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AFI 36-2706, 1 December 1996, is supplemented as follows:

4.40.1. Commanders will ensure all military personnel, to include students and (or) trainees, are informed of their rights to religious accommodation as prescribed in DODD 1300.17, *Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services*, AFI 36-2706, and this supplement.

4.40.5. (Added) Installation commanders will ensure policies and procedures contained in DODD 1300.17, AFI 36-2706, and this supplement are incorporated into training requirements for commanders, first sergeants, military training instructors, military training managers, instructors, and supervisors.

4.41.1. (Added) The unit or squadron commander will resolve conflicts of religious accommodations and military requirements. Requests must be timely to ensure commander consideration.

4.41.5. (Added) Wing commanders, with the assistance of the wing chaplain, will provide a schedule of base religious services and programs to base commanders and organizations. During their initial inbrief, students and trainees will receive information on available religious services, including location and procedures for attending. Permanent party members should receive information on religious services and programs during inprocessing to their respective bases.

4.42.2. Social Actions and the wing chaplain will provide guidance and advice to the chain of command and all military members on religious accommodation issues.

4.42.3. Unit or squadron commanders are the approval authorities for religious accommodation requests. Use the procedures in DODD 1300.17 and AFI 36-2706 for guidance in determining approval of a

request. Notify the next level commander in the chain of command when requests for religious accommodation are denied. Military members may appeal a denial for accommodation through their chain of command.

4.42.6. (Added) Commanders may require military personnel, to include students and trainees, to make up missed training or duties due to attendance at religious services.

4.42.7. (Added) Commanders will not require or compel military members to attend religious services. They must give careful consideration to options provided members instead of attending religious services. Alternative activities must be consistent and fair to all members.

MICHAEL J. DUFFEE, Colonel, USAF
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