

Veterans' Day

This is the day we're supposed to honor the LIVING former soldiers, not those who have passed, although it's always good to remember both groups. Those who have passed on cannot know of our appreciation for their lives. Those still with us can.



Veterans have a tough row to hoe, in a way. Many were wounded in service and bear the scars or the limbs or the pain or the disabilities, often from their participation in an active war, for the rest of their lives. In addition, the Woke Left (exposed at present by their unbelievable support for the Hamas terrorist group) tend to disdain or even outright hate the military and those who have served. Remember the treatment soldiers received when returning from Viet Nam? They were greeted at the airports by hostile groups who taunted them as baby killers and other evil deeds.

When I see fellows (maybe some gals, so don't get all steamed up) in the store who have a severe limp or have lost a limb or are even in a wheelchair, I wonder if he was wounded while in the service. We've had so many wars in the last 30 years that it's quite probable that that is how they acquired their disability. Fortunately many now wear their veteran caps which specify which war they fought in, which I appreciate. It makes it easier to thank that person for his/her service.

People like me cannot begin to imagine what that person may have gone through if they were in combat, with IED's (Improvised Explosive Device) buried in unexpected places or with rockets exploding all around them. Some had to witness the horrible deaths of their close friends and comrades. I can't imagine the pain and trauma of that experience.

At the store, we try to think of ways to express our appreciation of veterans on the special day. Most of what we think of feels so trite and inadequate when considering the significance of the sacrifice of a large part of their lives to serve the rest of us. Whatever we do this year, I hope they (and you all) realize that it comes from the bottom of our hearts.



It is really tragic to see how the Left treats veterans and the military as a whole. It has stripped the military of officers and others who are politically incorrect in their views of many issues. Any who still believe in God or who want to represent Him to his fellows, or who disagree with the homosexual/transgender agenda, are in jeopardy of being drummed out of the military.

Instead of teaching the soldiers to fight and win, they are teaching them Woke ideology and forcing acceptance of gay and transgender soldiers, which can reduce their fighting effectiveness. We are suffering the consequences of the Obama/Biden poisoning of our military, as shown in neon lights when we pulled out of Afghanistan so ignominiously. If you were considering enlisting in the service, would you feel betrayed or want to serve under that condition?

It's tragic and one of the symptoms of the fall of the United States as the world's superpower and leader of the struggle for God's Right, Truth and Justice. For me it's VERY painful to watch. In the meantime, THANK YOU VETERANS, for your service and for your sacrifice!



Other Stuff

It's been quite the 11 days for the store, with challenges coming our way giving us opportunity to practice faith and trust in God. I confess: I did ok for some of it and then it all built up in me and I failed miserably! Here are a few of the incidents that bothered me:

- Although you might wonder what this has to do with the store, the atrocities the Hamas terrorists committed against innocent Israeli citizens DOES matter in terms of the world situation, but even more, in terms of our ability to absorb shocking violations of what we thought were minimum standards of humanity.



- On Thursday, Oct. 12 (the day BEFORE Friday-the-Thirteenth), I received a call at home at about 5AM. Klaus, the grocery manager, was faced with multiple pallets of holiday buys. There were nearly 10 pallets of aluminum foil baking and turkey pans, batteries, coloring books, dog treats and more. I rushed over here to figure out what



was going on, and could only figure that UNFI's computer had freaked out, so we returned them. Within a few hours, another full truckload (40-53 ft) showed up, all for us, with more of these pallets and pallets of stuff. A third truck was caught in time to turn it back. In total, the merchandise added up to \$83,000, which was due to sweep our account on Tuesday, Oct. 24. One of us (not me this time!) had made a major mistake punching in the holiday orders, and UNFI didn't catch it, which they should have. Of course, we shouldn't have made the mistake in the first place. It has taken about 10 days to get to a point where we feel it has been dealt with, thanks to the great help of our wonderful sales rep. Mike Dorado and his boss Mike Anthony. Also, all of us asked God to help us with this mess, and we believe that He did.

- Also on Thursday, the wall deli went down – the three cases to the west of the Meat Dept., by the staffroom stairs, where there are cheeses, lunchmeats, and more. Here we were trying to deal with the mess of 1 ½ truckloads of extra merchandise, plus a good-sized regular load, plus unloading and loading the wall deli! Aaargh. No wonder Ken Klaus ran away to have his days off.



- On Friday (the 13th) at about 5PM, a customer inadvertently pushed the gas pedal instead of the brake as he backed into a parking space to do his laundry. The pickup truck jumped the curb and ran into the front wall and south door of the laundry, which required



immediate work to secure it until we could truly fix it. As of 10/23, it is fixed but not yet painted!

- Over this last weekend (10/21, 10/22) the store's email went down, and while it seems that email shouldn't be that big a deal, it truly is a big deal. And of course, it was a weekend. Fortunately, we had help to figure out why and to fix it by Sunday afternoon, but we lost the weekend email.



- On Saturday, the exhaust fan in the Deli Café quit, creating lots of smoke when cooking hamburger patties. Diagnosing that, and then getting the right motor to fix it has been a real trial and as of



Monday afternoon, it is not yet fixed.

This is nothing compared with what many people in the world are going through – tyrannical governments, beheadings, murders, rapes, loss of families, bombed cities, displacement from homes – and the list goes on. God reminds us to trust Him and be thankful that we are His and will end up free of this broken world someday soon.

John 14:27:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Philippians 4:6-7:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

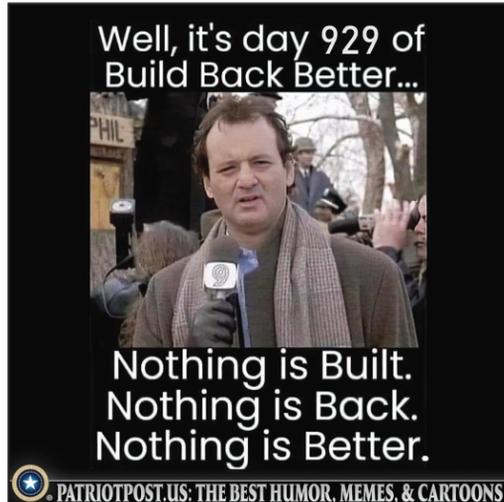
1 Peter 5:6-10:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Ya think He might be trying to tell us (me) something?

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