"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was the Spring of hope; it was the Winter of despair." This opening line from a Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens, if not totally accurate as to the present time, may, actually, be prophetic with regard to the near future.

What we have seen happening to the United States of America, for which we served and fought, has become very disturbing. The nation, since the 1960's, has been developing into a realm of delusion. The so-called "cultured revolution" is the embodiment and glorification of a lack of culture, cultural diversity, moral equivalency, historical revisionism, all contributing to the dissolution of our society and national character. Our nation, which was once esteemed and envied by all the nations of the world, though still envied, is now denigrated. Though the efforts of President Donald J. Trump have gone far in rectifying and restoring our national image and pride, there are those within our nation who would rather see it reduced to the level of all other nations who envy America.

This year has seen tremendous internal unrest based upon the "murders" of several known black criminals. Amid false accusations of racism, the Black Lives Matter movement justifies their criminal acts of rioting, looting, and wanton destruction because of police brutality, yet, when black criminals murder white children, such as five-year old Canon Tinnent, there is little or no reporting, public outcry or outrage. The BLM movement claims that if there is no justice for blacks killed by police, there will be no peace. However, they seek no justice for the victims of black criminals. And, as if this were not enough, the group known as "antifa," which is comprised of the proponents of socialism, communism and anarchy, have joined BLM in creating havoc in cities which, specifically, are governed by Democrat mayors.

In the midst of all the civil unrest, Democrat-run states have been subjected to repressive and arbitrary policies based on "science," due to COVID-19, the China virus. These policies are not designed to protect health, but have been put in use as a fear-factor to control the actions, associations, and health of the masses. If the Democrats have their way, Americans would be subjected to lengthy mask

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mandates, quarantines, and economic restrictions which have already been successful in impeding our personal freedoms.

Our President, whose administration, which was extraordinarily successful until the onset of the China virus, has had to deal with more than his fair share of vicissitudes. The Democrats have thrown many obstacles in President Trump's path, but he has faced all challenges and has had many accomplishments despite these; i.e. building the wall, reducing the trade deficit with China, progressing on the keystone pipeline and energy independence, destroying ISIS, ordering the deaths of two of the most lethal jihadi terrorist leaders: Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Gen. Qasem Soleimani, combating illegal immigration, moving the U.S Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, brokering peace in the Middle East (for which he was nominated thrice for the Nobel Peace Prize), building up our armed forces who, when under the Obama administration, were largely disarmed and, therefore, less effective against Islamic terrorists.

As we approach the 2020 Presidential election, we have much to consider. Do we want our nation to continue to exist and grow stronger, or grow weaker and become subjected to the control of the United Nations, or by China? In order to remain a viable national entity, the Deep State, and all those who represent it, must be identified, prosecuted and punished, and in that regard, to use military jargon, we cannot just "half step." In fact, Attorney General William Barr, in whom the President placed so much faith, seems to be "marking time," and by interminable delays, is protecting the Deep State "bad actors."

So, when all is said and done, where does America stand at present? To be honest, over 60% of the population feels that America is on the verge of a civil conflict, if not an outright civil war. And, as if this were not threatening enough, the rumors of Chinese communist military units moving along our northern border in the western states, is quite disturbing. What is their purpose: "To challenge the outcome of our election?" As American veterans, it is in our oath to defend and protect our nation from all enemies foreign and domestic, and that oath is not abrogated when our military service expires. Our President has done his utmost to protect America and our freedom. Yet, there are those who oppose

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him and these are America's enemies, and, therefore, because of the turmoil and unrest to which America has been subjected, I see no other choice but to stand behind, and re-elect, our President who has stood for us. It would appear that in this current environment, all who oppose him and, therefore, our liberty, are to be considered our enemies. Consider what happened in France in 1789; that it could be a repeat performance here in the USA. It seems that the principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity which were advocated during the Age of Enlightenment have been refined into abstraction by the Democrats to mean, in actuality, anarchy, communism and socialism. There can be no dialogue with those who wish to do violence or harm us, our families, or our properties, or with those who feel that the cause of these miscreants is justified. If the riots continue, or recommence, what might develop could be either a civil war or a race war. Either way, outside forces like China or Iran would be the beneficiary. Unfortunately, there is a good possibility that all hell could break loose after the election.

Despite the Coalition's efforts with regard to evaluating and endorsing candidates for House and Senate who will support President Trump's agenda to **Make America Great Again**, America may need a cleansing to ensure that our Constitution is upheld and our freedoms guaranteed thereunder are protected, and America's veterans may be the clean-up crew.

"WWG1WGA!" (Where we go one we go all was the motto of the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.)

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