones which is now considered something that is not honorable due to a violation of Constitutionally protected rights and natural rights with an unlawful order.

Frustrating experience, military leadership seems cowardice and corrupt.

I have a well-documented history of taking my beliefs very seriously and this request was never even considered.

Removed from flight training, sidelined and forgotten about.

Was recommended for approval by every precursory party, as both RFRA elements could not be met. Both decision authorities denied request, contrary to federal law. And I'm still executing my duties, in person.

Submitted my retirement paper work. Approve to retire 31Oct2023. Everything is on pause in Navy. I pray I make it to my 20 years of service

This experience has been very stressful for me and my family.

I've been discriminated against because of my religious beliefs.

Was removed from command on 20 May 22

Vicious religious discrimination enabled by cowards at every level of leadership in IG, the senior legal advisors, and senior commanders.

The entire thing is a JOKE. The "vaccine" clearly does more damage than good.

OKANG has been somewhat supportive. I'm being denied training opportunities due to NGB and USAF travel ban for unvaxxed, even those with pending and approved exemptions.

Standby for further instruction

Since March 2020, I've been to Europe multiple times, deployed to Central Command, flown in the Pacific and Southern Commands, as well as all over North America with ZERO issues and 100% mission success, but they still want to try and kick me out despite this illegal mandate and despite the fact that the pandemic is essentially a moot point these days. And on top of it all, while I continue to sweep house on squadron awards each quarter for excellent performance, I'm also a world class triathlete with great health and superior athletic performances.

Worked as a civilian in the same building I drill in at the time of the mandates, was approved for a medical accommodation (with Navy approval) as a civilian, but denied as a reservist.

For standing up for my beliefs, I was sent home from training, grounded for over 5 months, lost my dream assignment, and received negative paperwork.

In a holding pattern and running out of fuel.

Sent indefinitely to a dead-end admin job at our wing, after a perfect on paper career trajectory, career entirely destroyed regardless of legal decisions in the future.

Complete and utter discrimination and retaliation based on my faith and official duties as a Medical Officer, in order to coerce me to shut up and comply.

Irate at how leadership has handled this.

I've served my country honorably for 19 years including combat. I feel betrayed, but I would like to continue to serve my country.

Lt Gen [Redacted] (3-star), who is one of the Air Force [Redacted] recommended approval of my RAR, only to have it denied by the AF District of Washington CC (2-star) who doesn't even know me or my work situation. AF appeal process also violates DoDI1300.17, and the AF/SG should never have been the appeal authority. I have emails in which my leadership says they won't take any action against, but now that may be out the window. My wife is also AD USAF with 17 years in, we have 5 kids, and stand to lose everything.

Career on hold. Very stressful.

Dual status military technician and USAR Officer with 37 years of service.

RAR & Medical exemption denied, forced to separate 1 Jul 22.

Betrayal is really the only fitting word; I have given everything to the Corps for my entire adult life.

Denied ability to attend unit Christmas Party on account of vax status. Was grounded for 3 months due to being restricted from attending mandatory training. Provided a negative counseling for refusing the vaccines due to moral objections and threatens with a derogatory OER and loss of ability to be competitive or selected for O-3.

Submitted religious waiver and appeal, both got denied, I tried to get a medical waiver twice but was denied (since I was pregnant, now breastfeeding).

The unit has not been transparent holding info from soldiers or following the process correctly.

I do not trust that the military is going to follow the law.

4,400+ flight hour rotary wing and fixed wing instructor pilot with 797 combat flight hours. Squadron Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer and Executive Officer. Installation Director of Operations and Installation Executive Officer. 2010 Marine Aviator of the Year.

I have been forced to wear a mask at work for nearly two years. If caught without a mask I will get LORs.

I've experienced few direct adverse actions, but my Air Force career and life have been in limbo for the past 6 months

Absolute lawlessness, every explicit order, policy and regulation, federal law has been violated. Commanders and Legal are clutching on to vague memos and guidance from agents who have no authority to make countermanding claims in violation of federal law. This is medical tyranny.

19yr Lt Col (11yr AD, 8yr Res). Active Duty: instructor/evaluator pilot in T-6, B-1, MC-12. 3 combat tours and over 1200 combat hour#. ACSC, JPME2, and AWC graduate. Reservist: worked PACAF Staff and Joint Staff/Task Force as part of JECC. Squadron Commander until relieved on 15 Feb 2022 when my appeal was denied.

Lower Chain of Command has been supportive; upper-Army leadership is malicious and deceitful.

18-year Master Sergeant denied relocation for 5-year-old son. Family forced to suffer through the punishment of enduring his severe allergy and eczema symptoms induced by local allergens because mom has strongly held beliefs.

My flying career that I have aspired to since I was a child is being snatched from me; worse, I won't be able to take care of my wife and baby girl, as I am told my religious beliefs disqualify me from service.

Retribution, religious persecution, and reprisal.

I have witnessed the religious accommodation non-vaccinated individuals be treated differently and poorer than the COVID vaccinated individuals from the beginning of this unlawful mandate.

I have been betrayed by an organization that states "I will never leave an airman behind" in our creed.

My immediate commander and wing commander were very supportive of my religious beliefs and my religious exemption but every religious exemption was denied at the COMACC level. If it wasn't for the

<p> blessing of being pregnant with my first child, I would be a female combat fighter pilot likely being processed for administrative discharge because of her religious beliefs.</p>
<p> I am Separated from My Wife and 3-year-old Son, and have been separated from them for 1 year and 3 months. Please Help me.</p>
<p> Congruent with all other RA requests, mine was perfunctorily denied on a basis of lies with no respect to constitutional limits of their authority.</p>
<p> For the last nearly two years I have been out-casted by my command publicly for my religious beliefs, received several adverse actions, and had my very character and morals attacked due to standing firm in my religious convictions.</p>
<p> Treated as though guilty until proven innocent.</p>
<p> I'm one of the few lucky ones at HQMC AVN. I watched others get railroaded</p>
<p> Undue taunting and prejudice from supervision and leadership.</p>
<p> Indescribable amount of pressure on career. Commanders continually saying that these RAs will not be approved, and the only less restrictive means is to separate from the military.</p>
<p> The DOD has completely disregarded a legitimate accommodation process, law, and logic to force this mandate. The mandate has absolutely nothing to do with force readiness, in fact it is a primary detriment to force readiness. I am being told to violate my sincerely held religious beliefs and my integrity to get in line.</p>
<p> Depressing. I believed my fellow service members and leadership actually cared about their oaths and commitment to protecting the Constitution until I realized they only care about keeping benefits, or rank to retire, and lost all respect for the US military's ability to win wars.</p>
<p> Discrimination and delayed promotion.</p>
<p> I work the same as any vaccinated personnel - had COVID and was out for 3 business days, vaccinated co-worker out 2 weeks.</p>
<p> Relieved of command 64 days from ceremony and retirement</p>
<p> Left with no leadership role or position while unit deployed to Japan.</p>
<p> My experience with the RA process has been a chaotic disregard of federal law and my personal religious beliefs.</p>
<p> A very rough and unwelcoming/discriminatory start to my Air Force career.</p>
<p> The Secretary of the Army has published a memo stating that it is possible I will be removed involuntarily before reaching my retirement date and that my pension and VA benefits would be withheld from me</p>
<p> Isolated from peers, cutoff from promotion and leadership opportunities, sent a clear message from Air Force leadership that my faith and convictions don't matter and that they don't really believe their own message of diversity and inclusion.</p>
<p> I served as a Drill Instructors for two years during COVID. I won numerous accolades during that time including competing for the Drill Instructor of the year for the entire Marine Corps. I am now denied the opportunity to train recruits, move up in billet, and even return to my primary MOS because I submitted a RAR/appeal and I'm still awaiting a final determination.</p>
<p> Grounded 13 September until now for submitting RAR</p>
<p> Coercion from WG/CC early stating he wanted 100% vaccine compliance at CC Call.</p>
<p> Increasingly vindictive punishment</p>
<p> Once back to unit, wasn't allowed to file new RAR by SQ/cc</p>
<p> I was denied the training despite my pending RAR</p>
<p> Command Pilot w/ &gt;2,600hrs in F-15E, T-38 &amp; T-37; 603 Combat hours flown over 5 deployments; USAF Weapons School graduate &amp; former Weapons School Instructor, School of Advanced Air &amp; Space Studies graduate; currently Squadron Commander of CAF's largest Fighter Squadron</p>

A time of grievance and disbelief, knowing that my religious convictions are at a dead-end in the military religious accommodation process.

I have 16 years of service, 3 tours in Afghanistan. Father of 6, missed two births because of deployments. I lack four years to retirement. I have had zero disciplinary actions in 16 years. Cell # [Redacted]

27 SOW made libelous declaration that "Capt [Redacted] does not live the tenets of his faith," because he is not vaccinating. My squadron has shielded me from further adverse action.

Tired of the lies, threats and coercion on me and my family. But I have temporary protection for now.

I have satisfied every tenet of the RA process, yet the AF is willing to lose an instructor/evaluator pilot with combat experience over a silly vaccine mandate.

Currently pending appeal decision; issues have occurred along the way regarding documentation submission or sending information to the wrong person. Medical/command has yet to make a decision on MS exemption. Appeal denial expected in the near future. Higher command inquired on 3 June 2022.

Honor, Courage, Convenience. I am still able to work in person, have not been out sick once due to COVID. Where I have to pick up the slack for those who are out with/without symptoms. Reference the MARADMIN 275/22, blatant discrimination against unvaccinated because we have to submit our leave to a LTCOL (O5) or above where vaccinated just submit their request to the shop Officer in Charge, sometimes a 1stLt (O2)

The yes-men in my chain of command have used every tactic to try to coerce me into violating my sincerely held religious beliefs. They have ignored the constitution, RFRA, and the DODI and AFI. They have made zero attempts to accommodate my beliefs and seek to discharge me as soon as possible.

I have been an outsider in my new command since day one. I feel as though I've been treated different and looked on with a suspicious eye from many of my counterparts around the base. I've encountered several jokes about my situation. When conversations about the vaccine were discussed on/off work, I had to remain silent to not be pegged as the crazy conspiracy theorist/misinformation spreader. Silence was honestly the best option to get by. When first submitting my request and appeal, I was counseled and treated as a threat to the command. COVID swept through most of the base population even though I was the only working member unvaccinated, mask requirements, testing, and restrictions basically only applied to me still. My cause for catching COVID was even a direct result of the weekly testing. Although never outright said, if I brought up leave it would automatically be a point of discussion/concern because I'd have to quarantine, burdening the command, even though quarantine came back for everyone for several months. As well, it would be continuously brought up that I can't travel for work due to being unvaccinated, even though there was no explicit rule for that being the case. I'll admit that things have improved since the and USFK recently switched to HPCON A, but awaiting the denial still looms. I want to stay in and serve, but I'm concerned my options are limited and career uncertain. I realize this is a bit much, but I'm the only working unvaccinated Naval Officer/Navy service member in general in South Korea and anonymity for my situation has been near non-existent since day 1.

Policy based on fear and control rather than rational thought and a genuine interest in military readiness

Since submitting my Religious Accommodation Request, I have been placed on a training hold, but have continued to serve my squadron by standing duty and filling other odd jobs. My "vaccination" status has not been a hindrance to my service, and as many in my squadron will attest, I have been a valuable contributor to the squadron's mission.

abuse from discrimination from chain of command.

Continue to work hard and support the unit, have had zero days of ROM for being sick, and conducted a deployment while being unvaxxed. I have not affected my unit negatively in any capacity by being unvaccinated, but yet I'm pulled off the flight schedule, grounded, told my leave requests require O6 approval while everyone else is at the shop level, to the point where it doesn't make sense and feels like discrimination or a tactic used to create inconvenience to us and our command with the intent of us giving up our resolve. Thank you for your help and consideration, GBA!

Just expecting a denial, flew to Poland to get Novavax as I cannot lose my job and will not get mRNA or JJ vaxes.

I have been discriminated against in day to day operations. I am unable to be part of Cadet Summer Training.

Coast Guard completely disregards the law and their own policies.

What once was an amicable work place now feels hostile. HIPAA violations, unlawful mandates, Nuremberg violations.

I am being persecuted for my Sincerely held Religious beliefs in our Father in Heaven and his son Jesus Christ, and I am fighting a Spiritual battle every day that weighs heavily on me but I endure for our Father.

No support from my leadership. Feeling isolated. PCS back to US put on hold. RAR outcome appears to be already determined. Upon appeal denial, I will be asked to choose between compliance and retirement. I have a disabled wife and 6 children. I cannot afford to lose my retirement.

Received GOMOR filed in permanent record. Fighting it based on unlawful order that goes against constitutional rights, regulations, and over reach of power. Threatened with being kicked out of the Army, not being paid as of July 1, and career ending adverse actions all to coerce me to get a shot.

As I stated, I have not submitted a religious accommodation request. To me, one would submit a RAR if they felt the injections were safe but merely objected to material in the formula or the manner in which the products were researched or developed.

My objection is far more fundamental. I did not, and do not, want an exception made for me. The policy should be rescinded in its entirety, those affected should be reinstated immediately and compensated for the impacts incurred, and those responsible for committing the medical fraud upon which the mandate is predicated must be held accountable. Further, those covering up the damages caused by the injections by manipulating the data in the DMED database must be held accountable.

Anything short of this amounts to injustice and is a stain not just upon our military but also the nation.

I am unfit for LOD injury pending med retirement but can't medically retire because I am medically unfit for duty since I am not vaccinated for free religious beliefs. No med bills paid, what a disgrace!

Most people I'm around disagree with the nature of the order. Resulting in barely any negative ramifications. Career uncertainty, not deploying, and having to jump through hoops to see if I qualify to go to advanced schools has been my biggest complaint.

Command pressure ceased immediately after becoming retirement eligible

I have reason to believe that my RAR memo was never read by either of the generals who disapproved my request.

Religious persecution via threats, intimidation, and coercion for an unlawful vaccine that is dangerous due to the proven adverse reactions. I was supposed to be a Squadron Commander after my Director of Operations tour was complete, but because of the LOR I received, my career is all but over. Shameful!

Given Letter of Reprimand, denied Board of Inquiry, and failed to provide reasons for medical exemption denial.

I have pursued every possible exemption, including voluntary separation, 2 requests for a medical exemption, and lack of vaccine supply, and was denied in every way. I have been discriminated against because of my unvaccinated status as well as my religious belief about this vaccine and yet I am punished. I am being pushed towards involuntary separation and a BOI when I was denied voluntary separation more than 2 months ago.

Hornet pilot who had his wings clipped when RAR submitted and completely cut off once RAR denied - working as a menial Coffee Mess Officer until BOI convenes (mid-August likely).

Denied at every turn and likely costing me my officer's retirement and forced to retire as enlisted because I was 6 days shy of their deadline.

No impact on any part of doing my job as an EOD Technician to include supporting VIPPSA Missions, Advanced Schools, and other training events.

Religious exemptions are not being considered for active duty Marines.

I have been fully capable to work during the entire pandemic, and regardless of this fact, I had to seek help through the Court.

Top-Secret cleared Senior (17-year) crypto linguist w/ advanced proficiency in both Ukrainian and Russian \*FIRED\* as Russia wages war on Ukraine

Miserable, stressful experience. I never know what day could be my last.

1. Multiple violations of DoD 1300.17 dated 01 September 2020.
2. 1AD has been holding and returning the packets based on what the courts have said, then collecting them again (moving the goal posts mid game).
3. Brigadier General [Redacted] demonstrably lied about me in an official memorandum calling me a threat to the force AFTER awarding me "Hero of the Week" just days prior.
4. Failure to provide the FDA approved vaccine (which is what the order states) effectively duping every soldier into believing they have received the FDA approved vaccine when they have indeed not.
5. Cannot go TDY to assist with mission and subject to continual testing.
6. Feel free to call for further explanation.

Everything about mandate is a farce

First-hand knowledge as a doctor that vaccines are causing significant-life threatening illness and injury- and that the command has lied to Soldiers about having approved vaccine. Command continues to demand vaccination despite the fact they know it is harming Soldiers. Ordered to see patients three times a week due to CRITICAL ACCESS TO CARE SHORTAGE by same command that confirmed to me "you believe I am a grave threat to the health of Soldiers- as every member of the command except company commander, went on record that the brigade would be better off without a doctor then to have a vaccinated doctor."...and now you are ordering me to see patients three times a week? BN commander "that is correct" ...it is unethical, illegal and immoral for command to order someone who they believe is a "grave threat to the health of Soldiers" to provide medical care.

Filed RA based on Biblical beliefs and number of adverse effects I have seen from the shots while treating ER patients in South Korea. RA is still pending after 9 months. Have had to work in person treating patients the entire time, unable to perform TDY missions because of the mandate (considered too dangerous for me to travel back to the US, but I'm not dangerous enough to keep me from seeing hospital patients.) I submitted a UQR/voluntary resignation in lieu of administrative separation after 1 JUL in the event my RA is finally denied, though my resignation was denied per "needs of the Army." Army leadership doesn't want me to stay, but they also said I can't leave!

Coercive due to HQDA policies with zero tolerance or grace and leaders that are afraid to act decisively

Told I can't continue to do what I've been doing for 12 years without following the mandate despite a pilot shortage

Truly upsetting that the service I grew to love pushed so much for diversity and inclusion but is forcing members with religious beliefs out.

The Air Force did not take my religious beliefs seriously at all. My responses were blanketed.

My local command has been incredibly supportive through the whole process. The process is breaking at the top. All the congressionally approved General officers are falling rank in file with the SecDef for fear they won't get their next star.

Almost nonexistent help from leadership and no agency has been able/interested in helping

Severe amounts of discrimination

You join a service to serve your country just to find out the people who are running the service don't care about me or the people that work for them

On 3 Jun 2022 my commander gave me an official reprimand (LOR) and suspended my security clearance. This causes me great grief as I face losing retirement and medical benefits for a special needs family.

I have had great support from my Command!

This has been the most taxing and demonic experience I've had in my time in the military.

Complete ignoral. Refusal of medical staff to see me regarding COVID.

I have been fortunate because I have a supportive Triad, but many friends have been ostracized, ridiculed, harassed, shamed and threatened with their careers, their livelihoods and the livelihoods of their loved ones. This has been a travesty and a gross perversion of our religious rights and freedoms.

Command has shown complete indifference and apathy, couldn't care less about federal statues, the Constitution or laws as long as they have 'top cover'. They are just 'following orders.'

Lots of stress to save my career now with less than 1 year from retirement, and no promotion available. I'm the only guardsman qualified in, and able to instruct in, 19AF aircraft
Christianity and military service appear to be incompatible these days and it is heart breaking.
Alaska ANG provides excellent support but expects difficulty at NGB.
Violation of Religious Rights, Unlawful and not taken seriously / no proper review of requests
My belief in the honor of my branch, and trust in my superiors has been destroyed.
Everything has been denied and they are trying to kick me out of the Air force after almost 12 years of spotless service including two deployments to Afghanistan.
Command has been supportive but had to forgo O-6 promotion as a result of mandate...had to choose health of baby over AF
I feel like a leper defending my rights.
No one can give me a definite answer as to why we are being ordered to take an EUA vaccine and reprimanded for not doing so.
Been ostracized and experience mental and emotional stress and no longer feeling like my service cares about me.
CC is "just following orders", no one wants to tell the emperor that he has no clothes
"If I was ever put on trial for being a Christian, would they have enough evidence to convict me?" President Jimmy Carter.
Defense contracting engineer, F-16 pilot, flying from AZ to NJ on own dime and time to get the mission done
Harassed, bribed, and removed from promotion process. Has caused extreme anxiety and uncertainty. Told that if I wanted to keep my life style I should get vax.
Disappointed in senior members which have not stood on principles or integrity, nor upheld the core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.
F/A-18 instructor pilot, T-45 instructor pilot, training landing signals officer
This has been an 8-month mental torture. I do not know my future, and it's blatant AFIs that have been broken by high ranking people within the DOD on how this has been handled. It's an embarrassment.
Difficult to face being forced out while being the only USMC/USN C-130 test pilot out there.
Complete disregard for laws, regulations, and moral fortitude. Coercion through vagueness and intimidation. Senior leaders hiding behind SJA interpretation with no critical thinking. Complete medical tyranny and violation of patient's rights by tricking Service members to become unknowing lab rats for an experimental drug.
Stressful, Fearful, Heartbreaking
I have lost trust in the corporate military industrial complex.
After graduating from the Air Force Academy and performing 14 years of honorable service, for God and Country, I've had my flawless career ruined and soon forcibly separated from the Air Force.
Individuals have been kicked out for sexual assault, treated better, and allowed to retire honorably where I would have had to retire at a reduced rank, under honorable, which means I would have lost my GI Bill and other benefits.
Had approved RAR from 2018, was deemed invalid in wake of COVID, submitted a new one and it was recommended for disapproval from my entire CoC. I saw the writing on the wall so I submitting paperwork to separate rather than risk likely denial and possible other than honorable discharge. Currently on terminal leave.
Depression, anxiety, discrimination, corruption.
Removed from training, deployments, working with my unit on multiple occasions. When expressed my concern for lack of approved vaccine, I was told by my Vice Wing Commander that I was misinformed,



twice, and did not express interest to further discuss or look at my evidence. My Wing did push out supplementary questions to be added to our RARs that I found inappropriate.
Medical Exemption: placed under investigation when others in the same situation were not.
Little to no information other than drill status is denied after June 30, while I have received an RA from Northrup Grumman for my full-time employment at the Joint Staff J7 building in Suffolk, VA.
Hostile work environment; targeting; violations of civil rights
Treated as second class. Not allowed to go TDY. Threatened with removal from flying status. Held back from job opportunities.
Cannot obtain orders to fly airlift missions, which I relied on for 4 years for my income, despite flying constantly worldwide through 2020-2021 during a pandemic. Have natural COVID immunity
Shaming from higher echelon commander at previous duty station
I have had zero help through this process from my unit. I have shown proof of vaccines not being FDA approved with my religious beliefs and I have been sent to legal. No response from legal
I have been punished for my inability to follow an unlawful order and have not yet received reprieve from my chain of command, nor my congressional representation, and have been told to expect further punishment and discharge.
Immediately since August I have been trying to make leadership aware of the legal issues surrounding EUAs. I've been largely ignored and my complaints have all been dismissed. Leadership simply does not care.
Completely left in limbo with zero information on how to plan for my career/future. My family and I wait day after day to be told when/if I'm going to be kicked out of the Marines after 12 years of faithful service.
I am a Navy physician who has been stuck in Groton Connecticut on student orders that should have only been 6 months long, for 18 months now. Because of this, I am 1000 miles from my husband and we are newlyweds. Despite my vaccination status, I am still seeing patients and have even been given TAD orders to work at the clinic on base, taking on the burden as the sole provider for sick call at the Undersea Medicine Clinic. During these TAD orders, I have had to place at least 10 sailors on LIMDU for vaccine injuries. I have never once placed a sailor on LIMDU as a result of COVID itself. I have witnessed coercion and bullying from leadership trying to get sailors to follow an unlawful order and take a COVID vaccine that is not FDA approved.
USMC command selected LtCol with 17+ years of service recommended for separation after religious accommodation and appeal were denied.
Started the instructor upgrade to teach Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, submitted my RAR, was removed from training and not allowed to fly, subsequently had RAR and appeal denied. Now waiting for my request for voluntary separation under hardship to be denied so the AF can kick me out for "refusing a lawful order" and tag me with serious misconduct on a GUHC discharge, thus hurting my future chances of employment.
I have a very supportive wing, but my medical exemptions were denied twice before the allergy test was approved. Plus, I had COVID and myocarditis from the 2019 flu shot.
The vast majority of my primary duty is accomplished via telework so it seems difficult to argue the government has a compelling interest to deny my religious exemption request.
The RAR process is a sham and I will be denied and kicked out.
I want to continue to serve my country and still honor my faith. The military has done a great disservice to its members and also the readiness of the force and the ability to defend this great nation.
Disheartening, distracting, and stressful...every facet of my life is negatively affected: professional, family, social, economic, and emotional turmoil is my "new normal."
2-Star General threatened to separate all "refusers" to the IRR which violates Air Force Regulations. He counted on service members not knowing their rights in order to bully and bluff them into taking an EUA gene therapy in violation of the Constitution, Department of Defense Instruction, Air Force Instruction, United States Code, and international law.
After RAR appeal denial I was ordered to take vaccine again, refused and was issued LOR. Expecting a UIF and involuntary move to IRR.

My leadership has been supportive of my beliefs and believes that I am not being given a fair chance, but are unwilling to go out of their way to support me, and I do not believe that the Air Force is upholding its duty to protect and serve the Constitution by unlawfully denying sincere religious accommodations.

Most stressful experience of my life.

Continual coercion tactics, this is a purge of patriots and Christians in the military!

I have struggled to ensure everyone has the same opportunity, and the only thing the government has done is deny me the same.

Since the mandate began, relationships were tarnished, unprofessional Comments, humiliation and all-time low moral within the unit.

Purposeful disregard of religious freedom and the witness of outright administrative efforts by the Department of Air Force to punish and target those with sincere beliefs.

The USAF has sought to persecute me based on my religious beliefs by placing me in an administrative hold and keeping me on TDY orders, resulting in my personal belonging being in storage, and my family having to live in a furnished home, all at tax payer expense, while I perform menial office jobs that permanent party members should be responsible for.

My command has been courteous to me but compliant with passing along the order to be vaccinated.

Complete and utter decimation of trust of all senior leaders (both military and civilian) in the DoD enterprise that will take decades to regain.

I have very few in the chain of command who support my religious accommodation position, most seem indifferent. They just believe they are following lawful orders.

I am being threatened with the loss of my job simply for requesting my constitutional rights and pointing out the illegality of the current orders to receive COVID vaccination.

Pursued all avenues available—USAF changes rules to fit its narrative

I want to continue to serve in an Air Force that is already under-manned.

Stressful

Discrimination from leadership that preaches inclusion.

I was a B-52 Instructor and am currently T-38 Evaluator Pilot, I have an exemplary record and have ranked in the top 10% of my peers continually. Now, my leaders have turned their backs on me.

I have been continually utilized as a staff officer under the same conditions as my peers and coworkers, with the only difference is I've been subjected to screening testing. Being unvaccinated has caused me to miss no time at work. My entire work center teleworks almost exclusively IAW AFMC commander policy with the exception of some meetings and classified work

Commander has said not to expect exemption to get passed and be prepared to make a decision.

I followed all guidance regarding the RAR process, my beliefs were determined sincere, but I still got the same canned response that everyone else got, with no individualized response whatsoever. I have been doing my job the same since before the pandemic and since the mandates.

The RA process is a sham. Most Marines are more afraid of losing their job than getting COVID (they are getting COVID anyway).

Leadership supportive through state level for the most part outside is unknown  
Compared to active duty the ANG has been supportive. Concerned senior leaders will hold party line and deny me my religious liberty and lick me out before retirement.

Current, qualified, highly experienced (>2500hrs), combat tested (~500hrs) F16 Instructor Pilot

Have had to fill in missions and full TDYs for people sick with COVID who are fully vaccinated, because I was one of the only healthy enough people in the squadron. But now I'm told I can't go TDY and my training, hours, career, and morale in the unit and Air Force as a whole is suffering for it.

This whole process has been a living hell

Everyone else respects my beliefs and choices, but leadership is still cowardly following protocol, the end result is looking like an administrative separation.

18.5 years in the service, not a single negative record, HIGH performer, most discrimination I have ever seen in ALL my service.

Facing being kicked out after 16yrs of dedicated outstanding service that secured a health professions scholarship, 1 step promotion and a second step promotion was pending.

I have been grounded from doing my primary job of flying in the marine corps.

This is about politics/policy, not health or safety. Leaders blinding going along with something that doesn't make sense, and when questions are raised, the finger is pointing at someone else.

Can't PCS, passed my DEROS in Korea.

Religious Accommodation has been denied, Medical Exemption has been revoked, and I was punished for pursuing the Medical exemption.

Pilot since 2013. 7 deployments, 4 different AORs. Major-select.

It's been frustrating and unfair.

Pcs orders revoked (to competitive assignment following by name request from gaining unit). Exception to Policy for PCS denied. Flight status grounding. School disenrollment and GOMOR if not appeal.

I submitted a RAR for all vaccinations, immunizations and testing. My RAR was in the process and my commander told me I had to test. I told him my RAR is for the above items because I didn't want the Ethaline Oxide that the EUA nasal swabs have on them to be put into the temple of the Holy Spirit. I explained that I would take a saliva or spit test to satisfy the requirements of testing. He said if I do not submit to the nasal swab test that was provided by the Squadron that moment, that my duty will be canceled and I would be escorted off base. I did not waiver from my RAR that I submitted and would not violate me sincerely held religious beliefs and my commander followed me to the gate to make sure I left base and canceled my duty.

RADM [Redacted] NWC has made it clear I am doing nothing wrong in submitting my RAR and fully in compliance. I have not been mistreated by my command, but I have not also received answers to basic religious, policy, legal, medical questions. The concerns I have boil down to protection of religious liberties and medical transparency.

I deployed on a naval vessel for a combat deployment from August 12, 2021 to December 10, 2021. When I left, the vaccine was voluntary. Prior to the deployment, I made it clear to my command that I would request religious exemption if it became mandatory and that I did not wish to be treated unfairly on the deployment, yet I was deployed and treated unfairly (I had orders to a non-deployable unit and my command had them cancelled so that I could deploy). Thus, I requested religious accommodation while aboard a ship in a combat zone and was denied on the basis of mission accomplishment and individual readiness alleging that I was non-deployable while I was literally deployed. Also, my appeal denial repudiated my previously affirmed religious beliefs based on misinformation, leaving me no avenue to defend them. Also, I am being accused of committing a serious offense and have no way to defend myself in a court martial.

Despite being Intel NCO of the year, received a very average performance report

I was a highly productive and experienced T-38C instructor pilot, with over 7 years' experience and 1700 hours flying the T-38, as well as 3700 hours total Air Force flying time, 80 combat missions in the F-15E, over 500 combat hours, and four deployments. Though fully medically qualified for flying duty, I have been withheld from performing my primary job to instruct and perform check flights in T-38 aircraft since 1 Feb 2022. I have spent hundreds of hours of my personal time and thousands of my own dollars defending my beliefs, character, livelihood, and health against the US Air Force. Dealing with the outrageous abuse of authority by military leaders and complete disregard for freedom of religious practices and personal health concerns related to the COVID vaccine mandate has been the worst experience of my career and has caused irreparable harm to my professional record, opportunities for career progression, emotional well-being, the happiness of my family, and my personal finances. I am appalled at the complete disregard for Air Force instructions, DoD regulations, individual constitutional rights, and freedom of religious expression demonstrated by current military leadership. I earnestly hope that our political leaders may be made aware of the vindictive actions being carried out by some military leaders against faithful and hardworking military members who object to receiving the COVID vaccines due to religious, health, or ethical concerns, or a combination of these.

Immediately above me, they were quick to drop the hammer with threats of NJP and “dishonorable”, but at the top in my Battalion they were hesitant to do anything and risk legal repercussions; so, at the moment we’re all riding it out until the final appeal denial gets here as it has for others in my Company.

I will be the last [Redacted] of my family's lineage to serve this nation's ungrateful government.

I have been pressured, coerced and my entire family has felt the effects of the RAR process while Congressman [Redacted] wasn't up to speed on the issues I'm facing and did nothing with my congressional inquiry except waste my time and send me DoD memorandums that I already had.

Stressful beyond belief. Some of the darkest days of my entire life.

Cordial and supportive from direct leadership at the squadron-level; was told that the commander above that level was "standing by to crush those that don't comply"

Non-stop redirection and left hanging on the edge as to not knowing what my family will be subjected to with loss of job/housing/stability

I have suffered a great deal of stress and discrimination for staying true to my religious beliefs by refusing the COVID vaccine mandate, despite having verified natural antibodies.

The RAR process is meant to “legally” deny Accommodation Requests and make the paper trail look accurate.

My Squadron Commander, who was also my direct supervisor and Rater, had recommended disapproval of my RAR one week before even seeing my RAR package. Throughout the process I have felt outcasted, not taken seriously, has been denied and not provided with professional growth opportunities, has been limited or halted on leave, PCS/PCA, TDY, and educational opportunities, and my Commander questioned my loyalties.

I was told by leadership and DOD press secretary that religious exemptions would be allowed.

Deployed while unvaccinated, sent home early from said deployment

Denied every time regardless of laws or regulations.

Restricted from official travel as retaliation for submitting religious accommodation request.

Separation is paused due to the injunction.

I worked incredibly hard and the squadron used my skill set and professionalism to make the squadron look good throughout the pandemic, to include mandatory testing for unvaccinated members, but as soon as my RAR and appeal were denied, I was removed from flying, had my flight pay revoked and now I am being treated like a criminal, not a decorated captain.

I have a congenital heart defect and my civilian cardiologist wrote a letter stating I shouldn't take the Covid19 vaccine as I'm at an increased risk of heart complications. The military denied my medical exemption request and I was forced to separate from the military Dec 2021.

Stressful. Career on the line, hurry up and wait.

I have been treated unfairly, discriminated against, and made to go through a sham RAR process for no reason.

I graduated and commissioned on 16 Dec 21 from the United States Air Force Academy without having the vaccine and arrived at Vandenberg SFB on 22 Feb 22. There is currently talk of discharging me if I continue to refuse the vaccine once my RAR appeal is denied (I have been told it will be denied, it's just a matter of time).

15+ years' experience as a Navy Pilot currently teaching Naval Strike Training in the T-45 to future Navy and Marine Corps fighter and attack pilots.

Discriminatory hypocrisy. Laws and regulations are blatantly ignored, no one will help or listen. No due process.

Command has applied continuous pressure and discrimination toward unvaccinated personnel

Neither denial authority addressed my religious beliefs. Did not even bother to comment on whether or not my beliefs were sincere. Completely disregarded them. This is why I did not answer either of those questions. The minute I submitted my initial RAR all career progression was halted. My legitimate religious beliefs have been completely trampled. No evidence was provided in either denial to support the

claims they made nor to address any of the extensive data and evidence I provided in my requests. I've been forced to "voluntary" separation which will almost certainly be denied as I still have 7 years left on my service commitment. Then I will be punished and punished until I am eventually discharged with these stains on my records, lower characterization and loss of earned benefits simply for standing for my legitimate and chaplain-verified religious beliefs. This whole experience has felt like an abusive relationship and I want out after all of this actual religious persecution.

Persecuted for my faith held here away from my family. My gaining Unit has sent a memo stating they would be able to accommodate me. as I am in an office mostly by myself and flying single crew. In 6 months, I'll be preparing to start SLF TAPP for retirement, also none deployable post.

I have done everything the Air Force has asked of me (deployed after my wedding, combat missions, missed the pregnancy and first few months of my daughter's life). The one time I had a moral and religious issue, I followed the Air Force's prescribed process, simply to find out it was theater. Despite my sincere beliefs and pristine military record, I am being treated like someone guilty of severe misconduct.

Absolutely stressful and on my mind constantly.

Unfortunately, we're being led by politics instead of principles.

Test us! Let us unvaccinated go without the vaccine and see who is healthier after a logical test period.

Underwhelmed by leadership

I was on deployment to an undisclosed location in the Middle East when vaccine mandate was enacted. I was forced to wear a mask along with other unvaccinated, while others did not have to, which resulted in unequal treatment. I was verbally harassed by a superior officer, and I was denied a forward deployment opportunity. I returned to what I would call a hostile work environment at my home station, where I was directly and indirectly ostracized for pursuing religious accommodation and for discussing the negative bias I observed being applied to the religious accommodation process within a closed Chaplain group. Leaders who challenged the merit of the mandate claimed that their hands were tied and that they were being threatened with loss of command authority, and they were being forced to enact a policy they disagreed with. I was denied a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) assignment, and I was told on several occasions that I could not attend my annual religious endorser training conference. I am working with my leadership to try to remedy this situation, but it is not looking favorable due to a blanket policy requiring unvaccinated to justify any travel as mission-critical requiring under SecDef approval despite all travel restrictions being lifted for the greater populous. I was advised by superior officers that I likely would not succeed in my religious accommodation request and that I would likely be separated administratively with a general discharge under honorable conditions due to an Article 92 failure to obey an order. This was while my religious accommodation was still in process. My current leadership has exhibited a sympathetic posture toward my predicament. As a Chaplain and Air Force member, my integrity is required and normally encouraged, but in this case, I have been pressured to violate my conscience under written threat of discipline and possible administrative discharge. My sincere desire is to continue to serve my country and fellow Airmen honorably without comprising my sincerely held religious beliefs.

Have been denied at every stage and treated like a flunkie out of boot camp, despite my extemporary record.

Overt coercion and religious discrimination

Months expended on a frivolous and asinine process with a predetermined outcome. Leadership seemed to revel at causing maximum harm and stress whenever possible, rather than having any respect for our religious beliefs.

21 years service on board vessels and shore units, promoted to CWO just after COVID started, retiring before High 3 retirement pay eligible. I will not serve a nation that declares me a domestic extremist because of who I support.

Immediate chain of command has been supportive, but DoD and DoN policy has been discriminatory.

Absolute religious discrimination in the face of an illegal order

No one in DOD is willing to acknowledge the inability of SMs to follow SEC Austin's order as there is no FDA approved vaccine.

Complete disregard of the law, Air Force Instructions, medical individuality, COVID-19 statistics, science, epidemiology, and religious beliefs.

I have been involuntarily extended in a hardship tour despite them knowing my mother is terminally ill and unable to request a compassionate reassignment.

Discouraging and overwhelmingly stressful.

This has illuminated the fact that we do not follow orders (MARADMIN 612/21, USC 10 Section 1107, USC 42 Section 262, BPCI Act of 2009, DODI 6200.02, Public Health Act section 351, RFRA, etc.) but we will prosecute the Marines who don't follow "lawful" orders. We waste our time pushing trans admirals and writing MARADMINS about gay pride month under the guise of equal and fair treatment for all while we push out our religious warriors. Honor. courage. commitment has become Hubris. compliance. Convenience. Happy to tell my whole story with names if required.

Sincere religious beliefs ignored despite my orders to a non-operational unit this summer. Provided evidence of no FDA approved vaccines available in the State of Hawaii, also ignored. Never missed a single day through the pandemic for having Covid-19, or being suspected of possibly having it. Stood extra duty for vaccinated members who were out sick with Covid-19. Not allowed to take a week of time off with rest of crew prior to a 45-day patrol, instead ordered to quarantine onboard and wife not allowed to visit for ten-day duration. Officer evaluation impacted, ridiculed in front of crew members by commanding officer on the bridge during operations, and judged/ridiculed by supervisor and commanding officer for not leading by example by failing to vaccinate and not doing what an officer should do by just following orders. Lay leader onboard, led enlisted unvaccinated members through accommodation and appeal processes, provided emotional support throughout. Ordered to vaccinate on my birthday. Led a major community service event instead of using promotion money for traditional wetting-down (pay for bar tab for crew) that gained widespread public and Coast Guard recognition on social media, charged with articles 90 & 92 during part of the event. Married, no kids. Perfect record and high evaluation scores. Denied boarding officer school spot after selection due to unvaccinated status, had been applying for four years and finally accepted, but lost spot due to vaccine.

I feel betrayed by an organization that I have served for all my adult life. This is a lot of stress for my family, especially since I am the sole income for my family and now I am not even sure I will get my retirement or all my VA benefits. Though I am charged with misconduct I still continue to do my job without issue. From 16-19 May 2022 I traveled TAD for official work duties to represent my command at a convention in Tampa. I was recently assigned to lead a major project implementing my command's Force Design. I am being empowered and given greater responsibility at the same time the command is trying to separate me for misconduct. The stress of an uncertain future is a lot.

Naval Academy graduate with 7 years active duty Surface Warfare. First Ensign to qualify on my ship, received multiple 5.0 FITREPs and individual awards including a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, transitioned to reserves and completed law school then became a Reserve JAG where I have been unable to perform my job due to unlawful COVID policies.

The mandate of EUA genetic therapy is illegal. Leadership has violated the Nuremberg Code and suppressed Constitutional rights.

Received canned denial package to request and TAD out of squadron to non-flying billet.

My commander told me my RAR was recommended against by my 2-star based on time remaining until I could apply for retirement because of his "additional guidance." Then the 4-star official denial said I needed the vax because the vaxed people I worked with could catch COVID from me - meaning, I needed it because it didn't work. That's hardly the "compelling governmental interest" as required by law that he said it was.

Men are more than willing to give up their lives for this country in combat but very few are willing to risk their careers to speak up about what is unjust and wrong.

Crisis - continuing to question if I belong in the organization I've given 13 years (+4 academy years) of my life to.

My family started our permanent change of station (packing and storing all household goods) before the mandate, but because of my expressed intent to request medical exemption/religious accommodation my orders were changed and my move was halted leaving my family of five (pregnant wife, three young children, and family pet) effectively homeless, living in a hotel for months without access to our belongings.

As a result of not complying with this illegal mandate, I have been grounded since December, placed on no-points-no-pay (i.e. can't participate) since March, letter of reprimand sustained in June, threatened with upcoming transfer to IRR as well as withholding my promotion to Major. I was also previously threatened with the potential of an Article 15, dishonorable discharge, and a financial obligation of \$280k.

Have not received official denial of initial request but fully expect it based off the blanket denials I've seen returned & leadership's lack of caring of what happens to the unvaccinated.

I continue to serve to the utmost of my ability while remaining in an administrative purgatory, having now waited nine months for a response to my Religious Accommodation Request, whose answer appears now more than ever to be a foregone conclusion. I have been excluded from temporary duty assignments (TDYs), deployment rosters, and have had to stop the informal passing of my vaccination status between fellow servicemembers. It is my sole and earnest desire that I be allowed to continue to serve in the Armed Forces as a pilot by being afforded this accommodation, and that my natural immunity be recognized.

My command has forged my signature on documents that pertain to my GOMOR. I have evidence to prove that they committed forgery.

Overall I haven't been treated differently; my commander has been supportive and accommodating of me while at the same time trying to "meet commander's intent" which unfortunately means prompting mask wear for non-"vaccinated" (which seems particularly divisive and isolating as an officer) — that said, for the piece I don't see (the accommodation process at MAJCOM/higher levels seems convoluted and the rationale for denial/enforcement of the shot seems baseless, dare I say a complete lie)

From my perspective the leadership at the highest levels of the CoC is creating significant damage in trust between enlisted and commanders at local level. They are also destroying the belief in core values like integrity, with constant deceptive and coercive attempts to vaccinate or punish service members who have not complied with EUAs. Additionally, regulations written have been ignored or stretched to allow discrimination and retaliation against service members in almost every case. Loss of training opportunities causes current harm in pay and future harm in opportunities for promotion, retention and future assignments.

In a world with these many threats to national security, and the inability to recruit numbers of qualified enlisted members currently, it is beyond my understanding how purging currently serving members otherwise considered in good standing in the tens of thousands is a rationale decision.

While my local leadership has been mostly supportive of my RAR and Med exemption, I have been restricted from traveling and executing some of the primary duties of my job due to AF and AFRC policies that treat us (unvaxxed) as second-class members of the military.

Upmost unprofessionalism from certain leadership with lack of due process. Officially being "shoe-holed" into irrelevancy and therefore for will not be promoted to Warrant Officer and lose the selection, as well as, likely to not receive selection for Gunnery Sergeant if WO selection is lost. The gravity of the situation not knowing if we will have to move and lose the career has taken its toll on my wife and kids as well.

Served as Company Commander for 10 months, never missing a day of work, while unvaccinated and awaiting my RAR/Appeal return. Once I officially refused the vaccine, I was relieved of command, put on the Officer Disciplinary Notebook at HQMC, had my promotion to Major suspended, my orders cancelled, received an Adverse FitRep, and am awaiting my BOI notification.

Going to be forced out after 19 years of active service denying me of my retirement that I have earned. No negative marks on my 19-year record.

My command has been great and compassionate, it's big Coast Guard policies that are the threat.

Can't PCS with documented natural immunity but if I took "dirty" J&J shot, Army would send me anywhere. If truly about "Health of the Force," why aren't boosters mandatory yet?

This process was rushed, changed daily, and the outcome was already pre-ordained. It's a shame what the DoD has been allowed to do to the military

Pilot training graduate becomes black sheep in squadron, taxpayers' dollars and ADSC time wasted while airmanship skills perish as authorities ignore legitimate ethical concerns regarding the mRNA vaccines

I continue to execute our mission without restriction and am no sicker than anyone I work around.

Lack of transparency of has caused me and my family a great deal of stress.
I'm denied career opportunities, and threatened with UCMJ action, followed by involuntary separation due to my religious belief against mRNA COVID vaccines tainted by abortion
A complete disregard for the inherent constitutional rights, that violated laws and statues of all citizens, especially on the behalf military service members.
Original Med exemption was denied for previous COVID infection, and other vaccine reactions. Was finally given a temporary Med exemption after being allergy tested for COVID.
I am in limbo with my career as I have no official decision on my RAR.
Was the head Landing Signals Officer (LSO) in the Navy for the entire East Coast fleet. Most experienced pilot in regards to carrier operations and qualifications.
I have never missed a day of work due to COVID and have performed extra duties due to sick (with COVID) vaccinated co-workers. I am at 19.5 yrs. of service and I expect to be terminated within the month.
Let's Go Brandon
This has been the most disturbing and absurd experience of my life.
I was told when I commissioned to keep my priorities straight: My eternal commitment to God comes first, my life-long commitment to my wife and family comes second, and my years-long commitment to the Navy comes third. The Navy is acting to upend that order and usurp God and my family's rightful place in my life.
The CG has utilized myself throughout the past couple years since the pandemic began. Never once did being unvaccinated disqualify me from any tasking.
Unlawful, unconstitutional, and not safe nor effective (I know many service members who are receiving a medical evaluation board for likely vaccine injury, and majority of those vaccinated are catching COVID at a similar rate to those vaccinated and having similar or worse symptoms.)
I have lost confidence in my political and military leadership as a result of this purging of the military of devout Christians over this medical experiment.
Hypocrisy and contradiction from leadership on full display.
I've felt like a second-class citizen in the organization I've faithfully served for over 13 years. This has brought untold amounts of undue stress and concern about how to provide for my family if I lose my job and will I be allowed to continue along my current career path or be unjustly sidelined and miss out of promotion opportunities. I submitted my original request in Oct 2021, citing Catholic teaching as well as other medical studies available at the time to show that because these vaccines use aborted baby cells I could not in good conscience take it. I have documentation showing the package was sent and received Oct 1, 2021. A couple months later I was informed by the reviewing authority I never submitted a request. I showed proof that I had, and was allowed to resubmit. A month later, I was denied. I submitted a 150-page appeal in February 2021 and am still waiting for final verdict.
The military does not adhere to their own dates/time lines unless it is punitive against the member. Took nearly 6 months to get my RAR appeal denial.
Was told they won't approve my religious beliefs letter because I've had other vaccines in the past.
Pilot training progression paused for 9 months, but fully able to schedule for a flight. So still in-flight room, just not flying
Chaotic and unjustified.
I was sent home 3/4 of a day on 21 May 2022 and couldn't return on 22 May 2022.
I have witnessed acts of coercion, threats, incentivization, dishonesty and manipulation of service members in promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine.
The entire existence of the military is to defend against any threat to the Constitution and the rights enshrined therein; and the military's current attempt to subjugate these rights is self-destructive behavior completely incongruent with the very purpose of the military.



Nine months of discrimination, lots of wear on my mental health constantly sitting in the unknown, & just questioning if the military is even for me anymore because of the poor treatment & lack of leadership - the job is starting to no longer align with my core values.

Received command pressure and coercion from squadron commanding officer to either get the vaccine or voluntary drop to the IRR. Was told I would be charged under Article 92 and my safest option would be to voluntarily drop.

I was told on two occasions that my position in the squadron would be "hired on" due to my unvaccinated status.

My position was hired on and I was put in to an "excess BIC" status which means my position in the unit was no longer permanent and I would not be allowed to remain for much longer.

When I asked for my commander to acknowledge in writing his reasoning for taking these actions he lied and said his reasoning never had to do with the vaccine.

He said that it was due to my performance in the squadron not being up to his standard. He then demanded me to sign voluntary drop paperwork into the IRR within 30 days of him notifying me, which I have refused to do. I am still awaiting my RAR Appeal.

Since then, there was a change of command I have a new commanding officer. We will soon be discussing his intentions with my status in the squadron regarding my RAR appeal pending status.

I stated in my appeal that I am not against Vaccines. I feel they can be a safe/effective way to prevent illness. I have concerns regarding the mRNA vaccines. I feel the science was rushed and they may prove to be unsafe. My fears were not unfounded as the FDA has now put restrictions on the J&J shot due to fatal blood clots. I simply wish to receive a vaccine that utilizes more traditional fully researched methods such as an inactivated viral strain or protein subunit found in the novavax Vaccine. I am attempting to get a civilian passport in order to travel to the United Kingdom in order to receive a WHO approved Vaccine not offered in the US. (Something I shouldn't have to do, but my options are limited). If there is someone that can assist that has more influence than me I would greatly appreciate it.

My career and livelihood have been used to coerce me into taking this shot. I've been threatened with punitive action. My attempts to advance in my career are actively challenged by my superior because I did not take the shot.

Because of my relationship with God, this process created an occasion that has negatively impacted my characterization of service despite my record of performance.

I have been denied all pay and VA benefits since being retired, my family even lost health benefits.

Request for medical exemption failed despite civilian doctor's written recommendation not to take any of the COVID "vaccines" and denied the ability to request a religious exemption after my medical appeal.

Traumatic

The stress of unknowing whether or not I can serve, make it to retirement or even survive has made me mentally exhausted and am having trouble doing anything

The religious discrimination has been so hard on me and my family that it has caused serious mental and physical health concerns from the stress. Because of the blatant illegal actions taken by the Army, I have decided I cannot ethically serve in this JAG Corp with their disregard to their oath to the Constitution and have decided I will leave at the end of my service obligation.

I'm not being kept up to date with any timeline, the separation process, or anything else pertaining a pending separation. I cannot prepare for life outside the military due to having no timeline for separation or if it's going to happen.

Treated as if I don't belong and ignored

Total and complete limbo. No one knows and no one cares about my RA.

I have been told I have a bad attitude, I have to be quiet and not "sway patients to think negatively" about this shot, threatened with paperwork multiple times, told I'm being watched by leadership... asked what

my backup plan is, told I'll be admin separated regardless of what my appeal comes back as.... the list goes on.
My command has been very accommodating, higher headquarters has been completely the opposite in my limited interaction with them.
I'm expecting to get denied and so I am leaving the Air Force. I would like to continue in the reserves but my recruiter is saying I need to get the vaccine first.
My life/career has been put on hold.
Isolated, ignored, and ostracized by unit leadership; unable to find support within USAF channels.
I have worked in person at my job as an instructor pilot throughout the entire pandemic with no changes to my readiness and even ranked among the top 9% of IPs in the 14th FTW for sorties in FY21. After the Air Force refused to accommodate my sincerely held religious beliefs I am now facing adverse action despite applying for separation as a last resort which was denied due to the needs of the military ironically.
In limbo as the Air Force slowly moves towards inevitable separation.
1 of 26 registered dietitians in the Navy, in charge of placement and mentoring of the others while meeting Navy mission for dietetics, provide nutrition education to inpatients to include COVID+ patients, gather and provide nutrition resources to the Navy's largest regional area on a monthly basis.
I was told that if I saw the RA process to the end that I would most likely be separated from the Navy with something less than Honorable and lose my GI Bill and other benefits. So, I pulled my religious endorsement on 15 November 2021 and have been stripped of my chaplain title. Since November I have continued to come into work and finished a couple projects. I was allowed PTAD to get a certification from the University of Alaska Fairbanks underground mining school to transition into a civilian job, but have not been allowed to start work at the mine while I am being separated. I was told by the Navy Chief of chaplain's office and Coast Guard legal that there is no conflict of interest and that I have the green light with command approval to go to work while I am being processed out. My command is not allowing me to go to work and has not given me a reason, only a verbal no. The mining company that hired me has been waiting since March for me to start work and I still do not have a firm separation date. I may lose this job and my ability to remain in my home in a tough housing market in Juneau, Alaska.
No approved vaccine available. They're ordering us to take EUA. What the government is doing is illegal and immoral.
A military purge of those willing to stand up for their convictions and the rule of law.
It's exhausting worrying about if I'm going to have a job in coming weeks.
Waiting for expected denial, unable to continue my career
Unconstitutional and irrational treatment for my sincerely held religious belief.
11-month deployment VAX-free for 10 months during 2020. Removed from fleet training syllabus June 2021. Ground and auxiliary jobs relieved Oct 2021. Grounded Feb 2021. Ranked #3 in the squadron mid-tour to dead last after not receiving the shot. Tendered a qualified resignation in that has been verbally approved for JUL 2022. My service record speaks for itself from enlisted to officer (7.5 and 6 years respectively), no break in service giving everything my family and I had to this Navy.
This has been so difficult that it is the only thing in 19 years of service if a high-stress career that sent me to seek medical care for stress-induced health problems.
Shortly after submitting my initial RAR in September 2021, I was pulled from training and have not served in any capacity since then.
Grounded after appeal denial. Prevented from participating in T-7 testing at WPAFB because it wasn't "mission essential travel." I was in Dayton 15 minutes away from the testing location on leave at the time.
I have experienced negative impacts to my life and 18-year career throughout this process for being unable to comply with the vaccine mandate because of my deeply held beliefs and have achieved natural immunity following a full and healthy recovery from COVID.
Discriminatory actions, policies, and treatment that affected my work place and ultimately my military career.

Received an article 92 for refusing to test and removal from command for not complying with the injection mandate. BOI ruled unanimously no misconduct. Which obviously proves this entire injection mandate is illegal.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/panel-rejects-navy-attempt-to-boot-officer-for-covid-19-vaccine-refusal\\_4488837.html?slsuccess=1](https://www.theepochtimes.com/panel-rejects-navy-attempt-to-boot-officer-for-covid-19-vaccine-refusal_4488837.html?slsuccess=1)

Awaiting initial response, great support from leadership but many comments along the lines of "just following orders".

This has been the most difficult thing I have ever had to face, being forced to choose between serving my country and doing what is right. I always thought this was one and the same...

Bullied into giving up my career and livelihood as single income family of 4...

I started work for the North Carolina National Guard in their Joint Operations Center March 2020 and went to the office every day. I have seen the way leadership has handled things including how they were discussing making Soldiers go out on the economy to get a vaccine that is not available, only and EUA is available. Even before it was fully approved, they were pushing everyone to get the vaccine without a fully licensed product from the FDA.

I was deployed when this mandate went into effect. The ANG attempted to put me on the same deadlines as Active Duty members within a week of deadlines.

Senior leadership cares more about pride month then those devoted workers with sincere Christian beliefs. Suicides and mental health are on the rapid decline

I feel like I have lost my country; the Coast Guard has turned on me.

This experience made me doubt this country is worth fighting for.

Commander has been hostile and discriminated against me every step of this process. I have had to above and around her via higher commanders and Congress just to have fair and equitable consideration.

Removed from deployment and position,

Denied opportunity to fly training flights and accumulate flight hours on cross country or detachment even though MANY vaccinated personnel come back from the same trips with COVID and then miss 10 or more days of training. Ostracized as unvaccinated when forced to be the only one wearing a mask, despite vaccinated personnel not following those rules when it applied to them.

Isolating and disenfranchising

The USAF has violated both DODI 1300.17 and its own AFI 48-110\_IP in handling this process. They are using coercion and fear to cover up its inability to follow federal law and even after confronted with said violations are willfully enacting illegal policies. The rules are made up as they go, and are leading to a mass exodus of high performers causing an experience vacuum that can't be salvaged.

I requested a religious accommodation and then deployed without getting vaccinated for COVID-19. I had a successful deployment and now I'm at home continuing to do my office job while I await separation.

I verbally informed my Chain of Command that I would not comply with an illegal order to be "vaccinated" for Covid-19 and, under the implied threat of losing my GI Bill benefits, was quietly processed for separation after signing a "request to waive" my right to a Board of Inquiry in return for an Honorable Discharge.

Punished for pursuing my faith

Pointed out unlawfulness of order to commanders but was still removed from training, submitted an RAR and feel persecuted for my religious beliefs.

I've been discriminated against professionally, religiously, and medically and my chain of command refuses to acknowledge that they are derailing my career as well as breaking federal law by enforcing illegal mandates for unapproved medical products.

My religious beliefs are being blown off and wasn't even considered for a medical exemption even with a prior cancer diagnosis.

Watching countless senior leaders destroy those who they are supposed to lead and care demonstrates a deep need for reform, accountability, and justice.

They denied my request and just appealed the denial. Right now, my life depends on who reviews my appeal. I have served the military my entire career and dedicated my service to this country. I deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. I have my moral and religious convictions and nobody is listening.

I am very disappointed in our senior leaders for penalizing faithful military members for practicing our faith

Mentally exhausted by all the nonsense and leadership unwilling to listen or think critically about this.

Abandoned by Air Force leadership as they make up rules to fit their sinister objectives.

Disheartening, disgraceful.

Harassment and coercion to comply with order or lose retirement benefits — told my principles aren't worth losing benefits, because I'm only on man on a larger stage (recorded).

Raised my hand to swear my life to the constitution, realized our leaders simply don't care.

I've never felt so discriminated in my life!

Combat fighter pilot (Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, other) with two combat tours, medals, etc. T-1/T-38 Instructor Pilot.

Stressful but staying optimistic

I am in a non-deployable trainer aircraft yet not permitted to fly due to "not being available for duties on a world-wide basis" as a result of not having taken a COVID shot

Leadership says they want to help but ultimately my chain-of-command said I was too much of a risk to grant a religious exemption. After everyone vaccinated got Omicron, the logic fell away. Now everyone feels bad about the whole situation, but is just "following orders". I was ordered to separate, applied for separation, and was subsequently denied separation. Now I have been given a LOC (letter of counseling) and soon will be given a (letter of reprimand) for not caving on my sincerely held religious beliefs.

Command used coercion by approving my retirement and then used that to tell me to get the vaccine or I will lose everything, to include retirement, VA, and GI transfer benefits. Discrimination by lawless and Godless command.

Received letter of reprimand. Transferred to IRR. Not allowed to join a unit as a traditional reservist as originally intended

Unconstitutional and unlawful, true persecution of myself and others with similar beliefs from the Air Force and leadership.

I have not missed one day of military duty and have kept current on all flight requirements without the shot for over two years during COVID. Clearly, I'm healthy and not risking the unit's effectiveness by refusing the shot due to my sincere religious beliefs.

As a LtCol stationed at the Pentagon - a Marine working in a Navy office, no less - the degree of persecution I have faced pales in comparison to what my fellow service men and women in the Fleet units (especially the younger enlisted) have faced. I have been called upon and given the opportunity to present my argument and defend my position in some spirited conversations with the senior military and civilian leaders at the Pentagon, but have endured no real adverse or disciplinary reprisal other than being forced to submit to testing within 72 hours of entering the building. Many of those in my chain of command actually agree with my position and my argument, but there is nothing they can do to help me. My initial request was denied by DC M&RA, and the final disposition of my fate lies in the hands of the Commandant at this time as I await his decision on my appeal.

Sheer folly.

Unimaginable disregard for constitutional rights, US laws and reason. USAFR/DOD leadership void of all honor and integrity.

Still in appeal process, unable to PCS or TDY, still flying.

Senior leadership is derelict.

An 8-month exercise in resiliency. Turning the UIF into the Uncompromised Integrity File. Be a yes-man or get out - applies to leadership and underlings alike.

Forced to wear a mask in the office, or get paperwork from the commander.

I have been forced to choose between my identity in Christ and my identity as an Air Force officer - I choose the former.
I am an instructor pilot who has been taken off of flight status and unable to perform my primary duty of instructing new pilots.
My faith has really been tested while feeling ostracized for doing the right thing and not going against my beliefs, my oath, and my country.
Lack of individual consideration of my sincere religious convictions throughout the entire process. Heavy amount of coercion to vaccinate by several suggested means.
Arbitrary and capricious, with clear disregard for religious beliefs/RFRA.
Everyone I talk to from Amn on up to generals are on the same page! To sum it up, this is ridiculous!
I moved to Hawaii on orders and was told that I would not be placed in a flight company until after my Religious Accommodation has been adjudicated.
It has been an experience of extreme stress and heartbreak to have my leadership display such an obvious lack of integrity and fortitude by pushing unlawful orders in the face of overwhelming knowledge of how illegal and evil they are acting. To sum it up I would say my experience has left me disgusted with the military leadership.
I feel betrayed by military leaders which I serve alongside. I thought I had joined the ranks of those who would truly give their lives to protect the Constitution and the principles of liberty provided therein. We have been accused of not "obeying a lawful order" all the while simply trying to practice our faith under RFRA and the First Amendment. The Air Force motto (used to be) Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All we Do." This experience has dissolved integrity, pensions come before service (to the Constitution), and our country's excellence is suffering. Senior leadership's motto has become "Career always, mission sometimes, people when convenient."
Very very stressful. Hard to stay focused and motivated. Losing faith in my country and government to follow their own policy reasonably.
Multi aircraft instructor/evaluator, 10+ deployments, 3,600 flight hours
I submitted my RAR in Sep 21. They have slow rolled our submit jobs because I believe we are so short pilots at our base. They have denied me anything that would be good for my career, but fast tracked anything that would help the Air Force, including a deployment to the desert for 6 months, even though it was against their own COVID regulations. This is all because I have a belief in Jesus Christ, and my loyalties stay with him and the Holy Spirit. I am just waiting to lose my job because of my religious beliefs. I have fought and defended the US constitution for 9 years while in the Air Force. Now I am not given the basic rights I have been fighting for this entire time. While at the same time proving I am able to do and exceed expectations for jobs, while unvaccinated.
I've served 18 honorable years and want to continue serving. It has been highly stressful being forced to choose between my faith and my career.
I am denied the rights and privileges other sailors have because they took the gene therapy and I did not. This is truly a sad time in the land of the free and home of the brave. I hope Congress will start acting like the voice of the people and pushing back on tyranny. Thank you.
CG leadership at the top has relied on coercion to slowly chip away at the unvaxed and is presumably holding onto those that remain due to readiness issues despite denying RA's for "readiness"
Very stressful experience with almost 14 years in and only 6 to go. Fearful my career and opportunity to serve will be ripped away.
F-16 Instructor Evaluator with 2900 hours and four combat tours
No exemptions submitted; I will not comply with an unlawful order to take an EUA product (test, vaccine)
After approximately 1.5 years of working under COVID mitigation strategies the DoD felt it necessary to mandate an immoral immunization (using fetal cell lines from aborted fetuses) which is also not necessary, legal (EUA and no FDA approved vaccines available) or effective in doing what it says it will do. I've watched as vaccinated and unvaccinated alike contracted COVID in the summer and fall of 2021 and into the winter and spring of 2022. Those who already had confirmed cases were required to get vaccinated when our own DoD regulations say those with a confirmed case of an illness are exempt from

vaccination. I have two pilots with heart issues. Not sure if they are vaccine related but they were identified after the vaccine was administered. Medical treatment turns a blind eye to early treatment and holistic approaches to COVID mitigation. Your two choices are the ineffective and potentially harmful, EUA vaccine or late treatment of COVID symptoms with drugs which appear to be killing the patients in their hospital beds (Remdesivir) due to kidney failure.

Not one person in my squadron was hospitalized for COVID in 2020. In 2021 and 2022 only one was hospitalized but he was vaccinated. What happened to doctors actually doing research and trying to help people? If a member was sick, they were told to stay home until it was severe with no treatment options. How is that effective medical treatment? And now after 1.5 years of working in the office and traveling for work. I'm told I can't travel officially. It's a modern-day lynching for all those who don't go along with the administrative medical agenda. Members of my squadron can't do their job, are demotivated, and demoralized by the way their own country is treating them for an illness which slows them down for a few days like a cold or the flu. If the DoD has their way 13 percent of my squadron will be kicked out for the crime of having a conscience and not wanting to take an immoral, as well as illegal drug.

No guidance or help

I have no felt a lot of pressure locally as of yet. I expect that to change as soon as final denial is delivered. Also, the Air Force Area Defense Council (ADC) told me months ago that the Air Force top brass has already given their marching orders and that using ADC as my defense would be useless.

My status as unvaccinated servicemember has made forward movement in my career impossible and has placed my retirement pension at risk as I have 19 years of service and would retire if allowed to get to 20 years.

My RAR was kicked back several times for "edits" and supposedly (I still haven't gotten a response) only a portion of it was submitted by "leadership" and I will have to submit another RAR for the portion of my request that "leadership" didn't want to deal with. I have been able to continue flying and perform my duties as a flight commander completely and without restriction (other than discriminatory masking and testing) since the mandate dropped.

This is unwarranted for a refusing a vaccine.

Disheartening

Wrongful discrimination caused by an illogical mandate that has only produced a severe burden to my mental, spiritual, emotional and physical health and detracting the mission of national defense.

Submitted RAR for COVID shot and nasal swab testing. Received initial denial of shot today (7 Jun 22), which did not include any mention of decision regarding testing. Currently in the process of submitting appeal. Received a Letter of Admonishment (LOA) on 7 Jan 22 and a Letter of Reprimand (LOR) on 3 Mar 22, both for the testing.

Air Force Purgatory

The RAR process was insane. What Chaplain has the right to judge someone's religious beliefs while wearing a cross on their uniform. I was extremely appalled (practicing Catholic). Thank you!

Subjected to unfounded different treatment/policies than cremated who didn't request RA's.

Submitted my RAR, asked for honorable separation or change of unit if I couldn't be accommodated. Both were denied

Mentally and physically draining

It has been stressful and disheartening to see all of my colleagues and friends turn their back on me because the military told them that I am a danger to them all.

Have not received it back (yet)

Throughout the pandemic I was direct witness to lack of proper informed consent, cohesion to vaccinate and excessive use of scare tactics. I have been witness to more severe adverse reactions than another vaccine, no other severe adverse reactions had been witnessed previously in my 18 years of medical experience. So far, the command is sufficiently accommodating someone of my tenure. However, it was requested several times to not create a disruption in the work place over my beliefs, due to my potential to influence other service members decision making. Countless service members have approached me

stating that they didn't want the vaccine but they felt they had no other choice; numerous service members have stated that they will refuse boosters over their concerns with the covid-19 vaccine.
My unit has been great but I have lost faith in the Marine Corps leadership as whole to look out for Marines and their welfare
Slowed training despite my willingness to learn, denial of special details even though I have never been out sick for COVID
I have been requested to continue to wear a mask and weekly testing and not allowed to go on exercises.
Submitted RAR and have heard very little on its current whereabouts but have been denied multiple training and operational orders.
I've been treated okay, and playing their games. But my husband and in-laws' rec'd denials.
I've never had anxiety until COVID, vaccine mandates, and threats of losing my job. It's been a horrible experience. Being unvaccinated in the military is like waiting for your execution. The nonsense COVID testing and mask wearing is discriminatory and infuriating. It needs to stop.
Awaiting discharge board following second LOR, still actively flying, have covered multiple flights for vaccinated pilots sick with COVID because no one else could do it.
Persecution
I had a medical exemption approved for one year on Dec 1 2021 and then on Dec 6 2021 it was reversed- what hope do we have when all roads are blocked
Wife attended her aunt's funeral. I rescheduled my drills and was approved. She booked ticket, I was staying home with kids, reschedules got canceled and was told if I didn't show up I would be marked AWOL.
I am not allowed to complete anything required of me, religious discrimination.
Workplace has been absolutely hostile since the mandates started. Unable to move, TDY, fly, hold leadership positions, and being constantly threatened with unlawful UCMJ action has been extremely stressful on everyone involved and has made even those that were coerced into getting the shots to save their careers resent leadership for the farce they are perpetuating.
Uneasy, coerced, threatened, intimidated, demoralized.
This "process" and lack of consideration for religious rights has caused undue stress and anxiety, likely having a negative effect on my mental health.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unable to PCS and assignment cancelled with pending RAR (RNL 31 Mar). This violates DAFI 52-201 and the first amendment for adverse action on assignment while pursuing sincerely held religious beliefs. Also, doesn't benefit the Air Force and American people because due to a WSO shortage, my next squadron is canceling F-15E/EX lines and has requested mission critical travel from AFPC and the USecAF immediately. There are 8 total members in the 40 FLTS that cannot travel which is negatively impacting the mission.</li> <li>2. Banned from my class TPS patch night and graduation due to being DAF with no shot. However, non-DAF were allowed to attend without a shot with a negative test w/in 72 hrs. and did.</li> <li>3. Documented recording and memo from Edwards AFB clinic proving they only have EUA Pfizer and Moderna available with pictures. No FDA approved shot.</li> </ol>
<p>I volunteered to return to the AF in 2019, already retirement eligible. I knew the hassles of the military but wanted to continue to serve. I thought I could help with my over 20 years of operational medical experience. I have discovered that I really did believe the oaths I took to protect and defend the Constitution and to first, do no harm. The stress is overwhelming and crushing, but I know that violating my conscience would be worse.</p> <p>(Final appeal denied May 2022. Coerced retirement denied December 2021. Re-application to retire in lieu of shot is pending.)</p>
It has been an onslaught against religious freedom (rights of conscience) and completely decoupled from real science and statistics (military wide 99.995% COVID-19 survival rate - more likely to die on motorcycle or even from COVID-19 vaccine)
I am working with in the system to bring light to the lawless behavior and discrimination the military is allowing/enforcing, to no avail. I have filed, EEO complaints, 1 denied, 1 outstanding. I have filed IG

complaints and FOIA requests as my records are being withheld from me and will be redacted. It is heartbreaking to know it's a rigged system. I gave my adult life to the military, my family (3 children) has supported my service moving and my husband frequently changing jobs. My husband (who has served) and I hail from families that have servers for generations. Leaders have become political in what is meant to be an apolitical force. Their lack of integrity is and disrespect for those under their command is ruining the force. The stories from others fighting are far worse than mine because commanders believe the executive branch has/will protect their illegal and inhumane behavior. I will never recommend my children server after this experience. If the military is willing to break the 1st, 5th and 14th amendments, as well as their own regulations, U.S.C and deny long-standing truths what more will/can they do? Why should anyone have faith in and trust the military system any longer?

Same as above. I was told I could choose a job as I went in spec war, failed and was given an undesignated "rate". So, I was told I could pick a job for weeks only to be told no when it came down to the day to pick. So, I'm left in limbo currently doing nothing.

The irrational and one size fits all approach from Navy leadership with respect to the C19 vaccine mandate has severely damaged trust in the institution and even those who received the vaccine feel leadership are no longer serving their interests.

My livelihood is threatened based on my decision to uphold the oath I swore; my five children and wife have been subjected to ridicule and abandonment of close friends based on our decision to decline an experimental injection.

Upon stating my intent to submit a RAR, I was immediately removed from the flight training pipeline. That was 9 months ago. By now I would have finished primary flight training. Since my removal, I have been tasked with menial administrative jobs around the unit.

Discriminated against after I've done my job & the mission the past two years in combat search and rescue with NO masking or social distancing, hurting my career and my mental health

Missed opportunities and basically pushed to the side concerning unit business

I just graduated from UVA in May 2022. I'm supposed to be PCSing to West Point to teach as a rotating instructor in June 2022 but my PCS is on hold because I haven't gotten the job.

Bc of COVID RE denial, was put in non-drill status, per the instruction. Skipper (CDR [Redacted]) MADE me drill Jan and Feb '22 even though I told him about the non-drill status in the instruction and threatened the above if I didn't drill AND be tested even though not testing was included in my RA request. Chiefs pulled me out of classroom telling me I am not allowed to be there due to non-drill status. Explained Skipper making me drill and he made me test or I would receive punitive action. He condescendingly interrogated me about why I didn't want to get vaccinated and tested.

The Army continues to work the hell out of me every day while threatening to kick me out.

I have been told I am not practicing the tenants of my religion appropriately

I feel I have a gold star in my chest

I have personally experienced and seen family/friends suffer horrible treatment ranging from threats, coercion, defamation of character, harassment, and discrimination to name a few. I have watched my own commander blatantly ignore the law while issuing me an LOC (letter of counseling). To say the least, my experience during my RAR process has not been good at all.

Experienced - discrimination, segregation, coercion - no pay no points during my retirement year. I have filed an EEOC complaint and 2 IG complaints case# FRNO: 2022-09635 - I have all paper work and documentation that supports my battle and time line. I have congressional support from the state of PA - Congressman [Redacted] [Redacted]@mail15.house.communications.gov - [Redacted]@mail.house.gov and Senator [Redacted] - [Redacted]@pasen.gov - Thank you for your support in this urgent matter - TSgt [Redacted]

This experience has been rough on me being I am a single mom and this decision doesn't just impact me anymore.

I have no confidence that our wing is handling this process to the best of their ability and the information seems to be top secret.

This charade has been stressful, frustrating, and disappointing for myself and my family.



My sincerely held religious beliefs are forcing me to choose between my career or my faith. I did not choose to give up my religious rights when joining the Air Force 27 years ago.
The government doesn't believe in our rights or religious freedoms unless it's politically correct or it checks a box on the training roster.
Undue influence to denial. Evidence of collusion between base Chaplain and MAJCOM Chaplain.
I have 14 years AC (with approximately 10 years sea duty) including deployments to the 7th/6th/5th/4th fleet AORs and I was selected to become a commanding officer on a US Navy warship.
Have had an assortment of threats against my career, and according to current policy am unable to transfer or be promoted. Unable to conduct official travel.
Miserable. I have committed and loved everything about my job, to not only making myself better but everyone around me. The military abandoned me.
Unfair and Lacking in Logic, but a Faith-Builder
I have been marginalized by decisions made at department of navy and DOD that my command has had no choice but put me in non-competitive billets. It has made me un promotable and my command is also suffering where I have the skills and leadership ability to fill the roles that they need. It has caused enormous amounts of stress on my family and I. They don't have an approved vaccine to give, and the EUA vaccine is worse than actual COVID. This mandate is unlawful and should be rescinded like the anthrax vaccine. The mistake was made, it should be corrected.
Command level was supportive, but higher-ups refused scientific data. Claiming they're just following orders.
Horrible from start to finish, I have been harassed, coerced, denied opportunities, been lied to, written up etc. This is the worst experience of my life.
I've been discriminated against from higher command policies.
The Coast Guard was my calling and I had every intention of making it a career, but when I stood my ground and spoke up, the service made it clear that it values blind obedience over character.
I have safely worked for the Air Force for 2 years since I recovered from COVID in April, 2020 without getting sick again, but now I am suddenly a threat; as of January 2022, I still have Positive Antibodies.
My 2-star told me I had 3 choices: take the shot within 5 days, "voluntarily" retire, or face adverse administrative action up to and including dishonorable discharge for Article 92 violation.
I have served for 17 years, 11 months on Active Duty in the USCG as a Machinery Technician, with 12.5 years of underway afloat experience operating and maintaining 5 different cutter classes, plus 4 years of large cutter Depot Level engineering support experience, including 3 years' experience as a Chief Engineer of a cutter.
My convictions and beliefs shape my morality and in turn developed me into the valued leader that I am but now that same moral compass driven by those same convictions have deemed me unfit to serve - I am saddened for the world we live in.
Standing by in Student Status for a year
Will be filing EO complaint because I believe my negative eval is possibly due to my refusal of the vaccine. I have character witnesses that can attest to my leadership stating that I don't have the vaccine and they may get rid of me. I will let the EO process determine if that's the case.
I'm a career U-28A Evaluator Pilot with 10 combat deployments; accumulating over 2,200 combat hours, 21 combat air medals, a tour as the JSOAC Commander for all of SOUTHCOM, and numerous high-level awards and stratifications.
Leadership withholding information on waiver deadlines, and coercing/forcing out those as quick as possible.
Consistently harassed and treated unfairly despite natural immunity
My outstanding career has been destroyed requesting Constitutional protections.
Medical records were fabricated and then switched with another service member. An appeal was made to that fact but was denied.

Field grade officer, husband and father of three with 18 years of honorable service, multiple combat tours, combat infantryman, and not one negative mark against my record.
I would like to return to service but I cannot in a service where basic human rights are denied. I was given an exemption for something that is 30% fatal but not for something 1.1% fatal? Why are HIV positive troops allowed to serve and deploy but I was considered a health risk?
No longer aloud to do military schooling on post or at other locations, not allowed to perform my job in my current position as an OC/T, i.e. to assess training units for deployment. I go to work and I just browse the internet, and do random menial tasks.
Lost between RAR submitted while active duty on TCS orders, now back on reserve- also submitted RAR no comms.
Pressure to take the shot. "It's just a shot." Ridiculed and demeaned for standing firm to my Oath and our Constitution
Frustrating
I've been required to test on a weekly basis, despite testing negative each time, threatened that if I don't, I'll incur adverse action against me and barring from all DoD facilities. My orders to LCS 11 were cancelled. My denial states I am not mission effective; however, my last fitrep and awards say otherwise - that I kept ships safe and on mission acting as a central PoC in C5F, moving 400 personnel to/from shipping and across multiple theaters when air travel was suspended. I completed department head training and have been moved to an instructor billet. I've been living under HPCON C restrictions for 2.5 years and am not allowed to eat at a restaurant in town with my family or I'm subject to punishment under the UCMJ. I'm not a person; I'm a prisoner and Navy's every move is to coerce me into violating my conscience and religious convictions.
Alarming. Violating.
Hostile, punitive, politically motivated, selfish, entitled, oath-breaking General out to end me for not obeying his unlawful order
Challenged with mental health and other non- COVID related health concerns from stress. Mistrust of leadership. Remained unaffected from the virus despite not jabbed. Not had a day off due to illness when other co-workers have.
Had an O6 in CoC belittle me and say that I am using "new-found" religious beliefs to get out of the vaccine. He demanded that I comply like 95% of my peers and just take the EUA shot which is 'interchangeable' or in the end of my 'disobedience' I would be involuntarily sent to the IRR and 'go there to rot' for the rest of my career (no promotions, points, or pay). It took a month and a half to get a Chaplain interview, 2 months to get my medical briefing, and 3.5 months to get the CC counseling letter finished. It supposedly went to an RRT but I have not been informed of the status since mid-February 2022 (other than it has been moved to AFDW for adjudication). I still haven't received an initial denial.
Discrimination. I feel like I am wearing a scarlet letter.
Singled out, retaliated against and intimidated to try to break my values.
My initial religious accommodation was copy and paste verbiage and did not address my religious concerns. My command, legal, and medical personnel have thus far denied me due process regarding my medical exemption due to lack of licensed availability. I provided them with a signed memorandum from the Naval command responsible for distribution of vaccines aboard Camp Pendleton. I verified there are no FDA approved versions available within 50 miles at local pharmacies. I also spoke with 29 Palms immunization section and confirmed they had no availability after they offered the opportunity to go there. The orders given are being unlawfully executed with EUA vaccines. These facts do not seem to be isolated to my command. This seems to be the norm Marine Corps wide.
The entire exemption process has been a complete full of pressure and coercion by the Army.
After 19 years of service and sacrifice, my family and I are stuck hours away from the nearest Army base, unable to PCS, unable to plan, and just waiting for bad news to arrive.
I'm stunned by the absolute lawlessness and brazen disregard for our founding principles by an organization sworn to protect them.

Denial of RAR places in jeopardy my retirement/pension and delay of rank to Captain

Terrible and the DOD is out of line for all of this and they should be ashamed of their actions across all branches

Battalion and Company Command has been supportive. The uncertainty of whether I will have a job has been frustrating. At any time, I could be out of the Army in a month or two.

Unjust and unethical treatment of a career officer

I went from due for promotion to expecting to be fired in one day.

Commanders don't seem to care when you can show them they are in violation of regulation or law, they say "well that's not the guidance I'm being given. I'm just following orders."

Just wait to be denied then wait some more

Bullshit response (from everyone) to illegal administration of EUA products.

All my coworkers agree/support me, and only got vax to keep job/support children. DOD offered no guidance/support/direction, and actively hindered training.

I took this active duty tour and moved my family 2400 miles after my husband had to retire due to a TBI and PTSD from Iraq. I am the sole provider for my family and a 5-time cancer survivor. My religious convictions are firm and so is my adversity to injecting my body with an experimental drug given my cancer history. I've already been hospitalized with COVID and have natural immunity. They don't care and it was clear in my RAR denial they were grasping to find a reason to deny it. I've been successfully teleworking 100% since March 2020 and my boss wrote a letter stating he has absolutely no issues with me continuing to telework. He and I, as well as my Deputy, all work in different locations anyway.

Absolute disregard of my religious freedom!!!

I have been undergoing a MEB since 2017 and have not been participating with my Reserve Unit since that time. I am overdue all annual medical requirements and immunizations but they tried to order me to report for the COVID injection despite the fact Medical has me on a stringent medical profile due to my disabilities. I told my Commander the order was unlawful due to the fact he had no authority to override the AF Surgeon General who already found me unfit for duty and pending a medical retirement. I have not received my RAR back yet.

The most spiritually and emotionally taxing experiences I have ever endured.

Absolute nightmare.

Unfortunately, I regretfully chose to receive the vaccine. There are many other members of my unit and other service branches I know that have the same regret. I personally chose to get the shot because I am simply too close to being able to retire and I have to provide for my family.

I love my country and I am proud to have served for almost 18yrs. I am extremely frustrated and disappointed that service members were given the ultimatum to receive the shot or separate. I voiced my concern to my leadership about how service members could not be mandated to receive Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) vaccines. My leadership was not aware that FDA approved vaccine (Comirnaty) was not being administered to the members assigned to our organization. Our leaders simply read talking points provided by headquarters stating how effective the vaccine is and how it was for "Readiness". The talking points also stated that the Comirnaty was interchangeable with the EUA vaccines. I've also attended meetings where leadership openly stated that they DID NOT expect RAR to come back approved (October 2021). Now we are learning that those who submitted RAR packages are being disapproved. Are the RAR even being carefully considered?

Many members have chosen to separate or retire early. Some of these members were senior enlisted and they are already truly missed. As the Recruiting Flight Chief for my organization, my team is now expected to replace these experienced members. The problem is, it is hard to replace a member with 15+ years of service. A lot of applicants my team speaks to say they would serve but they do not want to get the shot. Additionally, a large majority of our applicants are actively taking ADHD medication or have active Anxiety and Depression diagnosis (which is Dis-Qualifying for Military service). It almost seems like someone is intentionally looking to weaken our force.

I could go on and on about my thoughts on these military vaccine mandates. I wanted to submit this survey to speak on behalf of my fellow service members that may not want to openly voice their opinions on the position the Department of Defense has put us in.

Thank you so much for time and thank you for fighting for us!

My retirement was denied as they would rather see me administratively separated.

Local authorities have been civil but vocalize repeatedly, that they understand and agree with my position, that their hands are tied and higher headquarters has the final say.

No longer supported by my peers. Denied the ability to further my career.

The stress has been so severe I had to be prescribed an anti-anxiety medication for the panic attacks I have.

Waiting for appeal response, seeking treatment for female health issues but told likely won't get a temp exemption during treatment, and told I'd would have 5 days to get the shot once the appeal comes back.

21 years C-130 mechanic and flight crew

It has been terrible and feels like the military needs me but doesn't want me.

I am lucky - the Coast Guard approved my retirement and is letting me start a new career. Please help my brothers and sisters who haven't been as lucky as I have

FDA/CDC/DoD colluded to deliberately remove informed consent for service members. CDC changed definitions of vaccine and vaccination without public comment or due process to align with an FDA-approved product that (FDA/CDC/DoD) knew no longer prevented COVID-19. Without such a change; Comirnaty would have never received or sustained FDA-approval based on efficacy to PREVENT COVID-19 as indicated in its application for approval.

I am being religiously persecuted.

Constant stress, without any evidence of shot importance for our demographic. "Lawful Order".

Orders to following duty station were denied. I am separated from family who are 3 hrs. away. Unsure of my future with the potential loss of benefits after serving nearly 20 years of service.

Severe undue stress personally and to my family and home life/Severe chest pains/Severe migraines/Severe Joint Pain/Vertigo/

I feel like an outcast! Black sheep!

Command supportive of my RA but not allowing me to transition out of the army as they previously verbally agreed to

I want out of the USCG, not the same anymore.

Stress, unclear guidance, fear over disobeying my God and losing my job/retirement.

18 years of service with a combat deployment to Afghanistan. Currently track all tasks and missions run by my Brigade.

RA denied and was not able to promote due to not accepting the vaccine. In order to avoid punishment, was forced to retire NLT 01OCT.

Constantly being told different stories about whether I can participate or train & will not be able to continue to serve my country.

Sent to Mental Health (command-directed) for asking for due process, relief, and for my commander to answer for his actions.

Took advantage of temporary separation program and ended my career. RA appeal was approved because of my inactive status in the CG, of which would be reconsidered if I return active duty.

I've dedicated 18yrs of my life to my country, my faith and my morals have never been a factor of being able to serve.

Immediate command is impartial and just enforcing what the higher command is mandating.

I have been pulled from training and unable to reenter training even with compliance to mask wearing and weekly testing. I am still unable to continue training even though mask wearing and testing are no longer required.
Denied attendance at registered professional military Ed course; PCS orders revoked; all official govt travel denied by higher command.
I was on the path to a very successful naval career, even selected by CNP as the fleet-wide award winner of the 2021 CAPT Joy Bright Hancock award. As a result of my religious accommodation request, I have been removed from my flight training and will not be sent to my department head tour. My career is now over. I have requested to separate from the Navy.
Complete anxiety and disbelief that I am being kicked out for practicing my faith and upholding the constitution
Unbelievable. I have never seen the CG treat their people so badly.
I have had a stellar career with numerous combat deployments, and 22 years of specialized experience in the intelligence career field (enlisted and officer). I had just returned from a master's degree program with the Army for which I was selected by the TAG in my state, with a career path for command. Despite this, I have been blacklisted at my base for opportunities, and have never felt so stressed, depressed, and angry. Military officers are supposed to care for their troops, and I did this to the best of my ability by standing up against an unlawful, political order, and standing FOR the US constitution. Despite my mental anguish, I would do it again without hesitation. I believe I am on the right side of history, and remain resolute in my decision. I am still in disbelief that this is actually happening, and my career will end like this after many years of service to this country I love so much.
The CG has acknowledged my religious beliefs but fails to grant an accommodation for them. I have felt like a second-class citizen and they have caused much anxiety for me, my wife and five children.
The AF is rubber stamping RAR denials; when presenting my leadership with information on the unlawful mandate, they will not listen to it. We have been told to tell your complaint to the AdSep Board.
Initially I received very threatening emails. Once my command knew I wouldn't back down they then seemed to support me and haven't bothered me since. I have been told I can't go to any military schools while my exemption is pending. I know many others that are facing the same thing and their careers have been halted.
A man who is nearly a foot taller than me was flailing his arms and screaming at me red faced because he had predicted I would "no longer be in the military by 02 December" and I showed up for UTA 07 January.
Was forced to retire due to NGB policy
Absolutely disheartening, losing faith in our leaders.
The exemption policy is in place but is one that commands do not want utilized by service members.
The whole process has been stressful and frustrating, I'm only four years away from being eligible to submit for retirement and I worry that the US Army does not care about our religious beliefs and will force us to violate them or punish us if we don't. If the Army is granting secular exemptions (medical) and allowing them to continue to serve and then refuse to accommodate religious exemptions, it shows true bigotry prejudice against the religious Soldiers.
Applied for Religious Accommodation to allow me to continue service without taking any vaccine related to Covid-19. Although we completed the process as required & in good faith, our request was seemingly overlooked or were not processed in good faith & were denied across the board regardless of the perspective.
Definitely Segregated and annoyed.
Blanket denial of RAR. Refusal to acknowledge my vaccine injury for what it is. Medical negligence. Shady submitting a medical exemption without my knowledge, so I couldn't seek a second opinion. No one able to answer my medical/scientific/legal concerns without giving blanket statements.
Not fair or friendly
I have been verbally bullied and harassed by my chain of command as well as superior medical officers as a result of my religious accommodation request

Command has been cooperative

I did not waive my constitutional rights when I swore an oath to defend the US Constitution. Why do I face reprisal, threats of a general discharge and complete loss of my military career for exercising them?

I requested a voluntary separation due to the mental stress of the whole process and lack of help from my leadership and base. I gave up my career because of my beliefs.

Very poor lines of communication with RRT at JBAB, DC, as well as my leadership at DTRA, throughout RAR process. Absolutely in the dark for 6 months on status of request. Denial letter received 15 May 22 by my unit leadership and I did not see it until 19 May 22 via email. I feel like early on in this request process (Oct 2021), it was made to feel like my case would be individually considered on its own merits and given personal attention; however, as time went on, this became less and less the case and it appears that the decision authorities are not concerned with each individual member's personal religious beliefs and are not affording these requests the same level of consideration as other RARs have been given in the past for things unrelated to the COVID vaccine. It is also apparent that these decision authorities are still operating using very old information and simply incorrect data concerning the COVID virus and vaccine; much of the denial justification for me was based on false / misleading / outdated / incorrect information, ignoring facts newly learned in recent months.