

Chairman's Message

Memorial Day. To some, it's a time to purchase a new mattress. To some, it's a time to celebrate the season's first cookout. To some it's a day off from their job. But to those of us who value the freedoms that this nation provides its citizens, it is a solemn occasion when we pay tribute and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their nation. Those brave men and women understood that integrity, honor, courage, commitment and sacrifice are personal character traits that free men and women can not and should not live without. They placed value on the lives of others. The lives of their family, friends, countrymen, and, most importantly, their brothers and sisters-in-arms meant more than their own. At the conclusion of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln made a promise on behalf of our grateful nation. He promised that the United States of America would never forget their sacrifice. This year, let us do our part to celebrate the lives of our heroes and wrap our arms around their families who are constantly reminded that Freedom Isn't Free. Take time this Memorial Day to listen to the whispers of our fallen heroes. They remain with us... so long as we never forget.

God Bless America,
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