

## Alabama Voices The unsung heroes of America

The Latin word, *veritas*, in its root form means, truth. In our nation: truth has been usurped by political distrust between Democrats and Republicans; biased truth is espoused from the Highest Office of the Land as to who should pay their fair share in taxes; distorted truth in legislation is slowly eroding our national and personal freedoms; and, telling a lie has become the norm in an effort to mislead American citizens. In spite of all of this, *veritas* is alive and well. The question you might ask is for whom? Truth remains as the stalwart of the unsung heroes of America.

Who are these people? They are the people who on a daily basis, in spite of being tired and worn from working long hours, are the core of this nation. These people are the families that stay together, love one another, and believe that there is a God. They get up early, work hard, and pay their fair share of taxes. They spend time with their children on homework, life lessons, and the *veritas* found in the Bible.

These unsung heroes of America look in on their neighbors on a regular basis, they have parents that are in need of care, or they help people in their communities that need help. They pray for their nation, its leaders, and for each other. Honesty, integrity, and truth are not idol words to them; rather, these words are who they are and how they live.

These unsung heroes are they who vote because they believe that the Liberties of America are important, that freedom is what made this nation great and unique, and that sweat of the brow is honorable. They are in the ranks of law enforcement, public safety, leadership, service, and building roads. When they give you their word, they say what they mean and they keep that word.

God is not a mystical figure that they shun; these unsung heroes believe in a Holy God and they live their Faith without compromise. They don't shy away from prayer or the name of Christ Jesus. But they don't demand you believe as they do or threaten your life if you don't follow their belief. They believe in the Freedom to worship *veritas* as you see fit.

These unsung heroes are found in all walks of life, at all levels of society, and they are as much a part of this nation as our great and majestic mountain ranges. You pass them on the street every day, yet you may never know their name. They exist, yet they are so humble in service that you thank God for them without knowing who they are.

The unsung heroes serve in our military and they give their lives in support of our freedoms. They often return maimed and scarred for life, yet they never complain. They simply get up early, go to work, and give their all for making a living to support their families.

The unsung heroes of America are many. Yet, they are becoming the fodder of political disinterest from our leaders. These heroes are not heroes at all to these policy makers, but a mass of revenue to be abused at will. These unsung heroes can worship as they choose, but dare you mention the name of God in public, that is like yelling fire in a movie theater. The unsung are to Washington like sheep, who without the leadership of our national leaders, go astray and need rules and regulations to even conduct daily life.

The unsung heroes of America are not heroes at all in their eyes. They are just ordinary people who accept responsibility for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In order to 'get ahead', they study in school, pursue careers for the purpose of continuous improvement, and they are team players for positive change. You can spot one because they will pick up the trash left by others and say not one word to boast of this deed for service to others.

Our unsung heroes don't 'live' in Washington. They don't make policy that skews our lives in directions that inhibit our freedoms or cause us to worry about the price of bread. These heroes don't stand up in front of the camera to seek honor for self over *veritas* of national interest. These heroes don't speak of what is best on one hand for all citizens, while on the other hand having the best retirement packages in our global system of economics.

On the contrary, these heroes pay their taxes to Caesar and they render unto God that which is His. They hope and pray for our leaders to be those who are fearful of falling into the Hands of an angry God. These people are those who obey the laws and strive to right the wrongs that have been enacted by those who are self-serving. And, they support their nation unconditionally, always seeking what is right, fair, and ethical.

Why is it so hard for our national leaders to understand that their loyalty to this nation is not bound in the legend of their own minds? They take an oath to protect and defend, yet that oath has little meaning today. They protect their own interests and they defend what they deem worthy. They treat the unsung heroes of America as if they are pariahs, yet they extend the hand of "gimme" so often, crying wolf has lost its merit of warning.

God is not to be feared by many of these national leaders. He is a name in a book. If they would spend time in this 'book', they would surely know that *veritas* is found in its pages. These leaders try to protect the unsung heroes by ensuring that what *we* believe is as important as what *they* believe regardless of *veritas*—and therein lieth the rub!

The unsung heroes of America will get up on Monday morning and go about their business. They will not sing praises to themselves. They will have the same concerns for their families as they have had for generations. They will pray to God and they will keep their Faith. They will help their neighbors and they will continue to pay their fair share.

I love my family and I love my nation. I am *not* a hero or a great man, but I live in a nation of unsung heroes. God bless them all.

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