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Truth will prevail.
"For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed;
neither hid that shall not be known."
Luke 12:2

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One Voice

Sharon Burton

Cancel culture, cancel country

This is the time of year that we stop and remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for our nation.

I often wonder what would happen today if we were attacked like we were on Dec. 7, 1941. I wonder how we would respond if our very democracy was on the line.

Would we be willing to fight to save America? Would we be willing to die to save America?

I would be the first to say that our nation falls short of nobility today. Regardless of party affiliation, I imagine a lot of people believe we have taken a very dark turn toward divisiveness.

Our political leaders no longer want to find common ground, they want to make sure the other party fails. Sadly, they are taking that tone because that is what they are hearing from the masses.

We are divided, we are misinformed, and we are angry. We have people who refuse to stand for the National Anthem. We acknowledge the worst about our nation without crediting the best.

Yes, America is imperfect. Really, really imperfect. But the cancel culture has slimed its way into our attitude about our country. That's scary.

I imagine the men and women who died for this country probably didn't think it was perfect. It's sad to realize that loyal citizens died on foreign soil as our country lied about what was going on – think Pentagon Papers.

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Think about the Black men who were fighting for a country at the same time they were treated like second class citizens. How do you ever show gratitude for that?

So what do you do when your government falls short? We have people who want to overthrow our leadership, and we see those bloody battles take place time and again in other countries. But not here. Not since the Civil War have we fought amongst our own.

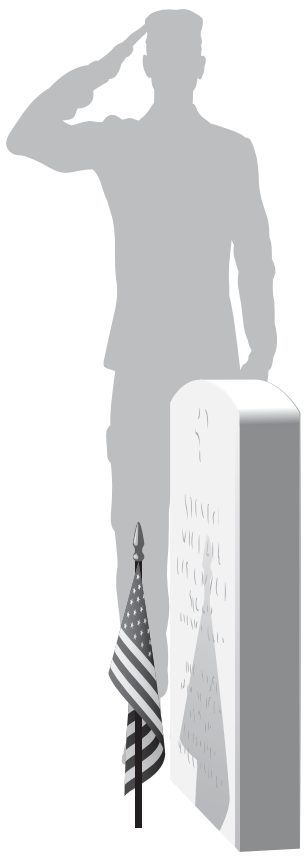
When I get really angry about the direction our country is taking, I think about the people who died for our democracy. I think about the men and women who serve right now, who are willing to give up their freedom and put their life on the line because our country says it's needed.

We owe them. We owe it to them to stay in the debate. We owe it to them to demand responsibility from our government. We owe it to them to give a little – to compromise – to listen to one another. We owe it to them to make this great democracy work.

I still believe in America. I still believe in the foundation this nation was built on. I think it's worth fighting for, even dying for. We can't cancel America or walk away like we are in a bad marriage. We should recognize the mess we are in, we can certainly be disappointed in our leadership that seems to feed on division and hate, but we must never give up trying to be the greatest nation on earth.

We owe it to the ones who have served and continue to serve. We owe it to the ones who have died for the causes of this nation.

Patriotism is not old fashioned and it doesn't mean you believe this country is perfect. It means you are committed to making this country the best it can be.



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