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“The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.” –Dwight D. Eisenhower

June, the month where the United States’ see the longest days of the year, is one of American celebration.

June 6th marks the 71st anniversary of the landings in Normandy, known as D-Day. This landing heralded the collapse of the Nazi regime and the slow drive to the end of World War II. Although Americans did not act alone that day, our contribution to the success of the Normandy invasions is without question and is testified to by the American Cemetery on Utah Beach.

June 14th is Flag Day, another day to fly the flag and show your pride in our nation, and to look at the flag. Really look at it. Fifty stars, thirteen stripes, and inestimable contributions to the world and within our nation of millions. What do you see? Think about what the world has seen and expects of Americans, good and bad. When I see the flag this is what I see:

The flag of a fledgling nation that broke from Great Britain, risking everything on only hopes of success;

The flag of a country bound by constitutional law that has remained intact through every trial;

The flag of a nation that has survived over a dozen wars and at least five crippling financial depressions yet continues to drive forward;

The American flag has flown from the highest mountains and the moon, was stamped on the uniform of those who explored the depths of the ocean, flew into space, and on the rover driving across the planet mars. It was carried into unexplored Africa by Henry Morton Stanley, across the Gobi Desert by Roy Chapman Andrews, to the Arctic expanse and up the Amazon River to its source. It has been worn on or as part of the uniform of our greatest military figures, world-class athletes, scholars, teachers and relief workers. It is an emblem of unquestionable glory and greatness.

June 19th is another holiday we should consider, celebrated only by our brothers in the great state of Texas. Juneteenth is the official holiday marking the end of slavery in Texas. Texas is not alone in observing this holiday, as it is shared by 43 other states. Two days later we celebrate Father’s Day, a day to honor those men in our lives, many of whom have given us lineage to those great forefathers in our lives who saved the Union through their own lives and invaluable sacrifice.

Haven’t unrolled your flag just yet? Go ahead and do it.