

Great Memorial Days

Most of us have seen this going around the internet:

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

From a purely practical perspective, this is a genuine reality. My father, along with millions of others, fought our early enemies to keep our nation free - free to worship, speak, vote and live under God's inalienable rights. This week we remember and celebrate the lives of those who paid the ultimate price in all our wars to keep us politically free. The surviving friends and families of those men know better than most what that ultimate sacrifice really means. As we enjoy our Memorial Day dinners, let us never forget what their sacrifices still mean and the freedoms we still enjoy.

But it occurs to me that we "remember" another memorial every week. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me" when He instituted the Lord's Supper. He paid the ultimate price, life itself, not for political freedom but for eternal freedom and fellowship with Him through the forgiveness available through His own blood.

As we celebrate this year's Memorial Day, let us be even more reminded of the spiritual battle that Jesus won on the cross. To God be the glory!

-Ray Wallace