The Cost of Freedom

If you were born as an American citizen, you are protected by the U.S. Constitution and are a product of the Declaration of Independence. You were born free; but I hasten to add – it came at a great price!

The Roman Centurion in Acts 22:25-28 knew the price of freedom. He had fought many battles; maintained his allegiance to Rome and to Caesar; and had paid a huge sum of money as tribute to gain his freedom. He counted the cost and thought freedom was worth the cost.

Are we counting the cost of freedom today? Though we are born into a free country, let us not forget that many paid a heavy price for our freedom. It wasn’t cheap.

Our country was brought forth 236 years ago by a document known as the Declaration of Independence that was signed by 56 men who put everything on the line for freedom. Of the 56 signers:
- 5 were captured by the British and tortured before they died.
- 12 had their homes ransacked and burned.
- 2 lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army.
- Another 2 sons were captured.
- 9 of the 56 fought and died from wounds of hardship from the war.
- Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in poverty.
- At the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis had taken over Thomas Nelson’s home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly ordered George Washington to open fire on his home. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.
- John Hart was driven from his wife’s side as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields were destroyed. For over a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home only to find his wife had died and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion.

The birth of our nation wasn’t easy; but came about after much hardship and bloodshed. The cry went forth and men answered the call to join the ranks of those who desired freedom from tyranny.

Slogans have been used to fire up patriotic fervor so that Americans would answer the call to arms in many of our great conflicts that have kept us free:
- In WWII it was “Remember Pearl Harbor.”
- In the Spanish American war it was “Remember the Maine.”
- In the war between the Republic of Texas and Santa Anna of Mexico it was “Remember the Alamo.”
- In WWI it was “Together We Win.”
- After the 2001 attacks the uniting slogans were “United We Stand” and “God Bless America.”

Do you know what the slogan was during the American Revolution? It was, “No King but Jesus!”

When you come to know how our Founding Fathers lived and believed, there can be no doubt that America was founded on Christian principles. Yet, every day we are losing that foundation. Cracks are appearing and the country is being separated by her many different factions.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, “…Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:”

We better enjoy our freedom while we can – because the day is (Continued ... on page three)
President's Corner

As the Independence Day (July 4th) holiday approaches, I reflect back on our Memorial Day celebration and am again reminded of the sacrifices our troops have made to ensure our freedom — a freedom that our forefathers fought for over 200 years ago. I doubt that they had any idea that so many years later, we would still be fighting for those freedoms. At the same time, they probably had no idea that over 200 years later, Americans would be looking back at their sacrifices and saying “thank you.”

I know we would all agree that it was critical that we had a strong military force back then and as critical that we have a strong military force today. In addition to winning battles and wars to protect our freedom and the freedom of others, it is essential that we have a strong military force to deter those aggressors who continue to threaten all of our freedoms ... including our freedom of religion.

When we are attending those picnics and get together with family and friends, let’s all take a moment to pray for peace and freedom; and ask God to watch over those individuals who are keeping our land safe and our freedoms alive.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

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Scheduled Board Meeting in 2012:

Saturdays @ Richfield Am Legion Post
15 Sept (9:00 a.m.)
17 Nov (9:00 a.m.)

Sunday @ the Chapel
16 Dec (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the 2011 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (651) 456-4410 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

Photo: Over 300 worshipers visited the “Memorial Garden” where AM-VETS stood guard at the Chapel’s Memorial Day Remembrance on Sun 27 May 2012

Photo: 336 white crosses representing the GWOT fallen of MN, IA, ND, SD, & WI were surrounded by members of the MN Patriot Guard bearing our Nation’s colors

Photo: Members of the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Rifle Squad rendered honors with the firing of the volleys, playing of Taps, and the lowering of the flag to half-staff

The Foundation hosted a Memorial Day “Open House” at the Chapel (Mon 28 May) attended by almost 400 visitors
drawing ever closer to that day when those freedoms will be taken away. It seems that we are destined to fall – because of our own unwillingness to pay the price for freedom.

All through our history as a nation there have been men and women who would answer that call to arms. Some would gladly volunteer. And while others went reluctantly, they still went ... and they all paid a heavy price for our freedom today.

That Roman Centurion could have identified with those that paid so much; and even gave all they had for the price of their freedom.

Paul said, "I was born free." He also understood what it meant to have freedom and guaranteed rights as a citizen of Rome; and he was quick to invoke the rights of his birth. His birthright caused the Romans to cease from torturing him. For to torture a citizen of Rome without just cause and the permission of the courts of Rome, was a crime punishable by death.

But I believe that Paul had another kind of freedom in mind as well. He was born free, or should I say, "born again and set free" by the blood of Jesus Christ.

In John 8:36 it reads, "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed."

As a child of the Living God, and a man called by God to do a work for him, Paul had an uncommon freedom, one that no one who did not know Jesus as their King, could ever understand.

You see, to the outside world it looks like we are bound by our faith in Christ, to be slaves to him. Most people say that they can't serve the Lord because it's just too hard to live right. Of course, we know that it's not that hard to live holy before God – if we live by His righteousness and not that of our own. In ourselves we could never do that.

What the world does not understand is that we are "slaves by choice," chained to Jesus' service by love and worship. We are not forced to serve the Lord, but we choose to serve the Lord. We are all part of the greatest volunteer army that ever existed – the Army of the Lord.

How many of you remember the children's song that bears that title? Remember:

I may never march in the infantry,
Ride in the cavalry,
Shoot the artillery.
I may never fly o'er the enemy,
But I'm in the Lord's army.

I don't know about you, but I'm on the battlefield for my Lord!

Yes, we are in the Lord's Army and we are there because we choose to be. There are no Generals, no Lieutenants, no Colonels – only Soldiers, equally yoked to one King and One Commander — the Commander of the Heavenly Host — none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born again by the blood that Jesus shed for our sin. We are adopted into the Family of God and Jesus became our elder Brother.

Through Jesus we can be born free just like Paul. Sometimes we experience the agony of defeat, but we know that in the end we will know the joy and ecstasy of the final victory.

Though we obtain our freedom in Christ through repentance, forgiveness of sin and then allowing Jesus to live in our hearts, the ability to do so was purchased for us by the Lord and He paid a heavy price for our redemption.

On this Independence Day, I urge you to remember – the cost of being free is not cheap. Your national freedom wasn't cheap; and your spiritual freedom wasn't cheap either.

Jesus suffered and died that we might be free. He shed His blood that the chains of sin that bound us could be broken and we live free from sin. He rose from the grave that we could know that we can have eternal life; that we can live a new life in Him right now. We can enjoy victory, salvation, eternal life and deliverance right now.

If you feel all bound up inside, Jesus has already paid for your freedom. Will you allow Him to be the Lord of your life? You can do it right now!

If you would like to do so, then pray with me this prayer:

Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and in need of your forgiveness. I realize that you died on Calvary's cross for my sins. Please forgive me of my wrongdoings. I want to turn from my sins. I receive you now as my Savior; I confess you as Lord of my life. From this moment on, I want to follow and serve you in faithful obedience to your Word.

Amen.

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Events . . .

Sun, 1 July 12 — Independence Day — celebrating the 236th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.


Sun, 16 Sept 12 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 30 Sept 12 — Gold Star Mother’s Day — honoring those parents who have offered up their sons and daughters on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 11 Nov 12 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 2 Dec 12 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

American Independence Day Trivia Quiz

1. What happened on July 4, 1776?
   A. The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought.
   B. The 2nd Continental Congress declared independence from Britain.
   C. The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the 2nd Continental Congress.
   D. The Declaration of Independence was signed.

2. Who wrote The Star Spangled Banner?
   A. John Philip Sousa B. Francis Scott Key
   C. Katharine Lee Bates D. Samuel Francis Smith

3. According to legend, which of the following women sewed together the first American flag?
   A. Dolly Madison B. Martha Washington
   C. Eleanor Roosevelt D. Betsy Ross

4. Which of the following European powers did not fight on the side of the colonists in the Revolutionary War?
   A. Spain B. France
   C. Netherlands D. Germany

5. The Second Continental Congress met in which city to draft the Declaration of Independence?
   A. Boston, MA B. New York, NY
   C. Baltimore, MD D. Philadelphia, PA

6. Which of the following did not sign the Declaration of Independence?
   A. Samuel Adams B. Benjamin Franklin
   C. John Hancock D. George Washington

7. The “midnight ride” of which American patriot was later immortalized by poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow?
   A. John Hancock B. Samuel Adams
   C. Joseph Warren D. Paul Revere

8. In 1773, which of the following was thrown into Boston Harbor as a protest against taxes?
   A. Coffee B. Tea C. Tobacco D. Cotton

9. Which of the following was not one of the thirteen original colonies?
   A. Georgia B. Virginia C. Vermont D. Massachusetts

10. After losing New York City to the British, which river did George Washington and his men cross on Christmas Day in 1776 in a prelude to a surprise attack on the Hessian Garrison?
    A. Hudson River B. Potomac River
    C. Connecticut River D. Delaware River

11. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
    A. Benjamin Franklin B. George Washington
    C. Thomas Jefferson D. John Adams

12. What American Statesman was quoted as saying “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death”?
    A. John Adams B. Benjamin Franklin
    C. Patrick Henry D. James Monroe

(see page 6 for answers)

— Craig & Kay Tennison
From the Flag Line

Ephesians 6:12-13 states — “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places; Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Paul then describes the individual pieces of armor in verses 14-17 — “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.” Finally, in verse 18, Paul admonishes us to — pray always.

Rob & Kathy when they were presented their Gold Star blankets. Not a dry eye was to be found. On 19 April the service at the Fort Snelling Chapel was well attended by family, friends, and Foundation members. As heaven shed chilly tears, members of the flag line ... respectfully wearing the Class A uniform out of respect to Robbie ... escorted Robbie home to the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on our motorcycles. The words of comfort given to the family by Chaplain Mike made the final goodbye very special. As I went with Rob to each member of the Patriot Guard, it was obvious that Robbie was very special to all of us. It is easier to stand the flag line when there is not the direct connection with the family; but when it is one of the Foundation’s family, it is especially difficult. Lunch was served at the Lost Spur Golf Course. Heaven was still shedding tears as the afternoon came to a close. Kathy called me the other day, and wanted all of the Foundation family to know how much our prayers and support have meant to them. What an honor it is for your flag line to represent the Chapel. On this day you were all members of the Flag Line. Robbie always stood tall wearing the Armor Of God. We were blessed to have him in our lives!

God bless America … and the 1% that protect the remaining 99%.

— Les Hanson

Getting to Know You …

One thing is for sure: Mr. Pete Doyle can never be mistaken as a shy person. His exuberant stories never cease to flow from his mouth if someone is within earshot … and they are nothing less than entertaining. He will tell you exactly what he is thinking, when he is thinking it, which is a quality all too lacking. A couple of weeks ago, he assertedly stated that he was “happier than a pig in mud,” while grinning like a little boy. His enthusiasm really is extensive and his devotion is quite evident. It seems as if Fort Snelling never stops revealing men who have an amazing amount of love, humor, and faithfulness.

Born in 1941 before American involvement in World War II, Pete learned to appreciate the sacrifices of those around him. During his youth, he was surrounded by family, World War II veterans, and the Bible. His mother and father were good Christians and they always read the Bible together as a family. And even though, as a family, they went through some real tough times later, they always hung together.” He began reading the Bible on his own every day. When he was about 10 years old, his father took him along up to International Falls, MN, and he was able to spend nearly the whole summer fishing on Rainy Lake. “It was probably the dream vacation of my young life. I cannot remember one bad moment that whole summer.” His father was a pipefitter and worked on the paper mill in International Falls. He was always known as “tough” and “honest;” Pete recounts that the only time that he ever saw him shed a tear was...
Benevolent Giving ...

In Proverbs 22:6 we read: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Remember the days when reading, writing and arithmetic were the primary lessons taught in school? Then we had kids and we started to hear about how our generation was destroying the world. Now our grandkids are not even taught cursive skills. Either the things we were taught in school are obsolete or political correctness is the new order of the day. Well I am here to tell you there is a ray of hope!

The Cristo Rey Jesuit High School guiding principles are: Guided by FAITH, Prepared for LIFE and Serving OTHERS. A school that works! I asked one of the Chapel members that is a volunteer teacher to submit the following —

Located in the heart of the Phillips neighborhood of S. Minneapolis, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School is one in a network of 24 schools throughout the country; and is dedicated to providing an education in the Jesuit tradition by combining college preparatory academics and professional work experience ... thus preparing students to be leaders in our society. We have a state of the art facility. The students benefit from a safe learning environment, small class sizes, access to technology, and a corporate work-study program that is more than just a job but a glimpse of their future.

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or other activities — in any manner contrary to law or justice — nor on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or national origin.

All students participate in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum: 4- yrs of mathematics, English, science and religion; 3- yrs of social studies; and 2- yrs of Spanish ... along with the arts, and physical education electives. The average class size is 20 students per classroom.

In 2011, the school celebrated their first graduation with 98% of the seniors graduating, and 100% of these graduates were accepted to college or the military.

Further information about the school and visiting invitations may be obtained from Ms. Shanene Herbert (612/454-9785).

Thanks to Richard Geis for his voluntary service to the school and for providing the above information!

— Submitted by Les Hanson, Benevolence Committee

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after he (Pete) announced that he had enlisted in the Army and would shortly be leaving for Vietnam.

It was in May of 1963 that Pete graduated from college and entered the Army (on the same day). They "were always a patriotic family and had family members who had served in World War II." And so, when Pete graduated from high school in Minneapolis. The question "was not if he would serve his country, but in which branch of service."

He admits to straying from the Lord while in the service, but he had a renewal of faith. He "soon found how lonesome and hard a life without God was." The verse — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

— largely assisted in lighting Pete’s path of return.

His fondest memory of Vietnam was the way that the Lord helped the Vietnamese Christians build a church out in the countryside.

The Vietnamese were extremely persecuted by the Buddhists and Catholics ... as well as the communists. One day the pastor came to him and asked if he knew where building material could be

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Answers to Trivia Quiz: 1. (C) adopted on July 4th, not signed 2. (B) 3. (D) 4. (D) 5. (D) 6. (D) 7. (D) 8. (B) 9. (C) 10. (D) 11. (C) 12. (C)
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found to aid in the construction process of the new church. The request seemed to come out of the blue, since Pete had been serving in combat zones, and didn’t really have any connection or knowledge of the native people. Their clothing was ragged and they were very hungry, yet their main objective was to build a church. The whole situation was incredibly moving, and the Lord provided in a miraculous way. They soon found cement and reinforcing materials to construct a nice church that wasn’t quite finished when Pete left Vietnam in 1968. He had risen to the rank of Captain of Infantry.

when Pete refrains from speaking because he knows that Gloria might frown on it. It might be that she has heard it before! A couple of weeks ago at White Castle, Pete forgot to bring the delicious Sliders to Gloria, and she just sat there. She told us not to say anything because she wanted to ‘thank him’ in the car for “helping her out with her diet.” Soon enough though, Pete ambled over with some of the food … and a sheepish grin.

Now that he is retired, he has been busy being a grandfather of two boys. With his grandsons, Jonah and Joseph, he golfs, shoots guns, watches John Wayne movies, and goes boating and swimming. One time his son-in-law, Mike, was trying to teach Joe how to swim. They tried everything to no avail. Pete suggested they throw Joe in over his head … just like his dad had done to him. It didn’t work; Joe sank like a rock right to the bottom without the slightest attempt to stay afloat. Of course they jumped right in and pulled him out. What’s funny is that Joe was completely at ease; he wasn’t the least bit bothered. When Pete asked him why he didn’t try to swim, Joe said, without batting an eye that he really didn’t know why. Joe since has learned, but to this day Pete still doesn’t understand why Joe wouldn’t even try to swim. This is just one of the stories that Pete will share about his family and illustrates his active involvement in their lives … just as his parents were active in his.

About six or so years ago, Pete’s brother, Paul, invited him and Gloria to come to the Fort Snelling Chapel. Naturally, he was impressed by Chaplain Beale’s strong preaching, career in the military and fierce engagement for God’s principles. They have been driving from Zumbrota every Sunday because of the Christian instruction of both Chaplain Beale and Chaplain Wallman; and the fellowship with so many fine, hardworking Christians at the Chapel. Every day he prays for the Chapel as he knows that the future is uncertain. Yet, he knows who holds the future and although “there are many battles ahead, God is in control of everything.”

In addition to Pete’s advice to me about relationships and my future husband, his advice is the same that his parents gave to and showed him: “To seek the Lord early in life … to seek Him personally with all your heart.” He suggests we ought to ignore the many alluring attractions of our day for, they are ‘wood, hay and stubble’ to the Lord. A close walk with God is a lifetime, daily pursuit. And while many will forget and forsake us, God will always know the truth and will never cast us off. We must never forget how incredibly blessed we are. As Pete said: “God has given me not riches, but a great wife that keeps me in line, great children and grandchildren. And although there are problems every day, when you take them to the Lord, He handles them.”

I can’t say that I’ve ever met someone who knows the Bible as well as Pete Doyle, someone who can quote passages off the top of his head in one quick instance. All that I can say is that if you haven’t already spoken with Pete, you really ought to; he isn’t one that should be overlooked and this short article doesn’t do him justice. I for one enjoy hearing “the Gospel according to Pete” each week.

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis
The Year of our Lord 2012 marks the 45th Anniversary of the establishment of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation in 1967.

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

For Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation information call the Foundation Office at (651) 456-4410, or write to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation P.O. Box 211283 Eagan, MN 55121-2783.

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Independence Day Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Freedom"  
Music: Rueben Ristrom Dixieland Trio  
Ice Cream Social |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "What's a Christian to Do?"  
Music: Accordion Quartet |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Sermon: "The Lord's Sacrifice and Song"  
Music: Harmony 3 |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The iTRUTH for an iPod Generation"  
Music: Rod & Connie Lindberg |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |
| 9th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "Milk to Meat = Maturity"  
Music: Hymn Fest  
1:00 p.m. Annual Chapel Picnic |       |     |     |     |     |     |

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Music: Beth Cummins-Postigo | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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Sermon: “Worthy of the Gospel”  
Music: North Suburban Chorus | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 12th Sunday after Pentecost | 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: “God and Country”  
Music: Sent Forth Quartet | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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Sermon: “Mixing Politics and Religion”  
Music: Zuhrah Shrine Cantors |  |  |  |  | 31 |  |

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