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Answer the Call on Independence Day

No one longs for peace more than the men and women of America's Armed Forces. Those of us who have had the honor of fighting for freedom on the battlefield know all too well that there is nothing desirable about war. Yet, when liberty is threatened, we also understand that someone must answer the call.

As I think about the forthcoming Independence Day weekend, I am reminded of the many figures in our nation's history who have risen to a challenge not of their choosing. First and foremost in my mind are our Founding Fathers. On Independence Day, we celebrate the creation of the Declaration of Independence, a document which lays bare why a collection of British colonists chose to separate themselves from their former sovereign.

The Declaration is not a warmongering call for revenge upon the British Empire.

Rather, it notes the sorrow with which the Founders felt obligated to sever ties. It says "In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury." As you can see, our Founding Fathers did not go looking for a fight. They cherished peace, but rose to the occasion when called upon to do so.

The same could be said of Abraham Lincoln, who certainly never wanted to be a wartime president. In a striking personal letter to Mrs. Eliza P. Gurney in October 1862, he wrote "We are indeed going through a great trial--a fiery trial. In the very responsible position in which I happen to be placed, being a humble instrument in the hands of our Heavenly Father... I have desired that all my works and acts may be according to His will... If I had been allowed my way this war would have been ended before this, but we find it still continues; and we must believe that He permits it for some wise purpose of His own, mysterious and unknown to us; and though with our limited understandings we may not be able to comprehend it, yet we cannot but believe, that He who made the world still governs it."

Like the Founding Fathers, President Lincoln, and the brave patriots who have fought in the military to protect freedom, each of us now stands in the midst of a conflict not of our choosing. Like it or not, our liberties are threatened by dark forces that want to silence We the People in order to expand their own power. We cannot choose whether the conflict exists. We can only choose whether we will be numbered among those that have the courage to answer the call.

The champions who win this struggle will not be determined on the battlefield, but in our communities and statehouses. From the smallest town to the largest city, the call for patriots is open to all. The final result is not in our hands. As President Lincoln did, we must be willing to surrender the outcome to the will of our Heavenly Father. Our job is merely to answer the call, and to march forward in His strength. This Independence Day, will you consider what you could do to fight for liberty? Will you answer the call?

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Sincerely,

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