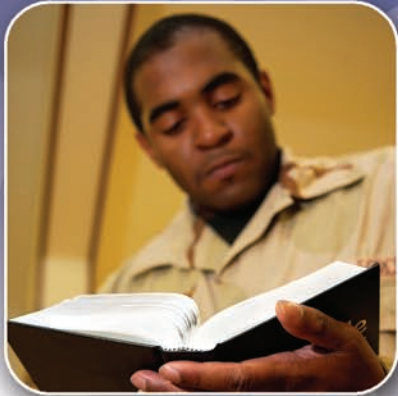


The Work of Freedom



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**“We have important work to do.
It is the WORK OF FREEDOM.”**

We are witness to war and know the dear price we pay to defend our Nation from evil. We all know the price of freedom. But who among us knows the work of freedom? These articles describe the work of freedom. Most were published in the Hurlburt Chapter 398 Quarterly Newsletter. We hope you will share these articles with your family and friends. Remember that no matter how dear peace, there can be no peace without freedom first. God Bless You. God Bless our people in uniform. God Bless America.

*- Dick Schaller
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Wings

Wings

Dick Schaller

*My Gift to You
This Book of Wings
A Powerful Book
Of Flying Things
That Climb Aloft
And Grace the Sky
Lifting Heroes
As They Fly
To Defend our Nation
To Keep It Free
For Heaven's Sake
For You and Me
I have a dream
That You and I
Will Soar Aloft
And Conquer the Sky
But Until Then
You fly Alone
Seeking Wings
Of Your Own*



The work of freedom

The Work of Freedom

Lt Gen Paul V. Hester

Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. We are witness to the very high and dear price our Nation pays to remain strong and free. We know the price of freedom, but how many people understand the work of freedom? Freedom is not a gift and should never be taken for granted. Without the continuous commitment and effort of good people everywhere, our freedom would soon be gone. How do we do the work of freedom? V-A-L-O-R. We Volunteer, Assemble, Lead, Organize, and Recognize. We volunteer because freedom is the responsible exercise of free will and there is no more responsible exercise of free will than volunteering. We assemble as free people to reinforce each other's belief in freedom and combine our efforts to do freedom's work. We lead by educating and inspiring free people to do the work of freedom. We organize to create the activities which enable free people to become meaningfully involved in freedom's work and make their personal contribution. We recognize the service, sacrifice, and valor



of free people doing freedom's work. Then we teach our children the work of freedom, because after we are gone, the work of freedom goes on and the people best qualified to do this work are those people who, like you and me, grew up free. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom.

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Airpower . . .

Airpower . . . The Work of Freedom

Gen John P. Jumper

We have important work to do. It is the work of Freedom. Airpower is the work of freedom. Airpower is the American way of war. Airpower is the American way of peace. Airpower is the American way of strength and honor. But above all, Airpower is people! You are Airpower! You who place integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all you do. Airpower is the educators who give our angels wings. Airpower is the industrial partners who form metal into might. Airpower is the elected officials who vote for vigilance, reach, and power. Airpower is the patriotic warriors on active, reserve, or guard duty. Airpower is the citizens whose souls soar with an intense passion for freedom. Because freedom is the greatest idea of all time and no one lives that idea with the intensity and passion of the American people. And it is the service, sacrifice,



and valor of our Air Force people that keeps America strong and the American people free. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of Freedom. Airpower is the work of Freedom. God Bless You. God Bless America!

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Volunteering...

Volunteering . . . The Work of Freedom

Brig Gen O.G. Mannon

Commander 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field FL

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Volunteering is the work of freedom. We are a Nation of volunteers and they are America's greatest and most enduring resource. Each of you is a volunteer and we are united to form the foundation of liberty. Volunteers are free spirits who act upon their beliefs. Our Nation's founders understood this dynamic and called upon it to cast off the bonds of tyranny and form the greatest Nation on earth. Recall the birth of our Nation as volunteers assembled at places like Lexington, Concord, and Valley Forge. Volunteers continued the struggle for liberty at places like the Alamo and countless other battlefields around the world and throughout our history. Even today the fight for freedom continues in our war against terrorism. It is the uncertain nature of this fight that adds a heroic dimension to the service, sacrifice, and valor of each volunteer. What is certain is the outcome that we will persevere and win. Again America's fate depends upon



the too often unsung actions of its greatest resource... volunteers. We all know the price of freedom is dear, but always remember that it is the never-ending work of freedom that keeps that price to a minimum. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Volunteering is the work of freedom. God bless you and God Bless America!

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Voting...

Voting . . . The Work of Freedom

Congressman Jeff Miller

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Voting is the Work of Freedom. It is much more than a simple opportunity to participate in and ensure the health of our most vulnerable democratic process. Voting is a critical function which keeps our Republic strong and the American people free. Voting is empowerment. Your vote can make a difference. The challenge lies in being informed, getting involved, and making it your personal responsibility to help make our democracy work. It is the responsibility of each voting-age American to learn the issues and cast their vote. But too many citizens have ignored this responsibility, because they do not believe their vote can make a difference. History has shown otherwise. Consider these examples of how a single vote made a significant difference in which direction our Nation took.

- *One vote elected Thomas Jefferson President in 1800.*
- *One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment in 1868.*
- *One vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the U.S. presidency in 1876.*
- *One vote made Tennessee the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote in 1920.*
- *One vote saved the Selective Service only weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941.*
- *John F. Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon in 1960 was less than one vote per precinct.*



- *A change of one vote per precinct in three states would have made Hubert Humphrey president rather than Richard Nixon in 1968.*

And the list is endless. In fact, not voting is a symptom of the greatest threat to our democratic way of life... apathy. Voting is caring. Our Constitution is the foundation of freedom, protects the rights of the individual, and is the one thing all Americans have in common, but it does not compel anyone to vote. Only by the individual initiative we call voting can the freedom we all enjoy survive. That is to say that the only way democracy can work for you, is if you work for democracy. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the Work of Freedom. Voting is the Work of Freedom. God Bless You... God Bless America!

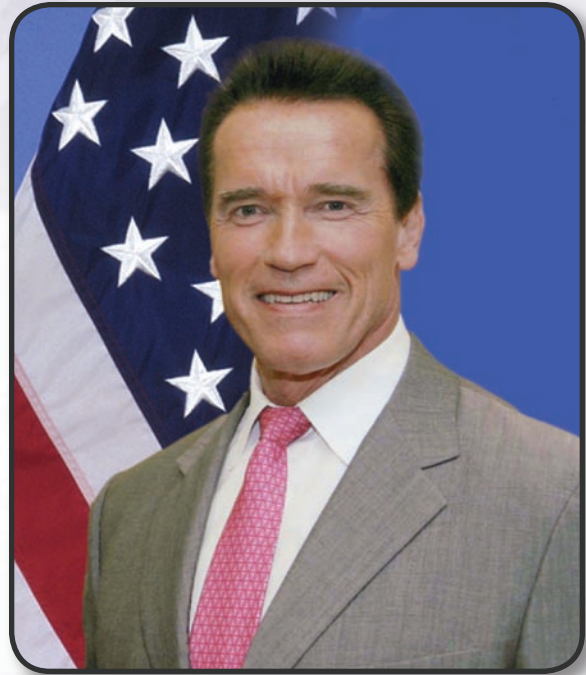
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Physical fitness...

Physical Fitness . . . The Work of Freedom

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Physical fitness is the work of freedom. The fundamental building block of our democracy is the individual. That is why good individual fitness strengthens our democracy. Our bodies host the intellectual power and spiritual energy to enable us to preserve freedom and make our dreams come true. But to be truly free each individual must cast off the bonds of frailty and dependence through the daily discipline of nourishment and exercise that has enriched our citizens and this great Nation throughout history. We are the land of the free and the home of the brave. Our courage is based upon our belief in freedom and sustained by our physical ability to endure the great challenges to that freedom. Physical fitness is a positive attitude translated into responsible action. Physical fitness strengthens our resolve to act upon our belief in freedom. In his book "Profiles in Courage," then



Senator John F. Kennedy wrote of three types of courage: physical, spiritual, and intellectual. Significantly, the most fundamental courage is physical. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Physical fitness is the work of freedom. God Bless our Warriors. God Bless the United States of America.

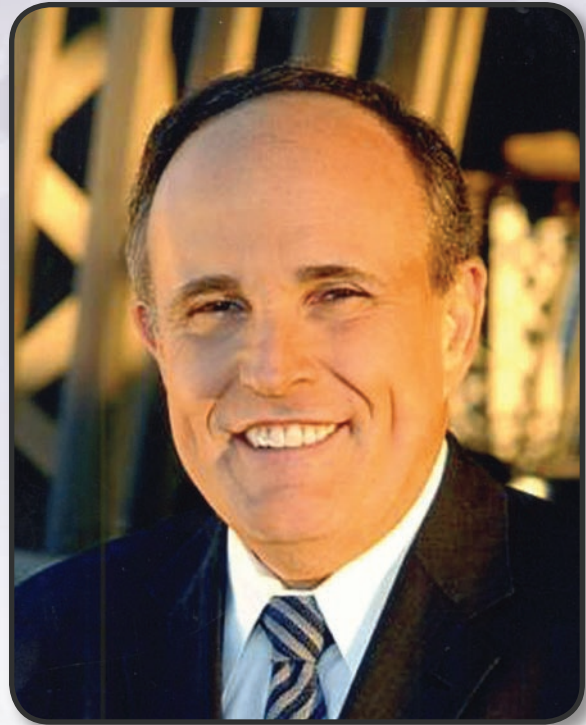
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Teamwork...

Teamwork . . . The Work of Freedom

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Teamwork is the work of freedom. The building block of freedom is the individual, yet free citizens combine their effort to do freedom's work each day. The day our Nation was attacked we witnessed a dynamic unique to our free society. On that dark day leaders emerged to form teams under the most challenging circumstances. Our citizens came together by communicating, collaborating, and sharing. They rallied strangers to each others aid. Organizations that had never worked together made alliances resolved to defeating the carnage. We realized our freedom was threatened and acted as a team to free ourselves from raging tumult, danger, chaos, and doubt. We celebrate our great diversity, but do not forget that what we have in common binds us and makes us strong. The one common bond all Americans share is our love of freedom and the resulting unity after the attack struck global awe.



On the day our freedom was threatened, our citizens formed the ultimate team to keep the flame of liberty burning brightly around the world. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Teamwork is the work of freedom. God Bless our Warriors. God Bless the United States of America.

Worship...

Worship . . . The Work of Freedom

Col Gary L. Carlson
HQ AFSOC Command Chaplain

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees citizens religious freedom... the right to worship God how and when we please. There is no government mandated church or belief. How many don't even give this freedom a second thought? It's an assumed thing. After all, who would dare come up to you or to me in this great country of ours and say, "Cease and desist?" Freedom to worship contributes to freedom "firing on all cylinders." All of our freedoms, to include the right to worship, were gained by great sacrifice on the part of our Forefathers... they were that important. When dictating his State of the Union address for January 1941, FDR talked of a world based on four essential freedoms. Freedom for every person to worship God in his own way was his second major point. Given what was happening in Europe at that time, it was a huge point... and it still is. Many people outside this country look longingly to the many freedoms we take for granted. Don't let this one slip away from you...



be reminded just how precious this right of worship and religious freedom is. Remember: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Worship... when and how each citizens chooses... is the work of freedom.

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Aerospace education . . .

Aerospace Education . . . The Work of Freedom

Dick Schaller

We have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Aerospace education is the work of freedom. Teachers combat ignorance. Warriors combat evil. On the frontiers of freedom they are allies performing freedom's work. Our warriors and teachers stand side-by-side joined by a common passion for freedom and airpower. This common passion creates a formidable bond and a circle of heroes. It is a celebration of the faith we place in one another to do our part in keeping America strong and the American people free. This circle of heroes... teachers and warriors... are no strangers to significant achievement. They labor in silence and obscurity with unfailing dedication and endurance. Touching the future teachers craft minds, bodies, and souls that will someday assume the mantle of commitment to do the work of freedom and perform that sacred work with skill



and unfailing commitment. The teachers craft the patriots that will someday serve as warriors in the sacred circle. They share their passion for airpower and freedom with our children, because freedom's work never ends. Yet the most amazing dynamic is how the circle of heroes had also become... a circle of friends. Yes, we have important work to do. It is the work of freedom. Aerospace education is the work of freedom. God bless you. God bless America!

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America under attack

America Under Attack

Dick Schaller

Air Force Special Operations... America's Quiet Professionals. Recent tragic events have prompted deep feelings of grief, frustration, and anger in all Americans. In the days and weeks to come, America's Quiet Professionals will put aside these feelings to focus fully on doing freedom's work. Like those who have gone before, they will deploy silently and without fanfare. No spotlight, just starlight. They will be unable to share their destinations with loved ones. They have patriotic ambitions, but absolutely no illusions of exotic venues or false glory. Even before departing for an unnamed hostile foreign shore, they know some may not return home. The grim price of freedom is always with them. They have prepared themselves well, but not until completing their first missions will they know for certain if they have prepared well enough. They will experience fear, but fear is not enough to prevent them from doing their duty. Their leaders are seasoned in the ways of war and have skillfully maneuvered turbulent air in Granada, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Their leaders will not let them down. Air Force Special Operations will not fail America. In happier times we celebrated the deeds



of those gone before. We remembered the practitioners of Airpower Excellence. Airpower Excellence has served freedom well and will again. It is the American way of war. The Quiet Professionals will apply their lethal craft with expert skill and measured grace to vanquish the evil that now pretends to control mankind. These historic events have taught us once again that Freedom is the greatest idea of all time and that no one lives that idea with the intensity and passion of the American People. In the days and weeks to come, America's Quiet Professionals will teach the world that it is the Service, Sacrifice, and Valor of our people in uniform that keeps America strong... and the American People Free. God Bless Air Force Special Operations. God Bless America!

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Valor

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Dick Schaller

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*For a moment
Everything a person is
Becomes a fiery spirit.
Everything a person dreams
Lies at the foot of God
Hidden from men's eyes.
All a person's strength,
Physical, intellectual, spiritual,
Fuses into a single act
Of extraordinary grace
And achieves supreme humanity,
Denies defeat, and vanquishes evil.
It is bold, brash... almost irrational.
Its logic defies the poets.
A logic which weaves
Our mantle of sacrifice
And separates mankind
From all other beings
At the foot of God.
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Becomes a fiery spirit.
Everything a person is
For a moment
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Three Gleaming Spires

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Three Gleaming Spires

Arc and Fly

Climb Aloft

Grace Freedom's Sky

Lifting Souls

To Freedom's Fight

Defending Honor

With Steady Might

Far from Home

Always Right

Standing Firm

Arc and Fly

Three Gleaming Spires

Grace Freedom's Sky



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