

Photo Of Airman Kissing POW-MIA Symbol Causes Uproar

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A picture showing an airman tongue-kissing a Prisoner of War-Missing in Action symbol has gone viral, infuriating bloggers and veterans. The airman has been identified as Staff Sgt. Cherish Byers, of the 92nd Security Forces Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash., said Staff Sgt. Alex Montes, a spokesman for the 92nd Air Refueling Wing. Byers is the subject of a command-directed investigation that will determine if any disciplinary measures are warranted, Montes told Air Force Times on Friday. The picture was taken about three years ago but investigators don't yet know where it was taken. Byers could not be reached for comment on Friday evening. In the picture, she is wearing a senior airman's rank insignia and a blue rope. There is no indication where she is.



Byers' behavior is certainly concerning to the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody said Friday in a statement to Air Force Times. "It's a concern any time someone shows disrespect for prisoners of war and those missing in action," Cody said in the statement. "They deserve our utmost respect, and we must always remember their sacrifice and the legacy they've left for us as men and women serving our nation." "I want to make it clear that this is not a reflection of airmen who wear this uniform; it is a case of poor judgment of one airman ... to say we are disappointed would be an understatement. We are gathering all the details and will take appropriate action at the appropriate level. Our airmen fully understand the significance of the POW/MIA flag and the sacrifice of the men and women it honors," Cody said.

The picture has been posted on several Facebook pages, prompting a barrage of angry responses online. "Let me put this out there seeing as I'm an Air Force veteran ... no matter what uniform she was wearing this is disrespectful anyways," Tara Marie Murray wrote on the "Military Mind's Photos" Facebook page. Marine Corps veteran Michael Kelley felt "blind fury and disgust" when he saw the picture, he said Friday in an interview with Air Force Times. "There's absolutely no reason to have done anything like that," Kelley said. "It goes completely against everything that we're taught in the military from Day 1. She failed herself; she's failed the Air Force and the military community as a whole by doing something that disrespectful and then having it get out to the world like that." He said the picture reflects a wider "cultural problem" in the Air Force that is also evidenced by the cheating scandal involving Air Force missile officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. "It seems like one thing after another with this complete lack of respect for the basic principles of being in a military service," said Kelley, who left the Marine Corps in 2003 as a lance corporal.

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Wisconsin National Guard Member Suspended After Making Jokes About Combat Funerals



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Harrison takes a selfie of herself in her car, with an American flag in the background and the caption, "It's so damn cold out.... WHY have a funeral outside!? Somebody's getting a jacked up flag." In a second, Harrison and 13 other soldiers in Army Combat Uniforms, are posing around a flag-draped casket making silly poses. The casket, used for honor guard training in Arkansas, was empty, but the caption, "We put the FUN in funeral — your fearless honor guard from various states..." prompted fury from several Facebook users, who flooded the Wisconsin National Guard.

1. In appropriate paragraph form, compare and contrast the pros and cons synonymous with one capturing uncensored images and instantaneously broadcasting via a social networking site. Many argue Byers' actions are protected within her rights as guaranteed under the United States Constitution. Furthermore, the behavior in question occurred approximately 3 years prior; therefore, a statute of limitations may apply. Define a series of disciplinary measures you believe Byers' actions warrant. Provide a brief synopsis governing specifically what constitutes appropriate social networking behavior universal to all users regardless of military affiliation. Thoroughly explain your reasoning and provide specific artifacts and evidence *not* limited solely to article above to support your response. Create and illustrate a Venn Diagram to effectively explore relationships and patterns and to make arguments about relationships between sets. (LA.910.3.2.2; LA.910.1.6.2; MA.912.D.7.2; MA.912.A.10.1)

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2. Namvets.com suggests, Mount POW/MIA is a mountain in the state of Alaska that has been dedicated to all the soldiers that are or have been given the status of Prisoner of War or Missing in Action. The mountain is just north of Eklutna Lake and is west of Twin peaks and Bull Peak, six miles southeast of Wasilla in Chugach State Park. There is a POW/MIA flag placed atop of Mount POW/MIA and replaced annually by the Local Colony Army JROTC program during Memorial Day weekend in May. The mountain stands approximately 4280 feet tall or 1000 feet fewer than a mile. Mount POW/MIA casts a massive shadow of approximately 1427 ft as noted by the limited growth of vegetation within that obstructed region. Overwhelmingly frustrated with elected officials' blatant inability to work collaboratively in an effort to recover his missing brothers-in-arms, a 72-year-old, 225 pound, 78-inch tall Vietnam Veteran proudly renders a salute to honor the memory of these unaccounted for heroes. Illustrate the complete diagram and use proportions to determine the dimensions of Veteran's shadow. **(MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.5.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.5.1)**
3. Identify the theoretical probability in randomly selecting the following letters from "Prisoner of War-Missing in Action" with and without replacement: a. *P* (vowel then vowel), b. *P* (consonant then consonant), c. *P* (E then E), d. *P* (consonant then vowel), e. *P* (Q then Q), and f. *P* (letter then letter). What is meant by the complement of an event? Identify how these results may differ in the event experimental probability was employed as opposed to theoretical. When are these events dependent as opposed to independent?
(MA.912.A.1.4; MA.912.A.2.13; MA.912.A.10.1; MA.912.A.1.1)
4. Alliances of former Vietnam Prisoners of War frequently attend memorials designated for deceased American service members. One of their primary objectives is to ensure the honor and integrity of deceased military member(s) and their families in the likely event of riots or protests in the neighboring areas. A critical task is to serve as a *lookout*. During a commemorative speech in honor of a fallen warrior, the lookouts identify a suspicious individual, measure the angle of their perspective, and disseminate concerns electronically via a covert audio communication device. A strategically placed agent uses the angle to locate the suspect. Illustrate the diagram to determine specifically how many lookouts are required to locate the perpetrator. Classify the triangle formed by its sides, measure the angles formed, and classify the triangle by its angles. Thoroughly explain your reasoning via the applicable Congruence Postulate or Theorem.
(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.4.1; MA.912.G.4.3; MA.912.G.4.4; MA.912.G.4.6)
5. The aforementioned *lookouts* operate discreetly in a triangular configuration to maximize the effectiveness of their rather intimidating yet often time necessary presence. Determine the measurements of each interior angle provided one of which equates to 70 degrees. Incorporate an auxiliary line to determine the measure of an exterior angle ($2x - 5$)? Illustrate and classify the design by its sides and its angle measurements. Write a congruence statement and thoroughly explain your reasoning via the applicable Congruence Postulate or Theorem.
(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.4.1; MA.912.G.4.3; MA.912.G.4.4; MA.912.G.4.6)
6. As detected via an aerial news helicopter covering a military burial, the *lookouts* were identified at the following coordinates: $A(-3,0)$, $B(0,4)$, $C(3,0)$. Illustrate the triangle provided the vertices, classify by its sides, and determine if it is a right triangle. Explain your reasoning.
(MA.912.G.1.2; MA.912.G.2.3; MA.912.G.4.1; MA.912.G.4.3; MA.912.G.4.4; MA.912.G.4.6)
7. Identify and thoroughly support your reasoning regarding which of the following that best describes the author's attitude toward the actions employed by Staff Sergeant Cherish Byers: flippant disregard, mild frustration, passive resignation or an informed citizen. Explain the intended purpose of this article and identify any indicators or supporting evidence, which suggest the author may possess a bias for or against Prisoners of War Missing in Action. Provide an inference service members actively engaged in social networking may derive from this material. The point of view employed throughout the passage is best described as first person, second person, third person, or a combination of first and third person. Identify ways in which this article be referenced for an independent student research project regarding conducting unbecoming a service member of the United States Armed Forces. Explain specifically how the image above contributes to the validity of the aforementioned passage. **(RI.9-10.1 - 10.6)**
8. Using contextual clues only, determine the most complete and accurate definitions of following italicized terms: *viral*, *infuriating*, *warranted*, *insignia*, *utmost*, *barrage*, and *principles* as obtained from the passage above. Additionally, use each word in a complete sentence to demonstrate further comprehension. **(LA.910.1.6.3; LA.910.1.6.1)**
9. **SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY WORD-OF-THE-WEEK** Provided the fact that this story is incomplete, create an updated concluding paragraph aligned with the passage above incorporating the italicized term: *Bucolic* adj. Country-like; Rural or rustic in nature.
(LA.910.1.6.1; LA.910.1.6.5)

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