

General Jerry Boykin Urges Hagel to Speak Out About Obama's Choices

Retired General Jerry Boykin, Family Research Council's executive vice president and former deputy undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, called on senior military leaders earlier this month to resign in protest of the President's policies regarding our military. In light of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's resignation, Boykin is speaking out.

"Public statements made today by President Obama and Secretary Hagel regarding the state of our military do not reflect reality. Once Secretary Hagel leaves his position, he should speak out about the impact of the president's policies on military readiness as well as his feckless foreign policy. It would be wrong to wait, like his predecessors, until a book deal comes along.

"The American people deserve and have a right to hear the truth about the damage the president's policies have inflicted on the military. We can't wait any longer to restore the readiness of our military. Our national security depends upon it.

"The reluctance of the current joint chiefs of staff to resist damaging policies is having a devastating impact on military readiness and consequently national security. Programmed cuts in the military budget as well as cuts resulting from sequestration are reducing America's readiness to a dangerously low level. From personnel to major weapons systems, military leaders and defense analysts alike agree we are placing our national security on a dangerous footing. It's time for senior military leaders to go public with their objections even if it results in their resignation or termination.

"Consider that America has been at war for 13 years and our

military has an all-time high suicide rate, out-of-control PTSD, and family disintegration at unprecedented levels. The Obama administration has not announced a serious and coherent strategy to destroy ISIS. Now we are sending our young men and women—who are not adequately trained to fight Ebola—on something that is NOT a military mission in the first place.

“One of the most serious and demoralizing actions of this administration is its attack on religious liberty, as the First Amendment rights of service members’ faith are being infringed on constantly. By embracing the foolish and destructive decisions of the Obama administration, the military leadership is contributing to and overseeing the downfall of our most important national security asset, the U.S. Armed Forces,” concluded Boykin.