MEMORIAL DAY 2020

Untold numbers of American Soldiers gave their last measure of devotion in giving their lives that we may be free. Only God knows the amount of suffering and sacrifice that Americans, both military and civilians have experienced for the sacred cause of freedom. PP

Medal of Honor citations

***Galatians 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.***

I believe Thomas Jefferson had this in mind when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. **PP**

Pete’s Poem – Freedom’s Vigilance

God gave every one of us free will, volition, the freedom of choice. We live in a fallen world with a world population of people who are defiled with an old sin nature. Many of them if given the chance, would try to dominate us and take away our freedom. That is why nations war against nations.

***Matthew 24:6 And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.***

Americans have risen to the occasion to defeat enemies who

have tried to take away our freedom from us.

But now, things are different, the enemies who are taking our freedoms away are within our midst, primarily in our own government. People don’t know what to do about it. Why?

***Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge,***

The problem is people are ignorant not only about the Bible but also about our history, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Most people do not even recognize the connection between the Bible and our founding documents. Our founders depended on the Bible more than any other source in creating our unique Constitutional Republic which was founded on freedom where the People are sovereign

And the government can only exercise power by the consent of the governed. **PP**

(Hillsdale University letter)

**PP** Dennis Prager said, “This is our dress rehearsal for a police state”. Americans’ liberty is jeopardized more today than at any time since the nation’s founding.”

Half of the people would like to see us substitute freedom with “security” that would supposedly be provided by government. If they are successful, the beloved America that we love will be no more. America minus freedom is no longer America!

**PP** Freedom is not something that can be taken for granted. President Ronald Reagan said:

*“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”*

Horrible things are happening in our country that are absolutely unpresented. People being fined and arrested for trying to provide for their families, pastors are being fined and arrested for preaching face to face with their flock, ridiculous draconian mandates are coming from petty tyrants in our government on a daily basis and there seems to be no end in sight. And they seem to be invincible since no one is holding them accountable.

Congress hasn’t stopped them. Attorney Generals, Lieutenant Governors, Mayors, and Chiefs of Police, are not interposing themselves between the rogue Governors and the people by refusing to carry out unconstitutional orders. Only a very small number of Police Offers, Sheriffs, and Deputy Sheriffs are refusing to obey orders that infringe on people’s God given rights.

Politicians who become drunk with power usually will not voluntarily relinquish it. So what are we to do as America becomes a Police State and very few government officials have the courage and determination to refuse to carry out unlawful unconstitutional orders ?

*If the federal government has the exclusive right to judge the extent of its powers, warned James Madison and Thomas Jefferson in 1798, it will continue to grow regardless of elections, the separation of powers, and other much-touted limits on government power. A constitution is after all, only a piece of pager. It cannot enforce itself. Checks and balances among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, a prominent feature of the Constitution, provide little guarantee of limited government, since these three federal [and state] branches can simply unite against the independence of the states and the reserved rights of the people.* Thomas E. Woods, *Nullification, How to Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century*, p. 4

Some would say the only solution is to vote the scoundrels out of office. What harm can a Presidents in four years or the Congress do in six years which is how long they serve?

What about petitioning government officials with emails, calls, and letters asking those who are passing unconstitutional laws and those who oppress the people by unlawfully and unconstitutionally fining and imprisoning them for exercising their God-given rights?

What about appealing to the courts? It would be nice if the courts granted us relief but even if they do it could take years for the court system to come to verdict. Also, there are many many judges who are progressives who have a left leaning bias and it shows in their verdicts.

However, there is a remedy that is activated when the People finally understand that no legislative act or executive act or court decision that is contrary to the Constitution is valid.

*To deny this, would be to affirm that the deputy is greater than his principal, that the servant is above his master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people themselves; that men, acting by virtue of powers, may do not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid. ibid*