



## ***THE FORWARD EDGE OF FREEDOM***

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**TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SERVING OUR COUNTRY...WE SALUTE YOU.** As

Memorial Day approaches, take the time to think about those who have given their lives for our freedom; and make it a goal to find a veteran and say thank you. You would be surprised how many of our nations heroes have never been told thank you for their service. And for those who have seen combat, many of them left a part of their heart with each of their comrades who didn't get to come home. No matter how you look at it: Freedom Is Not Free. To honor those who were a part of our family's lives, we turned a flower bed in the front of our home into a memorial to honor each of them. We remember and will never forget.

God has blessed by allowing me to see two Marines come to know the Lord; they came into my office because of some problems they were having and left with Jesus as their Saviour. What a wonderful blessing to be able to put a discipleship course in their hands. Please pray they will faithfully study and grow in the Lord.

The chapel services have been going well. We now have a pianist which greatly helps the music part of the service. We had over 70 attend for Mother's Day. Our prayer is the Lord will use these preaching opportunities to see people come to know the Lord. I have another Chaplain that is working with me; and it's a blessing to have someone share in the load. It's not unusual to have 40+ hours in by Wednesday.

I was given the responsibility of heading up the National Day of Prayer for the entire base. Being fully in charge, the arrangements and speaker were entirely up to me...so I called Bro. Robbie Morrison. He had a meeting Wednesday and would have to drive all night to make it for the Thursday morning ceremony; but he was more than willing to come speak to the Marines. Along with sending out invitations, selecting a menu and coordinating the caterers, arranging for the band, and putting together a color guard: we had four general grade officers and about 70 other officers and enlisted folks that heard Bro. Morrison emphasize the importance of knowing God. The senior base chaplain commented that many times these types of things become ritualistic and just a mandatory event, but this day he felt like God was present.

Your Friend in the Fight for Truth,  
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**Ps. 149:6 "LET THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD BE IN THEIR MOUTH, AND A TWO-EDGED SWORD IN THEIR HAND."**

