

Remember what Independence Day means, not just noise and fireworks and barbeques.

KEEP IT LIT!  KEEP IT LIT!

For all of our other military personnel, where ever they may be

Please support all of the troops defending our Country.

And God Bless our Military who are protecting our Country for our freedom.  
Thanks to them, and their sacrifices we can celebrate the 4th of July

We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, of which we should be eternally grateful.



I watched the flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze.



A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease..



I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.



Laura Rauch / AP

I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil  
How many mothers' tears?



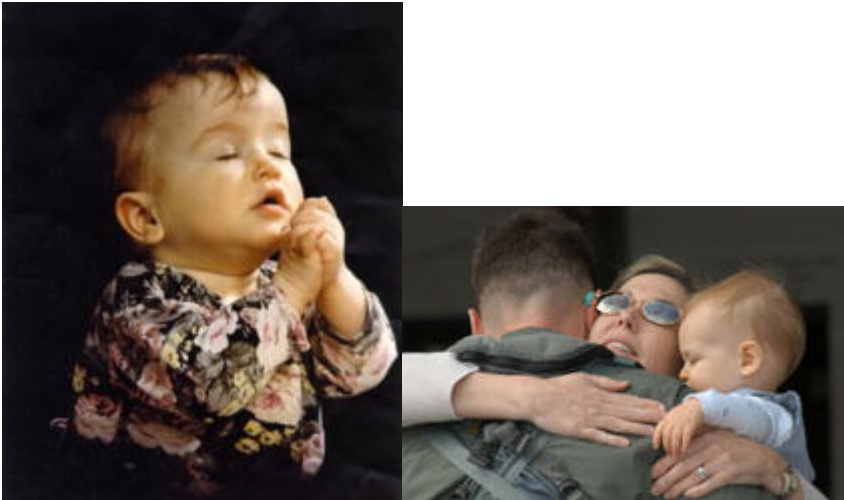
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.



I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
When everything was still,  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant "Amen,"



When a flag had draped a coffin.  
Of a brother or a friend.



I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.



I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea



Of unmarked graves in Arlington .  
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Enjoy Your Freedom & God Bless Our Troops