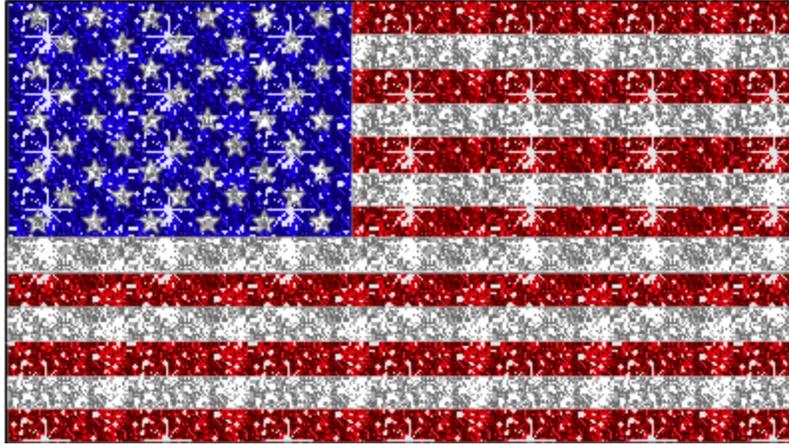




I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH  
IT STANDS,  
**ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY**  
**AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

**KEEP IT LIT!!**  **KEEP IT LIT!**

*For all of our other military personnel, where ever they may be.  
Please Support all of the troops defending our Country.*



***And God Bless our Military  
who are protecting our Country for our Freedom.  
Thanks to them, and their sacrifices, we can celebrate the 4th of July.***



**We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, of which we should be eternally grateful.**



**I watched the flag pass by one day.  
*It fluttered in the breeze.***



**A young Marine saluted it,  
*And then he stood at ease.***

I looked at him in uniform;  
*so young, so tall, so proud.*  
*With hair cut square and eyes alert,*  
*he'd stand out in any crowd.*



I thought how many men like him  
*had fallen through the years.*  
*How many died on foreign soil;*  
*how many mothers' tears?*

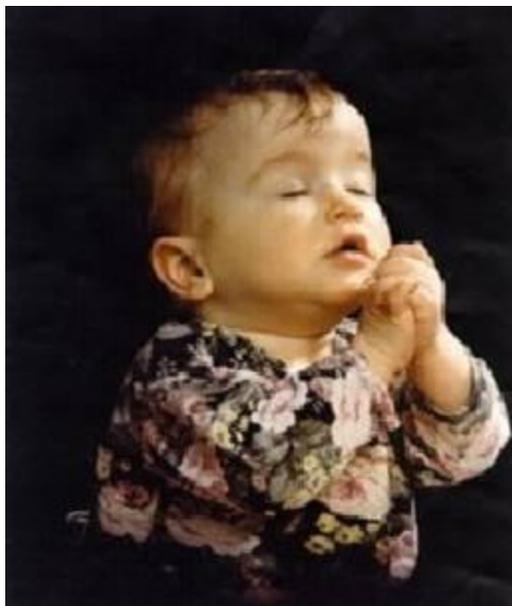


**How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
NO, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE**

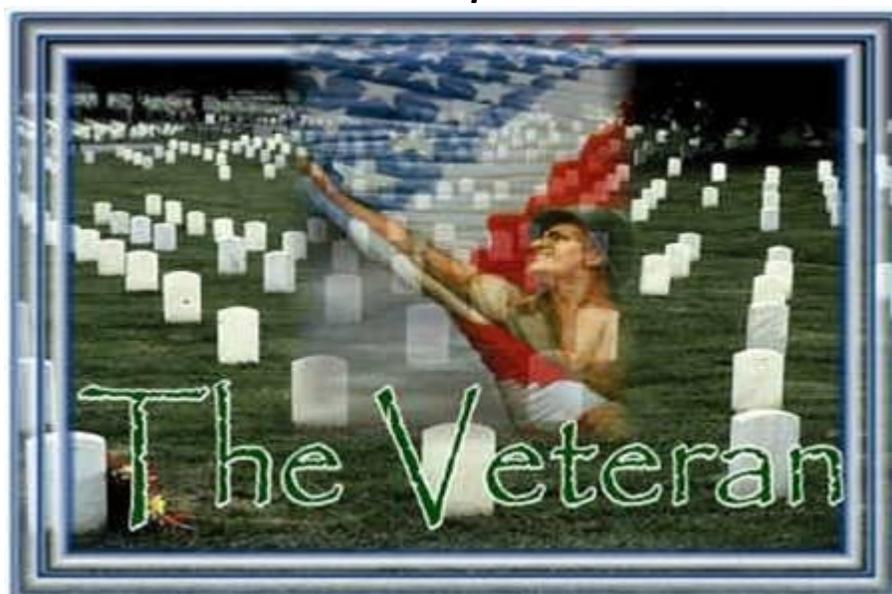


**I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
*when everything was still.*  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.**

*I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant 'Amen.'*  
**When a flag had draped a coffin  
of a brother or a friend.**



**I thought of all the children,  
of the mothers and the wives,  
of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.**



**I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea.  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
*NO FREEDOM ISN'T FREE***



**Enjoy Your Freedom and  
*God Bless Our Troops.***

*When you see this,  
please stop for a moment  
and say a prayer for our servicemen*

Of all the gifts you could give a  
***U.S. Soldier, prayer is the very best one.***  
**God Bless all!**