

**July 4, 1776, is remembered as the date that 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence, giving birth to our nation.**

**The Declaration is forever known for this:**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The signers understood the risk in putting their name on this document. This is how they concluded the declaration:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Two months later, Nathan Hale, a 21 year-old volunteer soldier, regretted that he had but one life to lose for this country.

**Can you look in the mirror and say the same?**

Would you be willing today, to give up your home in the suburbs, your two cars, your retirement plan, and dinner at the club? Would you be willing to give your life for this country?

Do you know anyone that would?

**Well, I'm proud to say "I DO".**

They are the men and women of the United States Armed Services. ... Over three million of them, and they reaffirm their commitment every day ... and pledge their lives. Lest we forget, the millions before them, and the ones that paid the ultimate price.