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PRESS RELEASE:

NAZI HEADSTONES REMOVED FROM FT. SAM HOUSTON VETERANS' CEMETERY

On the 76th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, the last gasp of the Third Reich on the Western Front, at 8:15 this morning and without promised notice, the Veterans Administration removed two swastika-carved headstones that marked the final resting places of two German prisoners-of-war who died in American captivity, from Fort Sam Houston Veterans Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), headed by Jewish War Veterans (JWV) member and 1977 Air Force Academy graduate, Mikey Weinstein, took the outside lead in the successful effort to remove these swastika headstones. MRFF deserves credit for taking the point. JWV's persistent legal scholarship and firm dialogue with the Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs yielded hard-earned results on this day.

A link to the story and photographs of the headstone removal is available at [Express News](#). (subscription required)

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