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America's Military Might Fuels Patriotism

Let me start off to say, I am proud to be an American. I've devoted over thirty years of my life to helping tens of thousands of veterans who have led the charge and stood guard over our country. It is a labor of love and service to be able to help our veterans in the many ways that we do.

The following is a dictionary description of patriotism...

Patriotism is the feeling of love, devotion, and a sense of attachment to one's country. This attachment can be a combination of many different feelings for things such as the language of one's homeland, and ethnic, cultural, political, or historical aspects.

I am not a veteran, but a great deal of my family served. They all gave up part of themselves in protecting our nation. Six out of one hundred Americans we must thank for all the things that we cherish in this land of freedom - The United States of America!

My father was at Pearl Harbor, and he suffered all his life after the bombing and right up to the day he passed away, he talked about the war. My brother was a Vietnam Veteran, which in the end, killed him because of Agent Orange and other problems, like severe PTSD. My son, a Captain, served in Afghanistan and is still in the Army Reserves. My son-in-law was a Sergeant in the Army and is a direct descendant of Patrick Hentry. My great uncle served in World War I and II - you don't hear of that every day! My point is, I have seen service and the effects of it – we have “skin in the game”.

I was greatly saddened when I saw a recent report noting that a total of only 38% of our nation's population are proud of our country. Furthermore, 60% of the nation's young would rather give up their right to vote, than the right to have a membership with TikTok?

How can this be that we let ourselves back slide into this self-centered oblivion? When our patriotism diminishes, so will our freedoms. When you find yourselves longing for the old days, as you see your freedoms slipping away, you'll ask yourself, "What could I have done to make things better"?

The people that have migrated here, legally, from the tyrannies that they ran away from, they cherish what many call the elusive "American Dream." If a person is ashamed of our country, that is disrespectful for the lives that were lost, or tragically changed, because of their protecting those very freedoms.

Does something tragic have to happen in this country to renew the “Patriotic Spirit” and wave the banner of freedom? 9/11 was a big turning point for our nation in 2001. Do you remember when Congress banded together on Capitol Hill standing together in unison? Well, that was a site that I will never forget!

Before that, World War II brought the nation together in a way that was unprecedented, sacrificing and helping "The War Machine" mature into the greatest military the world has ever seen. That happened overnight. I understand why they call that the "Greatest Generation!"

Patriotism is personal and public. When I think of patriotism, I harken back to some of the images of my father, my brother, my son, my son-in-law, and my uncle in their uniforms showing great pride in their service. My chest would swell, and I would get goosebumps, when I still recall that. When I hear the National Anthem, an emotion of pride presses on my soul and even at times moves me to tears.

Veterans Outreach strives to serve and honor those who have served every day – quietly and steadfast. Our team is united for the mission, we often start our day with “Circle Time”. Everyone in the building is invited to stand together to pledge our allegiance to our country’s flag, and then share prayers for all those that will seek our help and for the concerns of the day. That simple gathering fuels our hearts, any group could start the same practice. It binds our team and makes us all better for it.

I invite you to share in “Circle Time” at your workplace, home, school, church, or wherever you gather with others. Let’s start a wave of patriotism without a tragedy to kick it off.

We can reverse this decline, now, just by recognizing where we have come from and what we share. We can join our hearts in mindful respect for each other and build a future for our children and grandchildren where patriotism is alive and well.

My God bless our veterans.

John Ely
President
Veterans' Outreach

August Antiterrorism Month

August is **Antiterrorism Month**, which is designed to raise awareness not only of the threat of terrorism, but also to encourage regular vigilance and communication to report potential threats. Throughout the month there is a series of articles highlighting key points for increased awareness of goals, objectives and measures. Training seminars and videos are also part of this family-oriented outreach. Some videos are available from individual Army commands via YouTube.

What Activities Do I Report?

- People drawing or measuring important buildings
- Strangers asking questions about security forces or security procedures
- A briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind
- Cars or trucks left in “No Parking” zones in front of important buildings
- Intruders found in secure areas
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and bulky and/or too hot for the weather
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you
- Questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials

“If you see something, say something” is common theme among the many agencies and websites when it comes to terrorism awareness, and that is being strongly emphasized in August. The Defense Logistics Agency official site reminds its’ readers, “Trust your instincts; if a behavior or activity makes you feel uncomfortable, REPORT

IT."

What kinds of behavior does DLA mean? "People drawing or measuring important buildings" and "Strangers asking questions about security forces or security procedures" are two of the top indicators to be wary of, but also included in the DLA list:

"An unattended briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package...Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings...Intruders found in secure areas...A person wearing clothes that are too big and bulky and/or too hot for the weather. Chemical smells or fumes that worry you ...A person who is asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP schedules without a right or need to know..."

These reminders may sound familiar; they are the same types of things posted in airports, train stations, bus terminals, etc. Antiterrorism Awareness Month is designed to bring these reminders back into the spotlight, serving as a reminder that we live in times which require this added watchfulness.

Navajo Code Talkers



August 14th Day of Navajo Code Talkers

Our Programs For Veterans

Over the last 29 years, we have helped veterans more than 100,000 times. Our motto is to "respectfully serve and honor all veterans".

We have developed programs that perform our mission to help veterans that include the **Direct Aid Program**, the **Outreach Program**, the **Heroes' Closet Program**, and the **Freedom Food Pantry Program**.

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What We Do Everyday



ABATE Benefit Run

We are so grateful for ABATE Region Zero and all of its members and volunteers. This year they held their 9th Annual Benefit Run for Veterans' Outreach. They work tirelessly to put on a wonderful event that raises funds for local veterans. Masters Bar and Grill was once again the location and they are always incredible. We are so grateful for them and for all they have done for Veterans' Outreach. They are truly a blessing and we are honored to have their support! Thank you ABATE Region Zero, to everyone who put this event together, and to everyone that participated! We are humbled.



Humana Gives Back

Last week, we received a wonderful amount of non-perishable items from our friend George and Humana. They put on a non-perishable food drive for Veterans' Outreach which we are so grateful for. This food will feed so many veterans for weeks to come. Organizations, companies, and individuals that come together for the betterment of our area's veterans are what this is all about. We are always so thankful for our supporters. This was a huge turnout! Thank you so very much George! We are so

blessed to have you and Humana always coming out to help veterans.

Donate Now

We thank all of you that have supported our Mission through your donations, thoughts, and prayers. You made it possible to **help tens of thousands of Veterans** with financial assistance, food, and clothing. Your pledge of support is needed to continue our mission to serve and honor all veterans. **Will you make a small monthly pledge of \$10 or more? This gift can immediately make a difference for a Veteran in need.**



Donate Now



You can also call 888-2-VET-NET and speak with Teri Ely to donate.

Event

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE
GOLF SCRAMBLE!**

Sponsors can still show their support and advertise

their business, there will be close to 150 golfers at this event, get your name out there for your business!

 **Veterans' Outreach** 

8TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM
BEDFORD TRAIL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
713 BEDFORD ROAD, BEDFORD, OH 44017

18 HOLES & A CART
CONTINENTAL TIRE
LIGHT DRINKS
ENTRY \$150/TEAM

 

Name: _____ Golfer #3
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ Golfer #4
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Register Online at: veteransoutreach.org/event/8th-annual-golf-scramble/

Sponsor Information:

\$150 _____
Write the name wanted on the hole sign.

\$600 _____
Write the name wanted on your banner. This level includes a banner at the welcome area, hole sponsor, sign, free foursome, media coverage, catered dinner, snacks, and drinks.

August



Antiterrorism Awareness Month
Month of August

Air Force Day
Aug 1

Coast Guard Day Established 1790
Aug. 4

Purple Heart Day Medal Established 1782
Aug. 7

Vietnam War Begins
Aug. 7

U.S. Department of Defense Birthday
Aug. 10

Agent Orange Awareness Day
Aug. 10

National Navajo Code Talkers Day
Aug. 14

Japan Surrendered Ending WWII 1945
Aug 14

National Airborne Day
Aug. 16

National Aviation Day
Aug 19

Women's Equality Day
Aug 26

Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
Aug. 29

21 Great Military Appreciation Quotes



Americans and other world leaders have given us wise and witty military appreciation quotes. These quotes help us put into words our feelings about our troops and what their service means to our nation.

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." -- Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." -- John Quincy Adams

"This will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave." -- Elmer Davis

"When the will defies fear, when duty throws the gauntlet down to fate, when honor scorns to compromise with death -- that is heroism." -- Robert Green Ingersoll

"Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard." -- President John F. Kennedy

"The object of war is not to die for

your country but to make the other bastard die for his." -- Gen. George S. Patton

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." -- James Allen

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." -- Joseph Campbell

"The brave die never, though they sleep in dust: Their courage nerves a thousand living men." -- Minot J. Savage

"We sleep safely at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us." -- Winston S. Churchill

"America without her Soldiers would be like God without His angels." -- Claudia Pemberton

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight -- it's the size of the fight in the dog." -- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

"For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?" -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree." -- Thomas Campbell

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." -- Nathan Hale

"These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor -- and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror." --

Michael N. Castle

"True patriotism isn't cheap. It's about taking on a fair share of the burden of keeping America going."
-- Robert Reich

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." -- Winston Churchill, 1940

Heroes' Passage In Kentucky

Veterans' Outreach was donated 110 acres of Kentucky wilderness. Plans are underway for the development of Heroes' Passage, a veteran retreat with a healing environment for veterans that are having problems with transitioning to civilian life.

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