

MEMORIAL DAY

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Brothers and Sisters this Memorial Day is especially poignant. With America apparently advancing down the path of socialism/communism, I cannot help but sadly reflect on those members of America's Armed Forces who laid down their lives to thwart communist aggression throughout the world. Today, we here at home are faced with the threat that our honored dead fought to prevent. In Korea, the Cold War and Vietnam, America servicemen sacrificed to ensure the freedom of other peoples and now our own freedom may be on the verge of being lost.

Is it not fortuitous that the vast majority of those members of 'the greatest generation' who served in America's Armed Forces have gone to eternal rest and do not have to witness the devolution of our beloved country? Those Americans who are unreturned prisoners of war, and those listed as missing-in-action who may yet be alive in communist captivity, must weep that they have had to endure so much, and must witness from afar the direction in which America now seems to be headed. Our Vietnamese-American brothers and sisters who mercifully escaped communist oppression must feel as though they may have gone 'from the frying pan into the fire.'

Many of America's youth are totally ignorant, or unappreciative, of the sacrifices that were made by those who were in their own age group many years ago. Fortunately, we have young patriots who serve today who do understand, and so we honor also those who have sacrificed to protect us from the threat of Islamic jihadi fanatics.

Our education system fails to adequately, if at all, support the ideals of patriotism, loyalty and citizenship, as it is controlled by those who denigrated our service in Vietnam, and by their progeny. How can America return to the days of our patriotic past? I fear that it may now be beyond reach or, if possible, may take several generations to achieve, and unfortunately, time may not be on our side.

Accordingly, as we commemorate those who lost their lives in our nation's service and also those who served and passed on after the conflict, we honor their service, we mourn their departure and the fact that their sacrifice may not, thanks to inept and corrupt leadership, have been able to secure freedom and peace for America indefinitely.

May the Almighty protect and bestow His blessings on the United States of America.

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