National Patriotic Instruction- April 2013 The Vigilance of Freedom John W. Bates National Patriotic Instructor

The events of our American Civil War are always on the forefront of our National Leadership as we continue to remember and Honor all our Boys in Blue. The Vicious bombings in My Hometown of Boston on April 15,2013 (and the events thereafter) have again reminded us all to be ever ready to defend our Freedom and way of life.

For all the sacrifices and loss of life our Veterans (in all of our conflicts) have shown again and again, The Spirit of our Nation is always strong and ever giving. At the moment of the two bombs exploding at the end of The Boston Marathon route, First responders went TOWARDS The injured and wounded. Police, Fire, Medics, National Guard, and everyday Citizens all moved quickly to help the victims. There was no thought of self, only concern and actions for those in need. Is this not what makes us Americans? The cause and concern for our fellow citizens is what make us unique among the world. Many people, although strangers gave assistance and aid. Courage was a common aura among common people.

The example of these Brave Citizens are something we are all very proud and in awe of. The efforts and example of Our Union Soldiers are something we can see as a lesson for us all today.

We are a Nation today because of what They did, and because of their Bravery and unswerving Loyalty to Our Country. Although our Enemies will strike us when they do, WE WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED OR LIVE IN FEAR! All of our Veterans through our History have answered the call of what and who we are. They have been ever Vigilant for all of us, let us never forget them or their service.

As we remember the Victims of These attacks in Boston, and Pray for the Families and survivors, keep in mind that we are united in our resolve and our future. The Men and Women of our country's History have led us through our Darkest Hours and Greatest Victories. As each Generation has passed, each one has defended us all in spite of all and any obstacles. Let us pass this great legacy on to our Future!

God Bless our Nation and all its People.