

[Sent to the USAFA Board of Directors, circa October 2025, upon learning that a vote was to be taken granting Charlie Kirk an honorary membership in the Association of Graduates and an honorary degree from USAFA.]

“At least one MAGA mole has infiltrated USAFA’s Association of Graduates, corrupting the core tenants of what we stand for and threatening to taint the future direction of our heritage. I call for the resignation of Director Rod Bishop, Class of 1974, and any others who stood with him to nominate Charlie Kirk for honorary membership in our AOG and to grant him an honorary degree from our institution. Both motions were withdrawn at the October 2025 Board meeting following intense pressure from sober members of the Long Blue Line. But while MAGA acolytes like Director Bishop remain in place, the danger has not passed.

I deplore the assassination of Charlie Kirk. I also deplore the beliefs he espoused. Read the synopsis of Mr. Kirk’s racist, homophobic, Islamophobic, gun-loving, Christian Nation advocations [here](#) (New York Times story, September 11, 2025, updated September 21). And lest we not forget, Mr. Kirk thought the [execution of President Biden](#) might be warranted. According to Director Bishop, Mr. Kirk “exudes all of the qualities...that we as USAFA graduates would want to count among our numbers.” YGTBSM. If, in his blindness, this is what Director Bishop and his ilk truly believe, their presence in positions of leadership on our AOG Board is a malignancy that must be removed.

I harken back to Lt Gen Silveria’s 2017 impassioned [noon meal address](#) to the Cadet Wing from the staff tower of Mitchell Hall where he extolled the power of diversity and told those assembled that if they could not respect one another despite differences in race, religion, or gender, they should “get out.” How far we have come from that sentiment in the five short years since General Silveria’s departure! Now, on top of all the other pernicious and injurious [devolutions](#) in the Academy’s direction, Director Bishop, in his advocacy for Mr. Kirk, appears to flip Superintendent Silveria’s admonishment on its head, apparently believing that anyone who advocates for human equality and dignity throughout the USAFA community should “get out.”

Director Bishop, you’ve embarrassed me and misrepresented our membership. Your presence on the board of the USAFA AOG is untenable. Resign. Sociopathic

and messianic politics have no place in our organization. Leave the leadership of the AOG to those determined to promote and enhance the prestige, image, values, and ideals of all Air Force Academy graduates, past and future.”

Kevin F. Donovan

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