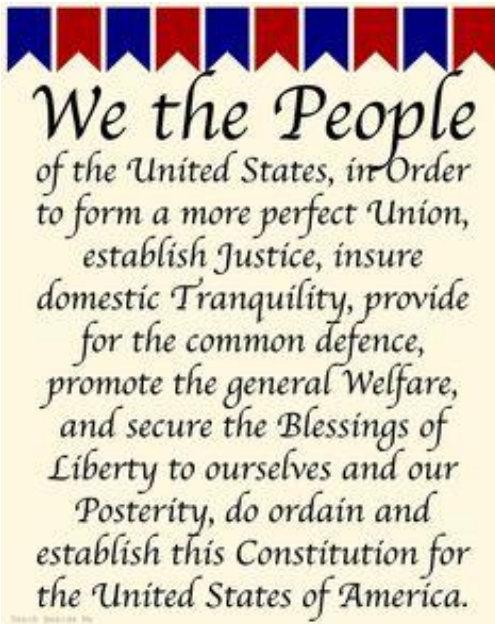


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**"Making Veteran's Dreams Come True"**

**#PatriotPause**

**Planning is Patriotism!**

**When we are prepared, make others prepared, and feel secure, we are able to secure freedom, safety and health for others. We are our brothers' keepers!**

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## Second Quarter: Issue 2

What tangent have I gone off on now you wonder??? Well, #PatriotPause me this for a minute; Is disaster preparedness patriotism? AND, if so, how???

In a challenging time, socially, economically and politically, one must feel secure to ensure that freedom and our preferred way of life goes on no matter what event threatens to destabilize us. What do I mean? What threats? Well, they could be anything... the following are but a few of the possibilities we face:

- Earthquake
- Volcano
- Tsunami (Tidal Wave)
- Forest Fire/Wild Fire
- Hurricane
- Flood
- Terror Attack
- Epidemic
- Tornado

Scared yet??? Don't be, that's not my intent; rather, it's to get you thinking. Where do I live? How many times have I seen stories on my LOCAL news station about one of the things listed above? Can this happen to me? And, most importantly, AM I READY?

The principal of preparedness as patriotism might seem strange but it shouldn't. As true patriotism boils down to love (in this case love of one's country), then, it stands to reason that being prepared to save yourself, save your family and aid your neighbors is an act of love, and therefore an act of patriotism. Heaven forbid any of us should be in harms way, but if we are, limited resources will be spread like too little butter on too much toast. To be ready and self-reliant shows an understanding of your responsibility as a free person in a free society; that you are dedicated to ensuring that things continue unfettered for you and yours so that resources can be placed where they are needed most. Additionally, it enables you to stand ready to render aid and service to your community with less concern for yourself when your strength is needed most: PATRIOTISM.

My challenge to you and yours this quarter is to put together a disaster preparedness pack! Your Auxiliaries could organize an event wherein everyone brings something to place into DollarStore cinch sacks! Make an assembly line with items necessary in an emergency. This needn't be a huge acquisitional problem; simply post a sign-up sheet listing requested items and then folks can bring one thing from that list...i.e. 25 ramen noodles, or 25 boxes of bandages. Simple!



Remember, Patriotism is Love; so, love yourself, your neighbor and your country. Take a #PatriotPause, remember your #TRIBE, do a #BuddyCheck, remind others #IGY6 (I got your 6) and wear your #Blue22.

Blessed to Serve,  
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