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HOPE

Mason Locke Weems wrote *The Life of George Washington* when our first president died in 1799. In it, Weems writes about how a Quaker named Isaac Potts happened across George Washington praying in the wilderness during the 1777-78 winter encampment at Valley Forge. Mr. Potts went home to tell his wife about the event. He was so moved by it that he forsook the pacifist obligations and fought for the Revolution.

This is but one example of how prayers can be answered through the miracle of faith and hope. In this issue we will explore more examples of hope and much more.

Wade John Taylor

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HOPE

Introduction:

In this issue we give some historical examples of where hope brought moments of peace during otherwise chaotic times. We also discuss civic responsibility and how it applies historically and in modern times. We continue several columns that have become familiar. There was a fantastic response to the fiction piece “The Old Soldier”. We have opted to go back a little in that soldier’s timeline to bring him to the point where we are now. Perhaps in time, we may go back further in his life and give some snapshots of the soldier’s service in his younger years.

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CHRISTMAS ARMISTICE

Christ can bring the miracle of hope to all people regardless of what side of a war they fight on. Such a miracle happened on Christmas Eve 1914 and lasted through Christmas day. The miracle was a spontaneous truce which broke out across the front lines affecting approximately two-thirds of engaged forces.

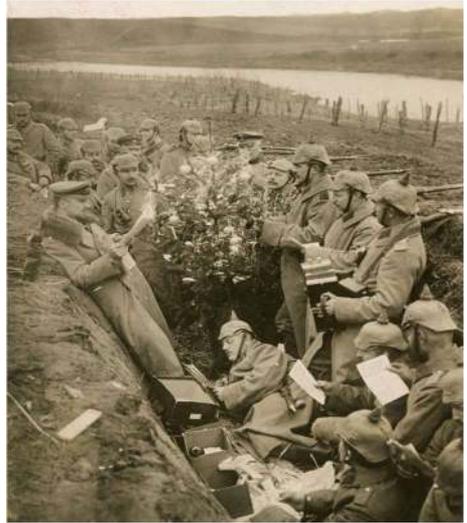
The night was bitter cold, and the moon cast a peaceful glow upon the decimated landscape. There was snow and frozen mud everywhere, yet out of the silent night a song came from the distance.

Graham Williams of the Fifth London Rifle Brigade explained what he witnessed.

“First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’ the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words Adeste Fideles. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing - two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war.”

Each eyewitness source or diary tells a different tale depending on where the account came from. Most involve one side or the other singing Christmas carols in one language only to be followed by the other side singing another carol in a different language.

In 2004, Alfred Anderson, the last surviving member of the Christmas truce,



gave his eyewitness account to *The Observer*. He told of what he remembered most about the event.

“I remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence. Only the guards were on duty. We all went outside the farm buildings and just stood listening. And, of course, thinking of people back home. All I’d heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking, and whining of bullets in flight, machinegun fire and distant German voices. But there was a dead silence that morning, right across the land as far as you could see. We shouted ‘Merry Christmas’, even though nobody felt merry. The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again. It was a short peace in a terrible war.”

In another area men of the British Expeditionary Force spoke of German Soldiers singing Christmas Carols and spotted small Christmas trees and lanterns along the trench line. They began singing and shouting back and

forth between the trenches. The following morning the two sides met in no man's land. They played football, exchanged gifts, buried the dead, and they took pictures.

In World War II there were no mass truces like there was in the Great War a few decades earlier, but there was another miracle worth mentioning. It happened on Christmas Eve in December of 1944 in a small cabin the Ardennes Forest. Elisabeth Vincken and her young son had sought refuge in the cabin after their home in Aachen had been destroyed in a bombing raid.

Three lost American soldiers had knocked on the door and sought refuge. One was laying on the ground wounded when Elisabeth opened the door. In the spirit of Christmas, she invited them in. Later four German soldiers knocked on the door. They wished her a Merry Christmas. Elisabeth invited the Soldiers inside and after a brief tense moment boldly stated, "It is the Holy Night and there will be no shooting here."

The soldiers all shared a meal and ate a rooster named Hermann (named after Hermann Goering, whom Elisabeth did not like). The next morning the German Corporal gave the Americans a compass and showed them on their map where to go to make it back to their side of the lines. They collected their weapons which had been left outside and they parted in opposite directions.

In 1995 Fritz Vincken flew to meet Ralph Blank in Frederick, Maryland, who was the last known survivor of the encounter. He still had the German compass and the map. He thanked the

boy and his deceased mother for saving his life.

During many bleak moments, faith can bring miracles in the unlikely circumstances. We know that a significant portion of the population does not have any faith or religion at all. It is not coincidental that feelings of anger, hatred, and the inability to accept differing opinions has increased and consumed the world following the decline of faith.

Let us all reach deep and show love and compassion to all who deserve a helping hand during this difficult season. There are many who cannot afford food let alone gifts for their children. Some cannot pay to heat their homes and others have no homes at all. I implore each of you to do something special for a stranger this year. If you do it once or do it every day, I can promise you that your efforts will be multiplied by unseen hands and you will find joy during times of your own trials.

During this season of challenging times and bleak prospects for peace let us all pray to whomever we worship that peace will ultimately prevail. And for those of us who are Christian, remember, all things are possible through Jesus Christ.

In him who I serve,

Wade John Taylor

A REPUBLIC IF YOU CAN KEEP IT

Part I

At this time of rest and reflection, my thoughts turn to the precious gift we were given by the Architects of this country: our unique American Republic. It is because of this gift our nation has been able to enjoy our current standard of living. The things that we can do, through our ability to think, create, and innovate are all made possible through that gift. But what IS a republic and what makes OURS unique? In this edition I will begin by addressing what it is NOT.

The word *democracy* is often interchanged with *republic* in the public sphere, as if the two are the same. This could not be farther from the truth. The Founders, fervent students of government, knew this and warned of the dangers of democracy. Let us refer to the wisdom of John Adams:

"I do not say that democracy has been more pernicious on the whole, and in the long run, than monarchy or aristocracy. Democracy has never been and never can be so durable as aristocracy or monarchy; but while it lasts, it is more bloody than either.

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide. It is in vain to say that democracy is less vain, less proud, less selfish, less ambitious, or less avaricious than aristocracy or monarchy. It is not true, in fact, and nowhere appears in history. Those passions are the same in all men, under all forms of simple government, and when unchecked, produce the same effects of fraud, violence, and cruelty. When clear prospects are opened before vanity, pride,

avarice, or ambition, for their easy gratification, it is hard for the most considerate philosophers and the most conscientious moralists to resist the temptation. Individuals have conquered themselves. Nations and large bodies of men, never."

One can hardly miss Adam's disdain for democracy. His words provide quite the contrast to the rhetoric of political leaders today who desire to "save", "protect" and "keep" our democracy. I do not recall Ben Franklin saying, "A democracy if you can keep it", do you? Last time I checked, the Pledge of Allegiance does not state "a democracy for which it stands".

So, what is democracy? It "is nothing more than mob rule, where 51% of the people may take away the rights of the other 49%." Democracy is one of many controls within our system of government (i.e. the vote), BUT IT IS NOT OUR SYSTEM.

Our system of government is a REPUBLIC, "*the public thing*", thoughtfully and patiently crafted, inspired by the Laws of Nature, and written by the hand of man. It is a complex system that protects us from the oppression of both the governing and the governed. Most importantly, it is a system of many boundaries. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "The way to have good and safe government is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many, distributing to every one exactly the functions he is competent to perform best."

"Good and safe government" is clearly not a democracy.

Most Humbly Yours,

~ Caty Greene

OUR DUTY TO CHAMPION HOPE

We are dismayed and downtrodden by the events that have happened during the election. Yet we knew it was coming. It is easy to lay blame on corrupt political parties and individuals who lack a moral compass. Let us look in the mirror and ask ourselves the burning question. “What have I done over the past few decades to stop evil from taking over our Republic?”

For most of us, the answer is ‘Nothing’. Many have shied away from jury duty, looking for any excuse not to serve. Others have simply marked a straight party line on their ballot each year, without another thought. Some advocate their responsibility and simply do not vote or participate, because they believe it does not make a difference. Many just live their lives turning over vast amounts of responsibility to a corrupt government while simply going about their daily life with their heads turned away.

We are all responsible for the collapse of the Republic that we are all living through. Our parents are also to blame and perhaps their parents too. But to be clear the vast majority of, ‘ceding power to government’, has happened within the last couple of decades. Those of us who lived through that time bare the lion’s share of responsibility.

Now with that out of the way, it is time to look to our past, to find out what we need to do today. John Adams was a fierce patriot who had a brilliant mind, spoke bluntly, and championed independence.

In 1765 Adams wrote, “*Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker.*”

It is important to understand that we all have a right to liberty and that it comes from our Creator. There is no higher power that has any right to come in and shove communism, or any variant of collectivism, down our throats. That method of not getting things done was tried by the early settlers in this country and many people died as a result. Lazy people yearn for socialism to get something for nothing. The Pilgrims learned that lesson already. Have we forgotten that?

We have the right to make our own decisions in life, and we have the right to resist any who would take away that liberty. In fact, Thomas Jefferson states that “Dissent is the highest form of patriotism”.

Our founding fathers were so adamant about the duty of the people to throw off the chains of tyranny that it was etched eternally in the Declaration of Independence with the following words.

“Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”

That is a hard truth to swallow for those of who simply want to live and let live. But you cannot survive that existence so long as tyrants lurk after your every possession and desire your absolute obedience. When they go so far as to insist that you do not have a right to speak let alone have your own opinion. That is absolute despotism.

We must ask if we are at that point of no return? Has our government devolved into absolute despotism? If you would have asked me a year ago before the unconstitutional mandates, I would have said no. After watching countless small businesses being forced to close and individual livelihoods being destroyed across our country, I would say we are rapidly approaching it, if we are not already there.

I must preach the Caution of Benjamin Franklin, as I would be remiss if I did not. In 1775 Franklin returned to America after attempting to repair the relationship with England. He had done all that he could to reason with Britain. They had been exposed with a conspiracy to slowly eliminate liberty within the colonies disclosed in the Hutchinson letters. He had been labeled a traitor and the colonies had been branded enemies of the crown for exposing the plot.

When he returned on May 5th of 1775, delegates of the Second Continental Congress were gathering. Franklin had been informed that a few weeks earlier, British soldiers had marched on Concord, that a group of farmers stood in defense, and that the hastily thrown together militia had been victorious. British casualties had been high as more than two hundred and fifty redcoats had

been killed or wounded in their retreat to Boston. It was clear at that point that the time for dialogue and reconciliation had come to a close.

At that point, the wise Franklin and newly appointed delegate to congress, kept his opinions to himself. He attempted to convert his friend Joseph Galloway and his son William Franklin, the Governor of New Jersey, to the cause of the rebellion. Ultimately his pleadings to those closest to him fell on deaf ears. Many of us completely understand the grief which he suffered by standing on the right side of liberty.

The Battle of Bunker Hill and the burning of Charleston in June of 1775 further inflamed tensions, yet Franklin still signed the Olive Branch Petition on July 5th, where the king was "*beseached*" to intercede on behalf of America. Although, by that time, Benjamin Franklin was one of the fiercest opponents of Britain in the Continental Congress regardless of his former friends and family opinions.

Just like our ancestors had to do in the past, we must be deliberate and impose our will upon government, until they recognize our authority. Our mayors, councilmen, legislators, commissioners, governors, representatives, and senators are obliged to hear the voice of the people, and either endorse their collective voice or suffer the consequences. This requires that we do our part and stop being an armchair quarterback. For those who truly care about our republic, this is the last chance to stand up for it. Griping and whining about it without getting up and doing something about it is useless.

Government must be reminded that they derive their power from the people, and that we can take it back if they fail to live up to our expectations.

The first thing that must be done is to restore local control of town, city, and county leadership. The way to do this is to come together as concerned citizens in order to hold our government accountable. Remind local politicians that they vote in the best interest of the people, and not according to the puppeteer strings of big money or corrupt parties.

Get on the phone now and call your local town or city council and ask them what they are doing to support liberty on the local level. Contact every single one of them, let them know that patriots are back on the job, and that we are not going to let them sit on the sidelines any longer. Then do the same thing at the county level. Then hit up your state legislature and finally your federal representatives. Find out what is on the agenda to support liberty and freedom. Then go to every meeting you can and be fearless in your fight for liberty.

Push for liberty sanctuary cities and counties. Throw off illegal mandates that are killing local businesses. Let your government know that you have had enough! Push for the repeal of salaries for all elected government officials and outlaw campaign money from corporations, parties, and organizations. Bring back the power to the people, by insisting that your local officials are elected for and by the people.

Push for home rule in our counties and ensure that governing bodies are subservient to the will of the people.

Pushing for a citizen's bill of rights within your governing bodies can also ensure that the government is responsive to the people, not to special interests.

Should our best efforts to save our Republic fail, we will all have our own Franklin moment. We will step off the ship and become our own delegates to a new continental congress. One that will insist on personal sovereignty and throw off the chains of bondage. Each one of us will have to gather our thoughts and carefully join fellow patriots to stand up against insurmountable odds for liberty.

There are some who have already come to the early conclusion, like John Adams and the Sons of Liberty. Those patriots must walk a very careful line against the dangerous evil that is enslaving us. They must adopt written words that are protected from prying eyes and forsake the electronic means of monitoring that the oppressive regime has already installed.

Ultimately if our efforts at transforming the local leadership fail. Much like the colonists, we will have to have our own Liberty Tree rallies, where corrupt politicians finally start to get the message that we are done with their tyranny. If that be the case, there will be nothing civil about the war that is coming.

In all causes there will be leaders and there will be followers. Your actions and your bravery as a devout patriot will define your role in the great struggle ahead. Such is the case with all worthy causes. Ultimately, we will accomplish the will of our Creator as we march toward freedom. Nothing which is just can be accomplished without his blessing.

~Wade John Taylor

REMEMBER THE LADIES

CAPTAIN MOLLY


Margaret Corbin, “Captain Molly”, was the first female Revolutionary War soldier and veteran, as well as the first female to receive a military pension. A colorful character known for her sharp tongue and quick wit, she often dressed as a man or wore an artillery jacket over her petticoats. Lacking femininity, the gruff Irish woman felt most at ease smoking and conversing with fellow soldiers.

In 1772, John Corbin enlisted in the Pennsylvania military. Margaret, his young 24-year-old wife, decided to go along with him. Like many women of the time, Margaret was a camp follower, cooking and laundering for the soldiers as well as nursing the sick and wounded. On November 16, 1776, Margaret joined her husband in the Battle of Fort Washington on Manhattan Island. John was a maltross - one who assisted the gunners in loading, firing, and sponging

the cannon. When John was killed during the battle, Margaret immediately took up his post, firing the cannon with John’s team of cannoneers. Because she had watched her husband, a trained artilleryman, fire the cannon so much, she was able to man and fire the cannon with great skill and speed. Margaret continued to fire the cannon until she was too seriously wounded to continue.

“Margaret was cut down by a well-aimed blast of grape shot. The hot metal balls tore into her shoulder and left breast, nearly severing her arm while also carving into her jaw. “

When the patriot soldiers surrendered Fort Washington, Margaret became a prisoner of war. She was treated by British doctors and paroled a few days later. She moved to Philadelphia, but never fully healed from her injuries. In fact, she was unable to use her left arm for the rest of her life. She later became the first woman in U.S. history to receive a pension from Congress for her military service.

In 1800, at the age of 48, “Captain Molly” died. She was buried not far from West Point, above the Hudson River. On April 14, 1926, Captain Molly Corbin’s remains were re-interred at the Military Academy Cemetery at West Point with full military honors.

Thank you, Margaret, for your valor and sacrifice for our country. From the battle of Fort Washington to the battle for Washington DC, you have helped pave the way for the largest tsunami of Republican women elected to Congress in U.S. history. Hope springs eternal.

~ Caty Greene

**THE PROVIDENCE OF GEORGE
WASHINGTON**

There was always a divine hand guiding George Washington. He would save our Nation in the American Revolution and go on to become the First President in our second form of government. George Washington's two elder brothers Lawrence and Augustine received a rigid classical, Latin-based education at Appleby School in England. George's father had planned on providing him the same formal education, however fate changed all of that.

In 1743 Augustine Washington Sr. Died. George was only 11 years old. His elder brother Lawrence assumed the Paternal role and helped guide George as he studied alone. Like many people of the day his education was his own responsibility. He had a few tutors who helped him with literacy, penmanship, and basic academics. Washington learned trigonometry, geometry, and the respectable trade of surveying through reading *'The Compleat Surveyor'* at the age of fourteen. His first surveying project was a five-acre meadow called Hell Hole located at Mount Vernon. He also surveyed other plats at a young age including his brother Lawrence's Turnip Field.

As he developed his skills as a young surveyor, his brother Major Lawrence Washington grew in political influence in Virginia. This helped to introduce young George to the inner circles of politics at a young age and would influence him for the rest of his life.

In 1748 at the age of sixteen, George was given an opportunity by his neighbor

George Fairfax, to accompany an experienced team, to plot a large tract of land along the western frontier of Virginia. This expedition provided invaluable experience about surveying and living in the wild frontier.

A year later at the age of seventeen, Washington received his own commission from William Fairfax to survey a new county. By the time three years had passed he had surveyed over 60,000 acres of land in almost two hundred separate surveys.

In 1753 both Britain and France laid claim to the massive territory of the Ohio River Valley. Virginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie was worried about the encroachment of the French into territory claimed by Virginia. The Governor received permission from the King to demand French withdrawal from the territory and use force if necessary.

The young twenty-one-year-old Major George Washington quickly volunteered for the dangerous mission to deliver the message to the French. Although he had no diplomatic or military experience and spoke neither French nor Indian languages, he had experience in the frontier and had the support of the powerful Fairfax family.

At the end of October, Major Washington received a commission in the British Army and left with a small party to the Ohio River Valley. In November, Washington met with several tribal leaders and spoke about their alliances with the British. In mid-December, Washington arrived with his party and five chiefs at the French Fort Le Boeuf. Washington delivered the letter

from Governor Dinwiddie, but the French refused to leave.

On the way back from the unsuccessful diplomatic mission, Washington nearly died while crossing the partially frozen Allegheny River. He attempted to cross in a makeshift raft, which ran afoul of the ice choked river forcing him and his companion into the river. Fortunately, Washington and Christopher Gist made it to a small island, where they spent the night in miserable freezing conditions. This was not the last ice choked river that Washington would cross in his lifetime.

By morning, the river was frozen solid, and the two shivering companions walked across the ice to safety. Washington made it back to Williamsburg in the middle of January 1754.

The young Washington's mission was technically a failure, but his journal of the expedition became wildly successful. Washington was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and ordered to recruit an army from the local militias. Lt. Colonel Washington struggled to recruit from the disorderly militias. The low pay and lack of funds for supplies failed to offer incentive for all but the most desperate men. In some cases, local officials offered him men right out of the county jails. After recruitment efforts failed to materialize a sufficient force, Governor Dinwiddie authorized a reward of land grants near the soon-to-be-established fort, in exchange, for their general enlistment. Washington struggled with the lack of supplies. Most of the enlisted men were poor, had little clothing, no shoes, and no firearms. Washington's forces also lacked food, wagons, and

horses. Washington petitioned the governor many times but received no funding. This experience would serve him well in the future Revolutionary War.

In April Lt. Colonel Washington was ordered to secure the fort under construction. Although he had little supplies and only one hundred-fifty-nine men, he hastily departed. Along the way he met the retreating forces of the fort that had already been taken. Undeterred he pressed on.

Washington ran across enemy forces and defeated the scouting party with the aid of local Indians. Washington made a valiant attempt to advance into enemy territory, but he lacked the supply lines and support to take any further territory.

He returned to Great Meadows where he hastily constructed '*Fort Necessity*'. Not long after, Washington was attacked at the fort. He lost a third of his men and could not mount a defense, after his soldier's powder became wet. The French offered Washington terms of surrender. He and his men would be allowed to retreat if he signed a document of surrender. He could not read French and his interpreter was not much better at reading the document. Faced with the desperate circumstances, Washington signed the surrender and headed back to Williamsburg.

Many men deserted along the way and upon returning Dinwiddie tried to reorganize his forces. But the governor had problems, as the British did not want to treat the ranks of colonists with the same regard as similarly ranked soldiers in the British Army. Washington

resigned his commission over the dispute and returned to his life on his farm.

The following year Washington returned to military service when General Edward Braddock, an experienced military commander, was brought in to assist with the growing war against the French.

British forces were overwhelmingly defeated again and the commander that Washington had put his hope in died of his wounds. Lieutenant Colonel George Washington rallied the troops to an orderly retreat and despite the loss became known as the hero of the Battle of the Monongahela. After the defeat, Colonel Thomas Dunbar, who assumed command, refused to return to the field.

Governor Dinwiddie pleaded with Washington to take command. Washington had learned quickly from his previous experiences and would only take command if he had the means to support his army. The governor ultimately agreed to supply a war chest to pay for expenses and allowed Washington to select his own officers.



Washington was dogged by difficulties in recruiting and political infighting. He often found himself at odds with the people he was trying to protect. The

citizens did not want to take up arms and the aristocratic families did not want to pay to properly supply an army.

In 1755 the British strategy finally adapted to the reality on the ground. Washington's regiment joined the Second Virginia regiment under the command of General John Forbes. General Forbes moved his forces deliberately toward the enemy cutting a new road while ensuring that supply lines were maintained. By the time that the force reached Fort Duquesne, the French commander knew that he could not defend it against such a large and well-organized force. He ordered the post burned to the ground as he abandoned it.

Colonel Washington learned a great deal during this campaign. His early losses and later victories helped formulate in his mind crucial elements that led to successful campaigns in war. It also helped teach him how to navigate the political circles to get what he needed to appropriately outfit an army.

After the victory at Fort Duquesne he left military service and returned home. He married the widow Martha Dandridge Custis. He grew disappointed in the lack of respect that Colonial Officers received from their British Counterparts. Washington also was dissatisfied by political infighting in the Colonies and was disgusted by their lack of support for military forces that were there to protect them.

By studying the history of George Washington, we can identify events in his life that created the perfect man to lead our Nation when we needed it most

~Wade John Taylor

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

December 1776

Newport, Rhode Island was the fifth largest city at the beginning of the War for Independence. The harbor ranked second only to Boston in terms of tonnage and productivity of the international seaport. But all of that changed on December 6th, 1776 when the British captured one of the Jewels of the Colonies. By the end of the war the population had been reduced by three quarters of its original population and the port facilities and wharves lay in ruins. The city would rebound but never achieve the same status that it once had as our countries second busiest port.

On December 8th General George Washington completed one of the most remarkable retreats in military history. Preserving the remnants of the Continental Army as an intact fighting force. After his forces crossed the Delaware River the British were confident that the Continental Army was in no condition to fight and they concluded their major operations for the winter.

The Continental Congress had grave concerns of possible British attack, especially after the string of defeats in autumn. They evacuated the Capital from Philadelphia on December 12th of 1776. They established a new capital in the Henry Fite House in Baltimore. Baltimore remained the capital until February of 1777.

Thomas Paine published his 1st "American Crisis" essay on December

19th. The series of Pamphlets often referred to as "The Crisis" were produced throughout the war to rally the colonies. The first one opened with his famous line "These are the times that try men's souls."

Ambassador Benjamin Franklin became highly regarded when he arrived in France and successfully negotiated a war loan of \$181,500 on December 23rd.

Late in the evening of December 25th, 1776 General George Washington crossed the ice chocked Delaware river in a daring raid against Hessian mercenaries. His forces had a difficult time crossing the hazardous river and the crossing took three hours longer than planned. Washington had ordered Colonel Cadwalader to lead a force of eighteen hundred soldiers and General James Ewing's force of eight hundred to cross at different locations to support the attack, but they failed to make the crossing. Nevertheless, Washington pressed on and in the early morning of December 26th he launched his attack and quickly defeated the Hessian forces in the Battle of Trenton.



FROM THE EDITOR

FAITH AND MIRACLES

Christmas is a time of miracles. From the impromptu armistice of 1914 to perfect strangers answering letters from Santa that arrived via balloon. One only needs to search the internet via www.Duckduckgo.com in order to find uncensored results of actual Christmas miracles.

In the opening battles of the war, simple farmers with little or no experience stood their ground against the redcoats and sent their army in retreat to Boston. In earlier action, the Sons of Liberty inspired a Tea Party that started the process of rebellion against tyranny, while British soldiers stood by in their barracks. Miracles happened throughout the whole Revolutionary War which lasted from 1775 to 1783, and yet during the coldest and harshest times the Lord seemed to show the most favor to those fighting for liberty.

The Christmas miracle of Washington crossing the ice choked Delaware River during a snowstorm, displayed the divine providence that was on the side of liberty and gave hope to our fledgling nation. Many of Washington's men had a complete lack of equipment, clothing, and some even had no shoes. Two out of the three attack forces failed to make it across the river, and yet experienced well equipped soldiers were defeated at the battle of Trenton.

The Battle of Trenton gave hope to the Continental Army. For months they had been severely beaten and they would be beaten again in many key battles of 1777.

The hope that was generated from that crossing on Christmas Eve carried Washington's army through the year. At the Valley Forge winter quarters there was a miracle transformation of the Continental Army. The battered defeated forces were molded into an effective fighting force that would survive and thrive, in the years to come.

By reviewing history, you can see how the tyrannical oppression of freedom ignites the torch of liberty. Like the people of today, the men and women of colonial times were sensible people. They were common folk who just wanted to make an honest living and to be left to their own affairs. They were not radicals who hastily marched into war. They gave the oppressive hand of the corrupt British Parliament and Crown every opportunity to come to the table and reach a fair conclusion.

Those who joined the Sons of Liberty were everyday people. They were printers, shoemakers, blacksmiths, farmers, and tavern owners. They had no desire to risk their livelihoods. They ultimately realized that their livelihoods were already being taken away from them by mandates from Britain.

Good citizens like Benjamin Franklin faced the same dilemma that you and I face. He resisted discussing his support for the rebellion for as long as possible. He led the charge of trying to find a political solution. After every attempt had been made at reconciliation he then made the only choice he had left.

He tried to convince his son, the Governor of New Jersey, and one of his best friends to join the cause. Every attempt was made to inform people that

their veiled security was slavery. Ultimately the absolute truth of liberty won out and he openly threw his support behind the cause, be damned the consequences. His relationship with family and friends was shattered as a result.

I have personally lost family members who now disown me because I champion the cause of liberty. It pains me to the core, yet there is no pain greater than that of a soul in bondage to a tyrannical government. Like Franklin I cannot turn my heart against the absolute truth of our unalienable rights. I will not surrender, I will not capitulate, and I will not allow the evils of socialism to take one more step without being challenged with everything that I have. I will stand for liberty until my last dying breath.

Today censorship and tyranny are the real pandemic that is spreading across the land. The voices of the dissidents are silenced, and freedom of movement have been shut down using the guise of medical advice.

Fortunately, God gave us all brains, and many are now starting to think for themselves. Millions of patriots across the country are leaving censored social and broadcast media for free thinking platforms. Gab, Parler, MeWe, Politichatter, and MyLibertyPage are but a few of the social websites overwhelmed with new users who are tired of being censored. One America News Network, the Gateway Pundit, Newsmax, and the Blaze are but a few of the rising news companies that Americans are tuning into because they dare to tell the truth.

Most critical thinkers now know that the past election was full of corruption,

lies, and fraud. The coordination of events amounts to conspiracy and treason. Those who aid and abet the conspirators are guilty of treason as well.

Whether or not the guilty parties can usurp positions of government and erase the evidence of their wrongdoing is up to us. Many will say we will beat them in 2024 and there is nothing we can do about the recent election. I say that there will be no legitimate election in 2024 if we do nothing about the treason of 2020.

I have explained in the past that we are heading for a dark time where stores may not be open, and that self-sufficiency will determine the survival of you and your family. Whether or not you choose to stand up for your freedom, understand that many of us will.

Freedom loving Americans will not be sending crops or our livestock to cities that support the coup against our country. Some may sever the powerlines and internet that runs through patriot held territory if the tyrants do not surrender. Millions are putting the final touches on their go bags and are prepared to do whatever it takes to support and defend the inalienable rights that our Founding Fathers secured. Are you prepared?

~Wade John Taylor



THE OLD SOLDIER

The old soldier sat in his chair watching the television after a hard day's work. It seemed odd that after retirement, there was more work to do to take care of the homestead, than there had ever been during a normal workday.

Taking care of the animals only took up about three hours out of each day but chopping wood for heat and maintenance on the small farm was a never-ending battle.

Newscasters from all the major networks promoted a new President Elect as a done deal. They cried in unison how perfect the election was and how there was no foul play despite the outgoing Presidents assertions. The weathered aging man knew better. He had been in many countries during his service where our government had rigged elections or instituted coups when they did not get their way.

The signs were everywhere for anyone with common sense to see. But then again, most people did not seem to have much common sense anymore. Lawyers from all sides held press briefings claiming legitimacy or outright fraud depending on which side they represented.

Corporate crooks and corrupt politicians from all sides stood by the election process while patriots lined up supporting the standing President. Meanwhile hunger lines across the country continued to grow as criminal government leaders mandated unconstitutional lock-downs. The virus had been subject to so much propaganda

that the common citizen was terrified of catching it.

Every case study showed that most people had better than a ninety-nine in a hundred chance of recovery. Still, many people believed the propaganda of fear, and willfully gave their trust to corrupt narcissists who held authority. He thought to himself that, perhaps one day, people would pull their head out of their electronics and start thinking for themselves.

He sighed and turned off the idiot box. After a loud groan he heaved himself out of his recliner and limped over to the table. He pulled out his notebook and drafted a plan on how much feed he would need throughout the winter and how fast he could butcher a good portion of his livestock. He glanced up at his young family playing a board game. He felt sorry for them, knowing that the adjustment to what was coming was going to be difficult for them.

After he was done, he made a list of families that could benefit from the excess meat that they could not fit in their freezer or put up in their remaining supply of canning jars. Buying new jars was out of the question. They were just as hard to come by as ammunition.

After some reflection he crossed off a few names and added a few more to reflect families that were more self-sufficient minded and more likely to survive. It was the beginning of a long line of hard decisions, he thought.

His family went to bed and he took a little longer to kiss each one of them and let them all know how much he loved them.

As his wife returned after putting the children to bed, he explained what they had to do. For the next several hours they inventoried every can of food, jug of water, tube of toothpaste, and any item that could help keep them alive. They then divided each total into twelve, and assigned the items to a month over the next year.

The couple inventoried their seeds, firearms, and ammunition. Then they wrote out a small list of people that they could trust and would be willing to host on their property if things got really bad.

They both know what was coming. They had read enough scripture and talked enough about it in advance to know what was coming. The decisions were still awfully difficult, but they were not paralyzed in making them.

The temperatures that averaged twenty below freezing during the heart of winter and deep snow would protect them for the winter, if it all came apart fast. Nobody would be able to make it up here if the roads were not plowed. The hordes of newcomers that flocked to the area this summer could potentially have a rough go of it. Winter was hard enough when everything was firing on all cylinders. He and his wife said a prayer for them before reading scripture and going to bed.

Wade John Taylor



PATRIOT OPINION

During this so-called pandemic and while living under threat of socialism, our greatest weapon that we have, is Hope. The worst thing that we can do is to put that hope in the wrong place. Sometimes we like to place our hope in material fantasies like, “I hope I can get a new electric car.” or “I hope that the Seattle Seahawks win the championship again.”

That type of effortless hope will get you nowhere. We know that if we want any type of new car, we must work for it. As far as the Seahawks are concerned, there may not be any championship at all for any of the teams depending on what happens with shutdowns, the virus, or civil unrest. Open ended hope without an awareness of the true circumstances and the effort required to achieve the goal can lead to empty hands.

When the pilgrims came to the new world, their hope was to be rid of the English anti protestant repression. Their hope was to live free and have freedom of religion. Just getting out of England was hard enough. Most had to sell everything they had to come up with the funds to leave. Locating a ship with a reliable captain that would take them to the new world was a challenge. Leaving the life that they had known behind and sailing all the way from England to the new world was a huge risk. Most put their hope in God to help them get there safely. This was a hope that was placed in the right direction. Historically God does not let his people down and if people put work to their faith, they have great success.

When the English Attacked the colonists in 1775 all they had was a small group of men with mismatched rifles that were more suitable for hunting squirrels than standing up against a professional army. The soldiers outnumbered and outgunned the colonials and had a huge advantage in fighting experience. They had professional soldiers while we had farmers and shopkeepers. Regardless of the odds, they put their lives on the line, willing to die in order to fight for freedom. They had hope and faith in God that he would protect us, provided we were fighting for the divine cause of liberty. We took on one of the biggest empires of the time and we won, because we had hope.

We could go on and on about the pilgrims and colonists, but I just want you to remember that they placed their hope in a higher power.

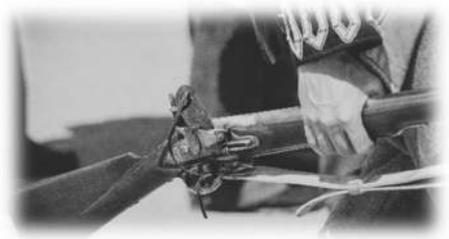
Fast forward to the events that are going on today. What or where are you placing your hope in? Do not place your hope in a political party, the FBI, or some other entity that fails to deliver, we all know how that has turned out in the past. Look at the worst possible outcome and move forward from there.

Let's say the Democrats are successful in stealing the Presidency. You may say now wait a minute; they have not yet installed Biden as their figurehead. I still hope that they get to the bottom of this ballot fraud. But if I do nothing about it, then it is just empty hope. If Biden is successful in his coup and the far left takes over, we still have hope, that our constitution will be followed. Again, if you do nothing to ensure it, then, it is just blind hope.

If all else fails, we can have hope in nothing else but Jesus Christ and his righteousness. But remember without our works our faith is dead and we cannot partake of salvation. We can achieve the good work by banding together, helping each other out, loving our enemies like ourselves, and knowing that we are pilgrims just passing through to a better life and a higher authority.

Blessing my fellow Americans, Keep the hope alive

Musket Master



PATRIOT REFLECTION

1776: The patriot

I walked these verdant shores with a bounty on my head. What I have left is no more. What is before me is my future.

I walked these lands as atrocities start in our streets, then our properties, then our homes. Once again, I confront my past.

I walk on common ground. My enemy before me, my brothers beside me. Peace is my hope, destiny is my day.

I walk on the battlefield. Ever I lose, never giving up, till I win my freedom. And today is that day.

I walk in peace, but injustice is at hand. Once more I rise to the call and protect the downtrodden.

I walk in foreign lands. A new example for the world to see. A free man fighting for other people's freedom. If not now, when? If not me, who?

I walk the path of the sentinel. Watching over, protecting overall. For this time, I stand supreme and many people benefit from it.

I walk a path of betrayal. The enemy is in our lands. They hide among us. I will never bow, never break, never stop. For I am a patriot.

There is a future for us. A hope we can give. Compassion we bestow. Equality we crave. We came from all walks of life, all beliefs, all backgrounds to stand this day together and say with one voice, no more!

I walk on common ground. My enemy before me, my brothers beside me. Peace is my hope, destiny is my day.

M.R. Beyer
11/6/2019



FINAL THOUGHTS

None of us are perfect. We all have challenges in life. None of us asked for these challenges and yet here they are, nonetheless. How we deal with these challenges is what defines us, our future and the future of our children.

Our Forefathers never asked for the challenges that they faced and yet they rose to the occasion. They left their families and their farms to take up arms against the greatest army the world had seen up until that point. They knew that liberty was worth fighting for. They also knew that if they failed to fight for it the rest of their lives would be a miserable existence in bondage to ruthless rulers who had no concern for their lives.

In our nation's history there have been many times where all seemed lost. And yet with a little faith and effort there was hope. With that hope came the perseverance that was required to make it through impossible odds to overcome a corrupt and oppressive evil. That evil thought little of the common man. That evil thought that a gentle and simple populace was incapable of amazing things. That evil has returned.

We have the blood of patriots in our veins. Their souls will comfort us and cheer us on from beyond the graves in our struggle that lies ahead. This is the eternal struggle between good and evil that has lasted throughout the ages.

As we look down the path of liberty, we can see almost forgotten paving stones that guide us to the Liberty Tree. The overgrown path is still as stable and solid as it ever has been. Our flag of freedom

drifts effortlessly in the wind towards our ultimate destination. Freedom.

Today is our day and time to shine the light of liberty and scorch our oppressors! Do not take thought of what you cannot do. Many who had less than us overcame much more than we will ever be asked to do.

John W. Wade Taylor



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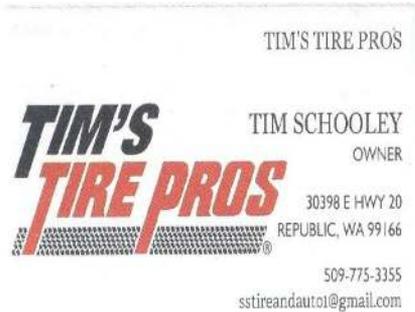
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The Liberty Tree



Indignation Meeting under Liberty Tree, Boston

On January 14th, 1766 John Adams wrote the following in his journal.

“Spent the Evening with the Sons of Liberty, at their own Apartment in Hanover Square, near the Tree of Liberty”.

That meeting ultimately led to the Boston Tea Party, which cultivated the events that caused us to declare independence from oppression and tyranny. Although the liberty tree was chopped down by the British in 1775, its legacy lives on through the blood of patriots of today.

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HOPE

Pamphlets that were widely distributed during the founding of our Republic and were instrumental in securing our inalienable rights from the tyrannical rule of the day. The most popular, “Common Sense” written by Thomas Paine in 1775-1776 is still well worth a read.

Through these pamphlets, the soul of our new nation and the will to defend of our unalienable rights, was born. Our Divine Creator inspired the great men of that day to ensure nothing takes away those freedoms. They enshrined them in our founding documents.

Nowadays oppressive and corrupt politicians, judges, and bureaucrats have teamed up with diabolical corporations and media outlets to subjugate the population. They openly support racist Marxist communist organizations. They declare that their goal is the destruction of churches, cultural institutions, private businesses, and ultimately The United States of America. They have no qualms committing treason by fixing elections.

That same tyranny we the people overthrew two hundred and forty-four years ago is rampant again. The Pamphlet has been resuscitated from the dust to spread the word. We are rallying true patriots and freedom loving people everywhere to take up the banner of liberty. We are common people just like you and our Tree of Liberty has been planted.

This land is our land. We will not go quietly into the night and fade away. We are here to stay. Live free or die.

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