

US Army Labels Southern Baptist Convention 'Hostile'

The United States Army has blocked the website of the Southern Baptist Convention from government computers, saying the Christian site contains "hostile content."

An Army officer assigned to a U.S. base says he tried to access from his government computer but instead got a message that said the site was being blocked by "Team CONUS." The message he received read:

"The site you have requested has been blocked by Team CONUS (C-TNOSC/RECERT-CONUS) due to hostile content."

Team CONUS is the Department of Defense management and computer network overseer of the military's Continental U.S. (CONUS) Theater Network Operations and Security Center (C-TNOSC) and Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (RCERT).

"So the Southern Baptist Convention is now considered hostile to the U.S. Army ... It just corroborates the recent string of events highlighted by AFA," the officer wrote in an email to American Family Association (AFA).

"This is just another example of the Christian faith coming under attack in the military," says Tim Wildmon, president of AFA. "Earlier this month, an Army email labeled prominent Christian ministries like the Family Research Council and American Family Association as 'domestic hate groups.' Their list continues to grow, as is evidenced by their new addition of the Southern Baptist Convention as 'hostile.'"

Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., told Fox News: "It's been a steady attack on faith and **religious freedom** that we've seen in our military like we've never seen before. We are getting a lot of calls from soldiers saying, 'We're afraid of going to church.

We're afraid to be seen praying. We're afraid that would hurt our careers, our promotions.'"

Forbes recently questioned Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel about **religious liberty** issues during a House Armed Services Committee meeting.