

## FFA INFLUENCES **ABC** STATION TO PRE-EMPT ***SAVING PRIVATE RYAN***

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Florida Family Association (FFA) influenced the ABC affiliate WFTS Channel 28 in Tampa to pre-empt the airing of *Saving Private Ryan*. FFA announced intentions to file indecency complaints with the FCC if certain ABC affiliates aired the movie uncut with numerous “f” word profanities.

FFA believes the historical content of *Saving Private Ryan* is important and has value if the expletives are deleted. FFA did not object to the violence.

The Tampa Tribune reported in part on November 12, 2004, “*Fearing hefty government fines for airing coarse language ..., Tampa's WFTS, Channel 28, was among 19 ABC affiliates that decided not to air "Saving Private Ryan" Thursday night.*”

**The Tampa Tribune** published the following editorial written by David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director:

“Darren Clauws’ letter to the editor wrote, “... David Caton’s opposition to the airing of the film ‘Saving Private Ryan’ is insulting to all those who have served ...”

My father was buried with full military honors this week. He was a decorated pilot, a top gun, from World War II. After watching another Hollywood distortion called “Top Gun,” my father told me “The movie is unrealistic. We never used such language. It was strictly forbidden to maintain emotions, order and discipline.” Other veterans over the years have told me similar statements.

I never heard my dad use the “f” word. I never heard his World War II buddies use the “f” word.

Therefore, Spielberg’s prolific use of the “f” word in *Saving Private Ryan* does not accurately represent the service of many men who I personally know.

Spielberg chose the terms of ‘show *Saving Private Ryan* unedited or don’t show it at all.’ At least ten other movies aired this week that originally contained expletives that were replaced or deleted to comply with FCC rules. Why should Spielberg get special status to violate FCC rules?

If *Saving Private Ryan* had aired unedited across the country millions of moms and dads would have quickly changed the channel after hearing the first expletive.

Children under seventeen were not permitted to enter the movie theatre where *Saving Private Ryan* was showing. Children are not permitted to rent *Saving Private Ryan* on DVD or cassette from the local video store. And the FCC has determined to provide similar protection to the family viewing hours on broadcast television.

I am proud of my dad’s military service to America. I am proud of my nephew’s current service in the Marines. Only Spielberg is to blame for creating terms that limited the audience to his movie. It is a sad day in America when inclusion of the “f” word is needed to educate and entertain some people.”

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## Director's Message

We hope and pray that you and your family will have a very joyful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

We encourage you to take time out of this busy season to rejoice and give praise to our God for giving us His son - Jesus Christ! He is worthy of all praise.

Celebrating our Lord and Savior during this time of year is such an important, precious and holy occasion.

We hope and pray that love, blessings, salvation, healing and revival will abound in your family this Christmas.

We deeply appreciate your faithful support of this ministry. In addition to providing resources for our efforts, your gifts provide the financial needs of my family and the Florida Family Association staff. For that we are very grateful.

We hope and pray that you will remember Florida Family Association in your gifts to outreach ministries this Christmas season. Your support will help us to be strong in all of our efforts as we enter into a new year.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

*David Caton*

Executive Director

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