

September Patriotic Instruction

Brothers,

Last month I spoke on the importance of Patriotism in today's society. Another month has gone by, and we have seen more and more turmoil in our Country. It is important that today, we come together as Americans, regardless of our feelings on the recent events of our Country. As I write this, this great Country is seeing a turmoil unlike one she has seen in my 31 years. We must come together, as a society, and we must do better.

How do we do better? It is a novel question, it is a broad question, but is question that each one of us must answer for themselves, but it must be with one goal in mind, to do better. One of the ways we can do better as members of the SUVCW is to engage in educated spirited conversation with others that way we can find a middle ground in our differences. None of us have the same thoughts on every single problem we face today, the key is to find a compromise. In recent months and years, I have personally seen far too many conversations that go the route of "I am taking my ball and going home". In other words, "You don't agree with me 100% so I am done with this conversation". How can we grow and get better if we do not seek compromise?

As I learned getting my B.A. in History and Rhode Island College, there are three versions of the truth, your version, my version and what actually happened. We cannot find out what actually happened without having these conversations and seeing the situation from all sides involved. They maybe tough conversations to have, but they need to be had. We cannot heal as a Nation unless we have these discussions, and healing this Nation is beyond a doubt part of Patriotism. My challenge to everyone is to try to have those civil conversations with your neighbors and to try to help heal this Country.

I know at one point or another I try to lighten the mood or goof around a little bit, but current events do not allow for such measures. We must start looking locally, in our neighborhoods, towns and cities with one conversation at a time. By doing better locally, it will trickle up to the State and National levels over time. It is a slow, painstaking process, but with time, this Country will heal. I beg all of you, take the time to truly consider what I am saying and think of ways we can honestly better our communities, our towns, our cities, our states and our country, for without bettering all of these things, we will fail.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,

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