

Students/Parents,

Enjoy your Freedom - Enjoy Memorial Day!

I hope you are taking time this holiday to enjoy the freedoms we are so blessed with in our lives. Please take time to honor those who fight and have fought for our freedoms. Master Williamson has attached a web site for you to visit www.remember.gov, take time to find one thing on the site that touches you and print the information and discuss it with you family and friends.

The following is an excerpt from the "History of Sacrifice" tab on the site www.remember.gov,. I have been guilty in the past of not giving this day the recognition it deserves. We as a nation are so programmed from the marketing/advertising of this day that we get caught up just focusing on being off work. But, when you think of the sacrifices/price our solders have paid, you will realize it is not about a day off, 20% off all furniture in stock or a day at the pool. We celebrate the FREEDOM we enjoy because of the past, present, and future solders who continue to pay the price for FREEDOMS.

Colonel Jeff Douglass, USMC was waiting for a flight from Sarajevo to Vienna. He found himself in a conversation with a gentleman named Peter who was departing Sarajevo after gathering research for a book he was writing. Peter pointed to the United States passport, and said: "Do you know what that is worth?" "I'm afraid I don't understand," Douglass replied. "Of course, Peter said, forgive me, I forgot. You Americans do not realize the blessings you have. So many in this world envy you...and you do not know what you have. You see, freedom is what these people cherish. It is such a dream for many. Here, as is the case in many countries, families are willing to send their young away to freedom, in spite of the pain. You Americans are a lighthouse beacon for freedom, and I wonder if you realize this."...

On Monday, Memorial Day, wouldn't it be fitting and appropriate if Americans all around the world stopped for one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time in order to reflect on the sacrifices made by others for our nation? And wouldn't it be something if we could each consider what we can do for our community and for families around the world? The world is looking for our lighthouse beacon—we must not let the light of freedom die and we must not forget those who have given so much to make it glow.

Have a Blessed day and thank God for our solders and the freedoms we enjoy!

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