

WORKPLACE WISDOM NEWSLETTER

Freedom is not free.

Our country celebrated its 230th birthday this month.

**Maybe, upon occasion, we forget the meaning of the 4th of July.
Sometimes it can be just a firework and hot dog holiday!**

Ordinary men and women, with extra-ordinary commitment, have fought for our freedom.

**Freedom? What kind of freedom?
Freedom that allows us to be whatever we want...within the law.**

**Our choices, everyday, need to reflect good judgment.
Our choices always lead to consequences. Good or bad ones!
Yet, those very choices are part of our "package" of freedom!**

As a patriot, I think the least I can do is be responsible with these freedoms that have been bought with a tremendous price. I love being an American. I feel patriotic with or without a holiday. It humbles me to know that many in my own family have fought for me to have the life I'm living today.

**How can I be responsible? How can you?
There is no *BATTLEFIELD* for me...at least like others have known.**

So, what can I do to live responsibly in my country?

- Accept responsibility for every decision I make.
- Understand that consequences (good and bad) are the results of my choices.
- Conduct myself without blaming others for tough times.
- Congratulate those who succeed.
- Treat this country as if it were precious – a *jewel* of the highest value.
- Celebrate the family and lock arms with loved ones.
- Help my neighbor.
- Take the first step to reduce conflict.
- Recognize that my freedoms today have been bought with a huge price.
- Demonstrate gratitude and respect to all those who've fought and died for my freedom.

**How does this relate to my newsletter - - - -
*Workplace Wisdom?***

I think it is good to remind ourselves that even the **FREEDOM TO WORK** is a freedom of great value!

No one forces me to do any task. No police state takes my funds.
No one assigns me to an industry or to a workbench.
No one is more responsible for my happiness than I.

So, please celebrate, along with me, our freedom.

Do all that you can to love, protect, and defend what we have.

**For every "*sensationalized flaw*" the media points out,
there are thousands of individual freedoms overlooked!**

**I hope your week is filled with GOOD WORK!
Enjoy your freedom and live responsibly.**

**Work with a heart of gratitude.
Make wise choices.
Keep disgruntlement at a distance!**

And remember: The fireworks and hot dogs DO celebrate a great nation.