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The Legacy of February :Washington and Lincoln

Throughout our history, The names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln have been revered and respected not only here in our own United States, but also throughout the World. Our First President, born in 1732, is recognized not only as the Father of our Country, but also as The Leader of The Continental Army during The American Revolution (1775-1783). All of our Founding Fathers and all our leaders after him have recognized his prominent place not only in our History, but also in the minds and hearts of the common people. His example of not being elected to a "life term " as President showed all that our new nation would not become a "New Monarchy" as what was prevalent at the time. First in War, First in Peace, and First in the hearts of His Countrymen." so aptly describes the place our First President had in the hearts of our citizens. We all need to keep this fresh in our own minds, as it is lost somewhat in today's modern world. Every time we here on the news or read a story that starts off with Washington DC remember his name and his deeds.

Just as Memorable and Important, is the Legacy of Abraham Lincoln. The Plain man from the plains of Illinois who rose to true greatness left a lasting imprint on our country and the world. His unswerving devotion to the preservation of The Union is not his only legacy, but perhaps his greatest. Even today he is known as "Honest Abe" for his ability to see the true path in every endeavor he pursued. He did not have an easy path in life, or in his Presidency. His life had many obstacles and difficulties, but he always pressed on and never gave up or gave in to the temptation to quit or give in. He lost a mother at a young age, and had to fend for himself He had less than a year of formal education, yet taught himself to read and write. he became one of the greatest of orators and writers of his time. His strength and Character allowed him the perseverance to continue his life when a lesser person would have given up and faded away. If this had not been so, he would not have been able to lead us through a Great Civil War and its Victory for our Union.

Even today, we as a country should remember his actions and his example. We, in The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War should always look to Abraham Lincoln and what he accomplished in his life. His Story and his deeds must always be remembered and told. Continue to Spread the Word about him! May it always be so.