

Memorial Day, 2005 Stan Stahl, Ph.D.

*... that these dead shall not have died in vain.
Abraham Lincoln*

*Aaron Elandt, Iraq War ... Abraham Lincoln, President ... Andrew Goodman, Civil Rights Worker ...
Anna Campos, Spanish American War ... Antonio Francisco Abad, World War II ... Charles
Bent, Mexican Campaign ... Chief Black Kettle, Indian Wars ... Clem Moser, World War I ... David
Douglas, Union Army, Civil War ... Donald McIntosh, Indian Wars ... Edgar Hubert, Spanish-American
War ... Edmund Rice, Union Army, Civil War ... Emily [unknown last name], Union Army, Civil War ...
George Cohen, World War II ... Ivan Appleby, Vietnam War ... James Newell, War of 1812 ... John
Dzeda, World War I ... Joseph Freeman, World War I ... Kurt Gruber, World War II ... Nathan Hale,
War for Independence ... James Earl Chaney, Civil Rights Worker ... Jesse Farley Dyer, Mexican
Campaign ... John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President ... Justin Pollard, Iraq War ... Lars Larsen, World War
I ... Mary Hartso, World War II ... Michael Schwerner, Civil Rights Worker ... Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.,
Korean War ... Mohammed Ali, World War II ... Ramon C. Ojeda, Iraq War ... Reuben Smith Turman,
Spanish-American War ... Russell Smith, Jr, Persian Gulf War ... Sitting Bull, Indian Wars ... Stanley
Bartusiak, Persian Gulf War ... Taylor Maricle, Union Army, Civil War ... Thomas H. Amos, Vietnam
War ... Walter Szeliga, World War II ... Warren Brand, Confederate States Of America, Civil War ...
William Dunkin, War of 1812 ... Wilma Ledbetter, Korean War*

Since that March evening in 1770, 6 years before the *Declaration*, when Crispus Attucks became the first American to *give his last full measure of devotion to the birth of a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal* ... since that cold Spring evening in Boston, nearly 1,000,000 Americans have, like Crispus Attucks, given their *last full measure of devotion* so that *government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth*.

Nearly 1,000,000 Americans have died so that we might live free; so that we might extend liberty's blessings to those who are not yet free, preserving it for those who are not yet born.

*Men and Women... Republicans ... Democrats ... Federalists and Whigs ... Pennsylvanians ...
Michiganders ... New Yorkers ... Texans ... Washingtonians ... Floridians ... Californians ... Right-Wing
Conservatives ... Left-Wing Liberals ... Socialists ... Communists ... Capitalists ... Unionists ... Brits ...
Native Americans ... French ... Japanese ... Chinese ... Koreans ... Nigerians ... Armenians ... Germans
... Russians ... Czechs ... Italians ... Columbians ... Mexicans ... Salvadorans...Indians ... Pakistanis ...
Egyptians ... Lebanese ... Syrians ... Israelis ... Whites ... Blacks ... Yellows ... Reds ... Christians ... Jews
... Buddhists ... Moslems ... Catholics ... Born-Againists and Atheists ... Straights ... Gays ... Lesbians.*

The rockets at Valley Forge knew no ethnicity ... The cannons at Gettysburg were colorblind ... The bullets at Omaha Beach knew no God ... The bombs in Baghdad have no sexual orientation.

Freedom is the birthright of all for it has been won by the sacrifice of all.

Let Freedom Ring.

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