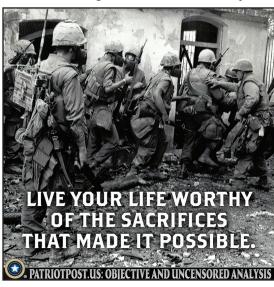


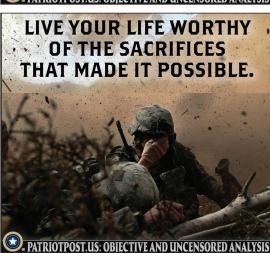
This week we observe Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor those who lost their lives while serving in our military. It started as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, at Arlington Cemetery, where thousands of people gathered to place flowers, wreaths, bouquets and crosses on the graves of Union soldiers. Later it came to include those who died in the Great War, or World War 1, and then later, all veterans and service members who lost their lives. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson changed the name officially to Memorial Day. This picture is from New York City on May 30, 1917.



During my lifetime, I have seen Memorial Day gradually transform from a day of remembrance and appreciation of those who gave their lives for us to just another three day weekend focused on picnics, barbecues, and the coming summer fun. We have to remind ourselves of the deeper meaning of Memorial Day and even discipline ourselves (!) to attend a short Memorial Day service. (The service in LV is at the cemetery on Monday, May 27, at 10am, at the gazebo way back in the newer southwest section.)

More recently, Patriot Post, one of the best websites for faith-based perspective, has been running memes reminding us to remember the great sacrifices of many.







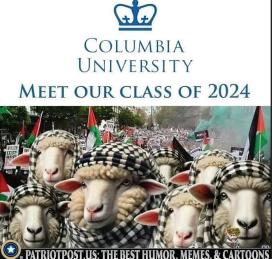
So, how are we as a nation doing, remembering and appreciating our roots? Not too well, it seems. In the meme below, the Democrats kneeled to show solidarity with the violent criminals of Black Lives Matter as they burned and destroyed many cities.



Now we are seeing a terrible outbreak of antisemitism against the Jews of both the United States and of Israel, and even in the whole world. Jews are being treated much like they were under Adolf Hitler in the 1930's!



Israel is being lied about and accused of genocide for defending themselves against murderous terrorists, with thousands of students in hundreds of universities blindly supporting the terrorists and committing violence in their behalf. University administrators and college presidents are doing little to stop these "students" and agitators.



Hello Muddah, hello Faddah Here I am at Camp Intifada



Not everyone is swallowing the Koolaid - to the surprise of many, young men from the fraternities, otherwise known as "frat boys" (spoiled rich kids), intervened to defend the American flag and prevent the agitators from replacing it with Hamas' (Palestinian terrorists of Gaza) flag.



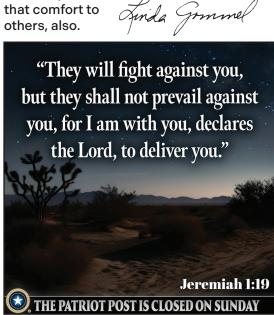
I guess it's ok to find a little humor in some of this, as you can see in the meme below.



It would be easy for us to throw up our hands in despair at the current state of the country, and we haven't even mentioned here the terrible "leaders" of our governments at both the national and state levels. Aaaargh!

Our comfort and hope must come from God and nowhere else, and we can try our best to spread

that comfort to others, also.





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