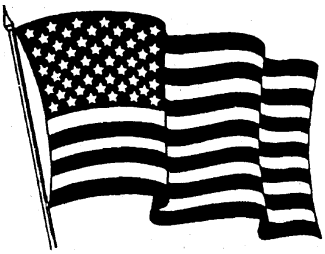

Hello! Remember Me?

The Red, White and Blue?

Remember when I led the parade? Hats came off and hands placed over one's heart as I approached and passed by.
Remember where I have been and what I stand for - ANZIO, NORMANDY, LEYTE, IWO JIMA, KOREA, VIETNAM, the ongoing war on terror and the present war with Iran. The MEMORIAL HONOR ROLLS of those who did not come back are saluted when you salute me.

REMEMBER THE 31-WORD PLEDGE:

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE… I am RESPONSIBLE as an INDIVIDUAL not to take our freedom for granted and thus to risk losing it.

…AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS… Not a DEMOCRACY (Rule by the Ruled) but a REPUBLIC (a Constitutional Republic governed by law where I am represented). The word DEMOCRACY does not appear in our documents of LIBERTY (The Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, the Constitution or the Bill of Rights).

…ONE NATION, UNDER GOD… our right to know that LIFE and LIBERTY are GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS, not the GRANT of GOVERNMENT. Our Constitution gives us a government limited to the delegated authority that "WE THE PEOPLE" allotted to each branch of civil government.

…WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL… LIBERTY is the love of individual independence, being free from tyrannical rule and control– a LIBERTY that does not degenerate into license. The Liberty Bell and the Statue of Liberty are fitting symbols. JUSTICE is "the virtue which consists in GIVING TO EVERYONE WHAT IS HIS DUE." Thus justice calls for law and equity, right rules and fair play for all. This explains the once prevailing concept in America– PUNISHMENT TO FIT THE CRIME.

To lose the meaning of OUR FLAG is to encourage the loss of our Republican form of government and our God-given, responsible pursuit of LIFE and LIBERTY.

"REMEMBER, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old. **REMEMBER** not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy **REMEMBER** Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD." (Psalm 25:6-7). "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him. For he knoweth our frame; **HE REMEMBERETH** that we are dust" (Psalm 103:13,14). **"REMEMBER ME,** O LORD, with the favour that Thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with Thy salvation" (Psalm 106:4).

May you be **BOTHERED** to the point of being BLESSED. May our GRAND OLD FLAG remind us of our great American HERITAGE, "one nation **under God"** without Whose grace we cannot survive the erosion and corrosion of our day. May you look to the GOD OF TRUTH in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ (who said, "I am THE TRUTH"– John 14:6), so that you might REST in the TRUTH of God's Word ("the TRUTH shall make you free"– John 8:32) and the TRUTH of God's Son ("the SON shall make you free"– John 8:36). To RECEIVE HIM is to receive the **LIFE** and **LIBERTY** He alone can give (John 1:12).

Middletown Bible Church • 860-346-0907

349 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Route 217 (East Street, Westfield) midway between Routes 66 and 372

SUNDAY:
9:30 am Sunday School-all ages
10:45 am Morning Worship
6:30 pm Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY:
7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

www.middletownbiblechurch.org

Independent • Bible Centered • Christ Exalting

For information or spiritual help, please call or write.

"A friendly church where you're a stranger only once!"

BIBLE LINE: Call 860-346-0021 for a timely message 24 hours a day.

BIBLE LINE for CHILDREN: Call 860-344-1103