

Memorial Day

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On Monday, May 27th, many of us took time to remember our fallen soldiers who gave their lives in defense of our country. Columbus, Mississippi (where I was stationed while in the Air Force) lays claim to founding Memorial Day, first known as Decoration Day, as the ladies there in 1866 began the tradition of laying flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers, North and South, slain during the U.S. Civil War. Later, the practice was changed to honor our slain military in all wars. On the other hand, Veterans Day honors all those who have or are serving in the military.

Members of the Constitution Party are especially mindful on national remembrance days like Memorial Day, regarding the current state of our nation and our current government's wonton trampling of the Constitution and the dishonor this is to our military, particularly those who died in battle defending the Constitution against all enemies. It is enough to sicken one as those in our Government who have worked so tirelessly to destroy our Constitutional Republic pontificate endlessly about their wanting to honor our slain soldiers. Obama, of course, visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (as does most every President on Memorial Day) where he urged Americans "to be worthy of the sacrifice they make in our name." Hollow words, in my estimation, coming from one who has declared war on the very document and the unalienable rights those brave soldiers gave their lives to defend.

I make the point that both of my grandfathers served in WWI. One grandfather was a front row machine gunner in France - life expectancy: 45 minutes. That grandfather was "mortally wounded" in combat; I have the telegram sent to my grandmother stating such. My grandfather did survive and received the Purple Heart (which medal current Secretary of State and former Presidential candidate John Kerry so dishonored); he walked with a limp the rest of his life from the wound he received. My dad served overseas in the Army during WWII. I served as an Instructor Pilot in the Air Force

during the Vietnam timeframe. My oldest son, still serving in the Air Force Reserves - currently as a C-17 pilot, served during all of the Gulf wars. I can guarantee that none of my family served in order to see the obliteration of the Constitution happening in the Halls of Government today, as so many seek to destroy that which we all took an oath to defend - our Constitution and our precious Constitutional Republic. **None of us served in order to see the greatest nation on earth devalued and debased into a third world country as part of some worldwide government headquartered in the U.N.** We were all proud of our country and proud of those things it represented for which the current President is constantly apologizing to the other nations of the world. Many of those very nations to which the President is apologizing for our greatness were saved from utter destruction by the sacrificial service of our gallant fallen soldiers. I trust this helps explain why I am part of the Constitution Party today in that I still hope that we can preserve our Constitutional Republic for my heritage for as long as the Lord tarries.

Maranatha!