

MEMORIAL DAY--2016

Ah yes!!! Memorial Day!!! In the United States, Memorial Day hails the official introduction of summer. For some of us it has seemed like forever getting here this year! Those of you who know me know--well, I'm NOT a winter person!

Memorial Day weekend is typically when swimming pools open and all the kids, who have just been freed from school for the year, can't wait to dive in. It is also the first real family travel weekend. For those of you who traveled, and/or are still on the road, I hope it was/is a fun and safe journey for you and yours!

Sometimes though, with all the hurry and scurry of Memorial Day weekend, the real meaning of the day is lost. Memorial Day was designated as the day we remember and recognize those who fell in battle to preserve the freedom of this wonderful nation. These brave men and women gave their lives to ensure our God given rights and freedoms. Freedom to voice our opinions without the fear of a government silencing them, freedom to bear arms if we so wish to do so, freedom to vote for the candidates of our choice in free elections and freedom to choose the lifestyles we desire.

In many countries around the world those freedoms do not exist. Even in some of what we call "free countries" some of those rights, rights we at times take for granted, are not only not allowed but prosecuted. Living free is a blessing all of us enjoy--but, we need to remember, it came at a very high cost.

It is my hope that all of us took some time this past Monday to remember those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. BUT--it is also my hope that those brave souls will not only be remembered on one special day of the year but every day we wake up in the morning FREE!

God Bless the men and women who have served and are serving in our armed forces! Thank you for your sacrifices!!!

All my best--

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