



Father's Day

Very recently we observed Memorial Day, to honor those who gave their lives while serving in the armed forces in the name of our (once) great country. In a few more days we will celebrate Fathers' Day, to honor our fathers, many of whom spent their lives, and sometimes committed their lives for their families and/or gave their lives for our country.

I'm not sure why, but in my mind this time around, they seem related. This meme from The Patriot Post expresses it perfectly:



This picture touches my heart – all we see is soldiers in a boat, probably heading for the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. We don't see the young faces under the helmets, nor do we know their names.

We do know that thousands of those boys were truly boys, ages 18 (sometimes younger) to 21, thrown into an ungodly hell not of their making and beyond anything they could have imagined. They faced horrific fire from German guns as they made their way through the shallow water to the beaches, heavily loaded with their guns, ammo, and packs on their bodies. Many of them didn't make it to the beach, and many more didn't make it beyond the beach. Many had to scale vertical cliffs, hoping that they wouldn't be picked off from their vulnerable positions.

From this point, we can only imagine what kinds of hopes and dreams were extinguished along with those thousands of lives. I have no doubt that most of them had dreams of becoming fathers; probably most of them had girlfriends or even wives and children back home. Think of the pain and agony among those they left behind.

This sounds more like a Memorial Day

message than a Father's Day message, doesn't it? Well, yes, it does, but they are close on the calendar, with D-Day in between, and maybe for a reason only God knows.

Fathers have a special God-given role to fulfill in our world, one that has been attacked, distorted, and nearly destroyed by God's enemy, the devil. They are to be the head of the household, leaders, and role models. And yes, they must sometimes be warriors, called to defend their countries and their families from time to time, in a dangerous world that somehow cannot seem to exist without deadly conflict.

Fathers should be allowed to become masculine MEN, not the metrosexual types like Gavin Newsom, with styled hair and soft skin. Their instincts are to fight and protect, to be violent when necessary, to be strong, as their bodies dictate. And no, their gender at birth is not optional or a mere social construct. Each person with an X and a Y chromosome is a male and not anything else, no matter how hard he may try to be something else in this fallen culture.

The Bible addressed fathers and their responsibilities before God and their families in several places. This one comes from Ephesians, speaking of fathers' relationship to their wives.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." (Ephesians 5:25-33)

Regarding fathers and their children, also from Ephesians, the Apostle Paul writes:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1-4)

I am so thankful to God that I had a great father, especially when he left his life of climbing in big business and instead committed his life to following God with



all he had. He was truly the example of strength, care, and fatherhood that points to the strength, care and Fatherhood of our Creator and Father, God Himself.

All men share that high calling, to be a good father and husband to his family – to provide for them, to protect them, and to be a model of our caring God.

May you all have such God-centered fathers and husbands in your lives, and may you bestow upon them the honor they deserve on this Father's Day. And may we never forget those who gave up their chance to be good men and fathers as they died to make it possible for the rest of us!

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Mark your calendar!
Lucerne Valley
FIREWORKS SHOW
Saturday, June 28
5pm to 9pm

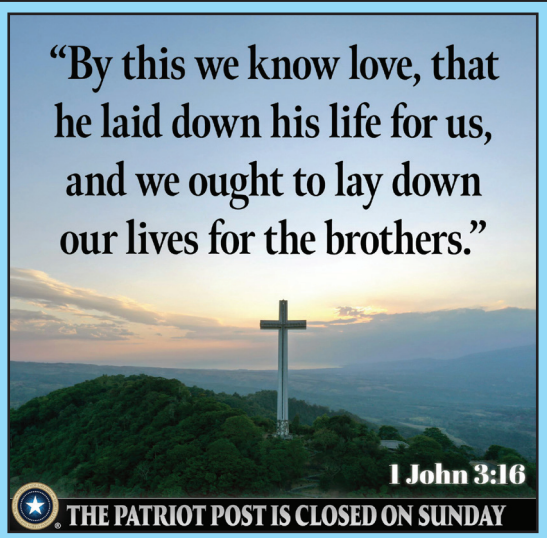
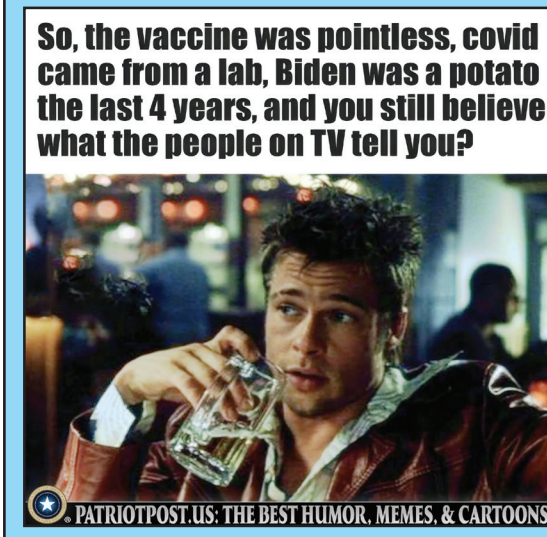
LVEDA Meeting
(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

Monday, JUNE 30th
5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge
on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

LVEDA provides an important community forum recognized by County, State, and Local Representatives. Supports real economic development consistent with our rural goals. Opposes projects that harm our land-use integrity and quality of life.

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TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!

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46		Auto Pen (b. 1942) [77]	January 20, 2021 – January 20, 2025	Democratic	2020
47		Donald Trump (b. 1946) [76]	January 20, 2025 – Incumbent	Republican	2024

