

ROLLING THUNDER XXXIV
Sunday May 29, 2022

Gold Star Mothers, Honored Guests, Brothers & Sisters,

It is wonderful to be able to see (Named specific members) and all of my brothers and sisters and to thank all those who have made ROLLING THUNDER XXXIV a success.

I would first like to take this opportunity to honor the memories of our departed brothers and past presidents: Mike Cobb and Joe Bean whose legacy and loyalty are an inspiration to us all.

Memorial Day weekend is not for celebration but rather for commemoration of those who died in the service of our nation and also those who served and who later went on to their eternal reward. And of course for us it is to honor especially, and to continue to fight for, our abandoned prisoners of war and missing in action who for us shall never be forgotten.

At this point in time for many Americans, the POW-MIA issue seems not only to have been forgotten but has become an abstraction. However, based on what is happening today it is more relevant.

In 2007, an author, Christopher Story, died under suspicious circumstances. The book he wrote was entitled: 'The New Underworld Order,' in which he exposed those whose objective it is to control the world and its population under their enlightened guidance. The members of the New World Orders and their predecessors are behind much of the world's conflicts and turmoil, past and present: dare I suggest: climate change, Covid, monkey pox....

This past week, those who are among the new World Order's leadership met in Davos, under the auspices of 'the World Economic Forum.' The host of the event was Klaus Schwab, who with his associates, feel that "we" lack the intellect to control our own lives and destinies and are supposed to be subservient. Schwab has been quoted as saying: "you will own nothing and you will be happy."

In essence, they feel that those who have served in our nations armed forces are irrelevant. They consider us peons and thus dishonor those who fought and died for our freedom. They would take away the freedom for which our honored dead have sacrificed. Those who died to preserve our freedom certainly deserve better which is why we are here today: To Honor Their Memory and Their Service. It is we who honor their memory who represent the greatest threat to those whose objective it is to control us.

We together because of our efforts to honor those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we also defy those who would take it away.

Because of our continued and continuous efforts and dedication I am reminded of a prayer I learned in high school nearly 6 decades ago:

“Lord teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that I am doing Thy Will.”

Whether or not we realize it, we are actually doing and have been doing God's Will in honoring the memories of our departed veterans and our prisoners of war and missing in action.

Because of that which we do and continue to do we are 'de facto' the Last Legion like those who fought in ancient times to preserve the civilization of Rome from barbarism.

Our efforts on behalf of our prisoners of war and missing in action are acts of defiance against the enemies of freedom, some of whom are responsible for their having been abandoned.

Here the immortal words of Pope Urban II a millennium ago to the knights of Western Europe who aspired to restore the Holy Land from its Muslim conquerors are applicable to our mission on behalf of our veterans to preserve and restore our Holy Land: The United States of America: DEUS VULT! GOD WILLS IT!

Stay safe, God Bless you, God Bless our veterans and God Bless the United States of America.

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