

Happy 4th of July!....

Let' s get this started now,  
So it will be out there on the fourth!



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE  
FLAG,  
OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA ,

AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR  
WHICH IT STANDS,

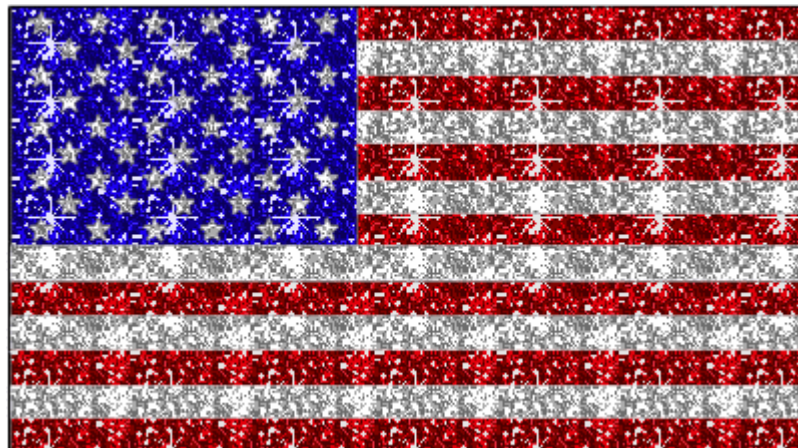
**ONE  
NATION UNDER GOD,**

INDIVISIBLE,

WITH LIBERTY  
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

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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 read 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!