

MG Walker,

Good evening Sir, as a member of the District of Columbia National Guard ATFP Team it's my duty to provide you information regarding our service members. I received the attached information today from a former DC Guard member regarding MAJ Hegseth of the MAC and this information is quiet disturbing Sir. MAJ Hegseth has a tattoo of "Deus Vult" on his inner arm (bicep area). The phrase "Deus Vult" is associated with Supremacist groups in which White-Supremacist use of #DeusVult and a return to medieval Catholicism, is to invoke the myth of a white Christian (i.e. Catholic) medieval past that wishes to ignore the actual demographics and theological state of Catholicism today, let alone the doctrinal practices of contemporary Catholicism. Disseminated in the form of hashtags and internet memes, Deus Vult has enjoyed popularity with members of the alt-right because of its perceived representation of the clash of civilizations between the Christian West and the Islamic world. Crusader memes, such as an image of a Knight Templar accompanied by the caption "I'll see your Jihad and raise you one crusade", are popular on far-right internet pages. The motto is also used by nationalist groups in Europe and was portrayed on large banners during marches celebrating the Polish National Independence Day in 2017. According to AR 670-1 (3-3) states "The following types of tattoos or brands are prejudicial to good order and discipline and are, therefore, prohibited anywhere on a Soldier 's body: Extremist: Extremist tattoos or brands are those affiliated with, depicting, or symbolizing extremist philosophies, organizations, or activities. Extremist philosophies, Organizations, and activities are those which advocate racial gender or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, gender, ethnicity, religion, or national origin; or advocate violence or other unlawful means of depriving individual rights under the U.S. Constitution, and Federal or State law. MG Walker, Sir with the information provided this falls along the line of Insider Threat and this is what we as members of the U.S. Army, District of Columbia National Guard and the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Team strive to prevent.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter Sir!

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