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President's Message

Brothers & Sisters,

Five months of 2011 have now come and passed into history. May being the month of decoration and honor for our nation's Veterans is just that, thirty one days of so doing.



VVA Chapter 203 began the month on Friday, the six of May, with a Military Parade in downtown Chattanooga. Mr. Charlie Crowe put together the Chapter bus and a big black truck pulling a flat-bed trailer with some 20 Chapter members making a good showing. Also, our Jeep was there to bring up the rear.

This was followed up with our Chapter's R & R picnic at the Veterans Park in Soddy-Daisy, Tn. It was well attended by our group with lots of friends, food and good gifts for our members. Mr. Vance Elliott and Bone's BBQ furnished the "eats" and everyone enjoyed them. Thank you troops, Vander and all for a well rested R & R!!!

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, found us at Thunder Creek and the ride to the wall with some fourteen members there to set up the wall and product sales. We came early and stayed late. Some five hundred

fifty six dollars was collected from sales to the bike riders. Thank you Tommy, Larry, Stan, David, both Georgia Larry's and Rockie. We could not do without you guys.

Last, but by no means, on Sunday, May 29, 2011, our POW/

"Thank you all for this very busy past month (of May)...."

MIA Team was at Calvary Baptist Church with Mr. Phil Minton and others. We were sharp. The members of Calvary Baptist Church showed how much they liked us with their claps. With thanks for the team of Sam, Larry, David, both Larry's and Vander, you guys shine.

To complete the month, on Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday, we were with the Boy Scouts. Tom Sloan and his team were right on. On Monday, the Memorial was very good with some twenty two members to post the colors and to perform the firing duties.

Thank you all for this very busy past month and what you did and continue to do!!! Now Turn and Burn!!!

Don

Chaplain's Corner: God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand



Chaplain, Paul Williams

"...the only book deserving of universal attention is the bible."

Where is God in the life of America today? The question looms large amongst many today. We are old enough to remember a significant difference in the spiritual life of both the United States and the world as a whole. If one uses the names "God" or "Jesus Christ" in many places and circumstances today there may be a tornadic storm of protests and legal actions. Gone are the days when there was peace and respect concerning faith, religion, and the church in this age. What a change! Let us look at this change in the short history of our nation.

We are approaching the day when we will celebrate the two hundred thirty fifth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of this nation from Great Britain. It was a time of faith. There were colonies established by groups seeking freedom of religion. The churches of Europe sent missionaries to the land which included Protestant and Catholic faiths. That faith was splendidly revealed by great leaders and displayed in art, literature and construction.

The Pilgrims settled in New England and were well established. A Baptist movement also developed there under Roger Williams and settled what is now the state of Rhode Island. William Penn brought Quakers and settled what is now Pennsylvania. A Catholic group settled Maryland. In time there was a large tendency for Scottish and Irish peoples to settle in the Appalachians. From them there developed Presbyterian and Baptist church movements. The Wesley brothers, John and Charles established the Methodist movement.

It is obvious that the Christian

faith was strong in the early days of America. There is also a large Jewish faith in America as well. However, I do not know when it began, nor do I know the history of its development. I do know it became one of the large Jewish communities in the world.

Now let us look at individuals. The first that I choose is called "The father of our country." It seems not to be commonly well known, but George Washington was a true moralist. He never allowed profanity in his presence, nor did he tolerate immoral activity. Now, there are some who would question this in the present age because he owned slaves. But that is another age and culture. While I would not excuse that today, it was common in much of the world. He was a man of faith and good will. He also knew the importance of God for our nation and the world. A famous quote of Washington is: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." Do you suppose the ACLU would be after him if he were living in this age and stating such truth?

Without going into large detail, let me provide a few quotes of great American leaders. John Quincy Adams: "The first and almost the only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. I speak as a man of the world...and I say to you, 'Search the Scriptures.'" Abraham Lincoln left us this remark: "In regard for this Great Book, I have this to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the Good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book." Harry Truman: "The fundamental basis of the nation's laws was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental

basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and Saint Matthew, from Isaiah and Saint Paul...If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the State!" Ronald Reagan had a remarkably good statement as well concerning the importance of God in our individual lives and the life of our nation. He concluded his remarks with this: "Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

I do not have the space to go well into the art, construction, and literature. I will only invite you to visit the Mall in Washington D.C. Please take note of the references in the many government buildings. The Ten Commandments are prominent as well as scriptural quotes in those buildings where often we hear that the "God" and "Faith" haters want such to be declared unconstitutional. I conclude with this: Our forefathers knew the importance and place of faith and it is deep within the foundation of our beloved America. May we overcome the storms of protests, and may we find peace in faith of our Triune God and His caring Word.

God Bless America. May it and faith in our God live forever!

Paul Williams, Chaplain

* The title is from a hymn written by Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907

Membership Update and Renewals

May

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Dan Taylor,
Membership Chair

**This will be a GREAT help
in tracking the renewals.**

June

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Terry Dungan	Raymond Weaver
Fred Evans	Donald Williams
Edward Heidel	

**We want to thank you if you
have already paid your dues.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th: VVA Tennessee State Meeting - Murfreesboro, TN.

June 14th: E-Board Meeting - American Legion - Post 95 - 18:00 Hours

June 17th & 18th (Friday & Saturday): Walmart Collection - Ooltewah, TN. Set up the wall and product sales

June 20th: Business meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN. 18:00 - Social & 19:00 - Business

July 3rd: POW/MIA Ceremony @ Zelma's New Haven Baptist Church

July 4th (Monday): Parade in Dunlap, TN.

July 8th & 9th: Walmart Collection - Signal Mountain, TN.

July 18th: Business meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN.

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