

REMEMBERING OUR NATION'S SLAIN HEROES

Tomorrow is Memorial Day. We, the people of the United States Of America, will remember the slain heroes of wars gone by, men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy. Consider the people who have died fighting in the wars of our history. According to http://www.multied.com/desert_storm/Casualties.html the totals of those who have paid the ultimate price as of April 10, 2007 are as follows:

	Total Serving	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Total Deaths	Wounded	Pct Killed
Revolutionary War		4,435		4,435	6,188	0
War of 1812	286,730	2,260		2,260	4,505	0.79%
Mexican War	78,718	1,733	11,550	13,283	4,152	16.87%
Civil War	2,213,363	140,414	224,097	364,511	281,881	16.47%
Spanish American	306,760	385	2,061	2,446	1,662	0.80%
World War I	4,734,991	53,202	63,114	116,316	204,002	2.46%
World War II	16,112,566	291,557	113,842	405,399	670,846	2.52%
Korean War	5,720,000	33,746	3,249	36,995	103,284	0.65%
Vietnam War	8,744,000	47,355	10,796	58,151	153,303	0.67%
Desert Storm	2,225,000	147	235	382	467	0.02%
Enduring Freedom		199	175	374	1158	0
Iraqi Freedom		2,666	613	3,279	24,645	0
Totals		578,099	429,732	1,007,831	1,456,093	

The suffering can not be measured, nor can the depth of commitment be imagined among those who have not participated in it. These are people who stand among the elite heroes of history.

How can we begin to thank our God in full for the freedom we enjoy? Aside from the price America pays for her freedom in enduring loss on the fields of battle around the globe, there is an overwhelming need to recognize that our nation owes a greater vote of thanks to a kind and benevolent God whose favor continues to smile upon us. Though freedoms are often abused, what a gracious God we serve!

May we remember the fallen soldier tomorrow with a sense of honor and thanksgiving, but let us never forget an all-merciful God who stands behind every soldier in battle, either standing or fallen. May God continue to bless America!

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