

February 2013 The Month We Celebrate our Presidents and its Purpose.

When I was a young boy, the Birthdays of Our First President, George Washington, and our Sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln were honored as National Holidays. In our time, these two separate days have been replaced as one day honoring all The Presidents. With no disrespect at all for the other occupants of The White House since it was first occupied by President John Adams in 1800, I think we have lost a little of our traditions and History by doing this. Certainly no one could argue, with any real reason, that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were two of our top Presidents, but then again, I know that many people do.

As time shifts opinions, certain things are forgotten. There was a publication recently put out by a National Magazine (Newsweek I believe) that did not have either of these men in their top Ten! The need for some people to "consolidate" for convenience sake the number of "Holiday Three Day Weekends" has become a matter of life for American Citizens. This is true for Memorial Day (originally Celebrated on May 30th) and other Federal "Holidays throughout the Calendar Year. While we celebrate the ideas that have made us The Nation that we are, let us also remember the Traditions that got us there in the first place. When we honor and remember the work and sacrifice of any issue or person, let us do so appropriately! We celebrate New Years Day, Fourth of July and The anniversary of The Gettysburg address (Nov 19th) on those days, but other days are moved on the calendar for social purposes.

It is my opinion that this detracts from the true meaning of what we honor and remember and allows what I term the " Anonymity of Reason" to overtake us. It is, an unfortunate truth that many Americans do not know or care about the Past of this Great Nation. That is where we in The SUVCW come in to play: WE CAN AND MUST ALWAYS PUT FORTH OUR HISTORY TO THOSE WHO EITHER DO NOT KNOW, AND /OR DO NOT CARE. " Those who forget History are destined to repeat it" was spoken by British Statesman Edmund Burke nearly two Hundred Years ago, and is as important as ever to us today. We must always inform our fellow citizens that it is THEIR HISTORY as well as ours. While we Honor and Remember The Soldiers and Sailors of our Civil War, we also relay what happened before this event as well as what followed down to our own times.

Honor the Boys in Blue, and all our service personnel by telling what you know to those who do not know. Praise and Love our Country and show that we really do care about it, and the people that have made her The great and Honorable Nation that we are. LEST WE FORGET! As President Lincoln said in his first annual message to Congress "The struggle for today is not altogether for today---it is for a vast future also. With a reliance on Providence, all the more firm and earnest, let us proceed in the great task which events have devolved upon us."

Great words from a Truly Great Man.