



MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH – 2012

America is known all over the world as the Home of the Brave and the Land of the Free. Our nation is treasured by those who live and work in its peaceful environment.

America's freedom was won by the unfailing valor of our men and women who fought bravely for the liberty we enjoy. Since its beginning, our nation instilled in her people an independence that is to be upheld; an encouragement for our military that is to be honored; and a steadfast love for those who serve this nation so that our sovereignty and freedom may be absolute.

We learned from our parents, and our children learn from us, that above all else, Peace and Freedom are precious, but **never** guaranteed.

They are assured primarily because of the strength and gallantry of those brave men and women willing to endure sacrifices in foreign countries far away from home, leaving the families they love to insure that we are safe and our freedoms are forever preserved.

While there are nations that continue to test our resilience with threats and violence, our military is there when danger against us is prevalent. They willingly serve because they have seen other nations fall and lose their freedom and they know we need them on that wall.

Our Peace comes from a nation of people who honor liberty. Freedom lives on when America and the world understands that our military is made up of some who are very young, others who won't ever give up and find themselves celebrating their birthdays on the battle fields, and some who haven't yet seen their newborn children. Then there are those who believe in liberty over and above all else.....so valiant that they believe giving up their lives for America is worth the sacrifice. Remember the sacrifices made at places like Guadalcanal, Peleliu, D Day, Sicily, the Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sanh and Fullujah.

Let us support those here at home who keep our military strong; let us stand up for our troops wherever they are stationed. Let's write to them, let's send gifts, books and letters expressing our gratitude, thanks and support. Our men and women serving in the military today need to know we care! Let us encourage them and keep them uplifted - let us take care of those who have come home wounded both physically and psychologically.

They are Americans.....they are our best.....let us never forget that!

Thank you, God Bless them and God Bless America!

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