

I'm Here to Raise A Regiment

By Dan Fisher, 4/14/10

On Jan 21, 1776 a pastor from Woodstock, VA named John Muhlenberg said, **“There is a time to preach and a time to pray. But there is also a time to fight, and that time has now come!”**¹ Muhlenberg had been commissioned by General George Washington to recruit a regiment and the next day he led approximately 300 men from his church and surrounding community to form the 8th Virginia regiment. He led those men for the next 7 years in the fight for liberty.

Although many are familiar with Paul Revere’s ride on Apr. 18, 1775, most do not know he was on his way to a pastor’s house. That pastor was Jonas Clark who had organized & trained the minutemen of Lexington, Mass. Clark had two special guests visiting him that evening: Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who the British no doubt intended to take prisoners. Adams & Hancock asked Pastor Clark if the minutemen would fight. Pastor Clark responded, **“I trained them for this very hour; they would fight, and, if need be, die too, under the shadow of the house of God.”**² The next morning Pastor Clark and a church deacon named John Parker led the minutemen against the British and our War of Independence began.

Just as then, our liberties are being threatened today, not by a tyrant in England, but by a tyrants of a runaway government in Washington D.C. & OKC. We are again engaged in a war for our liberty. Thankfully, right now it’s not a war of bullets & bombs but a war of words and wills, but it is a war just the same – a culture war for the soul of America. Like Pastors Muhlenberg & Clark, **I stand before you tonight as one preacher who refuses to stand by while our Republic is taken down the road to Socialism** and I am here to raise a regiment that will take the fight straight to the opposition in this year.

Now the progressives are banking on the fact that by the November elections, you won’t remember what they’ve been doing in D.C. the past year. Are you going to forget? Will you forget that the Senate passed unconstitutional healthcare on Christmas Eve thinking you wouldn’t notice while you were celebrating with your families? Will you forget how Representatives sold their votes in backroom, under-the-table deals in the government takeover of our healthcare? Minnesota Rep. Michelle Bachman says that **in the past year our government has seized 51% of our economy.**³ Are you going to forget this when you walk into that polling booth in November? One sign at a tea party said it all: **“Got tar? Need feathers.”**

¹ Time.com, “Religion: Muhlenberg’s 200th,” Monday, May. 25, 1942, nps.gov/york/history/culture/muhlenbergbio

² www.famousamericans.net/jonasclark/, www.thefreedomtrail.org/visitor/bios.html

³ Michelle Bachman, *Hannity*, Fox News, 3/25/10.

A few days ago, Dennis Prager said, **“The bigger the government, the smaller the individual.”**⁴ Friends, it's time our government learns just how big “we the people” really are!

In 2010 we must engage & defeat the tyrants who have ignored our Constitution & insulted our American way of life. In fact, I believe if we don't do something this year, we may never have another chance. I agree with Muhlenberg, **“There's a time to fight & that time is now!”**

For too long we have sat by hoping that someone else would do something. Like soldiers gone AWOL, we have abandoned our posts. Many sat out the 2006 congressional elections to teach the Republicans a lesson. All that accomplished was turning Congress over to people like Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid.

Listen to this: **“I believe when we refuse to show up & speak up when our country is burning up we are committing an act of treason.”**

In the early 1800's, a pastor said, **“If my country is in the wrong, and I know it, and hold my peace, I am guilty of treason, moral treason.”**⁵

Our founders believed this and that's they wrote in our Declaration of Independence:

“... when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”⁶

Notice – the Founders not only believed it is our **right** but our **responsibility** to throw off tyrannical government. That's why they designed a government where future citizens could do what they had just done. Those 56 men pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor for liberty and they expected us to do the same if necessary. A sign carried at the Searchlight, Nevada tea party said it all: **“When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.”**

Often I hear someone say, “I'm only one person, what can I do?” Friends, don't ever underestimate the power you have; you do make a difference. As I said, I'm here to raise a regiment – a regiment that will arm itself, not with muskets, but with the truth. A regiment that will:

1. Re-educate Americans about the true history of our Republic.

I know you are aware that leftists redefine terms and rewrite history all of the time – they have to if they're going to deceive Americans into Socialism. The problem is, many of our neighbors don't know this. For example, consider how the

⁴ Hannity, Fox News, 3/30/10.

⁵ *God Ordained This War: Sermons on the Sectional Crisis*, David Chesebrough.

⁶ The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, line 6.

Obama admin. insists on calling the war on terror an **“Overseas Contingency”** or a **“Manmade Disaster.”** Friends, an oil spill in Prudhoe Bay is a man-made disaster. When Islamic jihadists swear to destroy America and fly airplanes into the World Trade Center and our Pentagon – that’s an act of war.

Now the President says we can’t use the term **“Islamic Extremism”**⁷ Last week, Defense Secretary Gates said, **“If anyone uses chemical or biological weapons against us, the U.S. promises to only use conventional war in retaliation. ... Try as we might, we could not find a credible scenario where a chemical weapon could have the kind of consequences that would warrant a nuclear response.”**⁸

The nuts are truly running the nuthouse!

Leftist/statists rewrite history to fit their own views. For example, in **2006**, then Senator Barack Obama said, **“Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation – at least, not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers.”**⁹

Even though Americans embrace many faiths, Barack Obama’s statement is a cleverly crafted lie. It is intended to give us the impression that there is no dominant faith in America. Barack Obama is either completely ignorant of the history & demographics of America or is deliberately lying.

Let me prove this. In 1776, 98% of the colonists claimed to be Christians.¹⁰ This is why it is correct to say, “America was founded by Christians.” In over 200 years the numbers haven’t changed all that much.

A recent Pew Forum study revealed:

- **.4% are Hindu**
- **.6% are Muslim**
- **.7% are Buddhist**
- **1.7% are Jewish**
- **78.4% are Christian**¹¹

Now you tell me if this is a Christian nation.

Maybe President Obama doesn’t know that:

⁷ Onenewsnow.com, Religious terms being removed from security document, Associated Press - 4/10/2010

⁸ U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), News Transcript, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates & Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, CBS interview

⁹ Barack Obama, June 28, 2006, key note address at a “Call to Renewal” conference sponsored by the progressive Christian magazine *Sojourners*.

¹⁰ Dr. James Kennedy, *Character & Destiny*, Zondervan Publishing House, 1994, p. 34

¹¹ U.S. Religious Landscape Study, The Pew Forum, <http://religions.pewforum.org/reports#>

Samuel Chase, signer of the Declaration, said, **“By our form of government, the Christian religion is the established religion;”**¹²

Or that John Adams, our 2nd President, said, **“Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”**¹³

Or that Congress said in 1854, **“Had the (founding fathers), during the revolution, a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle. ... At the time of the adoption of the constitution ... Christianity ... was the religion of the founders and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.”**¹⁴

I could give scores of similar quotes. Whether you call yourself a Christian or not, it is undeniable that America was founded upon biblical principles and the Founders intended it to be a moral nation.

We must re-teach this to our children & neighbors.

2. This regiment must point out the treachery of the progressives running our government.

We can point out that:

President Obama promised to rid the government of lobbyists but filled his administration with them.

Pres. Obama promised not to sign a bill **filled with pork only to pass more pork off on America than Jimmy Dean Sausage.**

Pres. Obama promised an open, fair debate about healthcare. Instead, Obamacare was cut in backroom deals where conservatives were completely cut out of the process while **Nancy Pelosi** had the audacity to claim it was the **most transparent process ever.**

Pres. Obama promised not to raise taxes on anyone who makes less than \$250,000/yr but now things like Obamacare will do just that. And how will the

¹² *America's God & Country*, William J. Federer, p. 101, *Runkel v. Winemiller*, 4 Harris & McHenry 276, 288 (Sup. Ct. Md. 1799).

¹³ John Adams, October 11, 1798, in a letter to the officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts. Charles Francis Adams (grandson of John Adams), ed., *The Works of John Adams – Second President of the United States: with a Life of the author, Notes, and Illustration* (Boston: Little, Brown, & Co., 1854).

¹⁴ *Reports of Committees of the House of Representatives Made During the First Session of the Thirty-Third Congress* (Washington: A. O. P. Nicholson, 1854).

government spend the extra dollars they force from you? **This “peach of a healthcare law” provides free funding for sex enhancement drugs to previously convicted sex offenders.**

In addition to seizing 1/6 of our economy and unconstitutionally forcing citizens to buy something they don't want, Obamacare nationalizes the student loan business, eliminates 2000 businesses and approximately 30,000 jobs. Now, 19 million students will have to “stand in line” at a government agency for college loans.¹⁵

And can you believe that our own Attorney General, Drew Edmonson, still refuses to join 14 other state attorneys general in challenging the constitutionality of this outrageous, unconstitutional, and despicable piece of – legislation?

But governmental treachery isn't limited to Washington D.C. Right here in the building behind me, **so-called conservative Republicans have blocked bill after bill this session that would have strengthened our state sovereignty and beat back the over-reaching arm of the federal government.** Oklahomans, are you as weary as I am of Republicans who **campaign as conservatives and then govern as moderates or liberals.** I say, **“Out with the RINO's in 2010!” I'm convinced that the only good thing you can do with a RINO is put him out to pasture.**

We can point out that Pres. Obama has appointed czar after czar. **Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't our forefathers fight and die to free us from the rule of czars?**

Even in Russia, the land of the czars, they know this doesn't work. Here's part an article that appeared in a Russian newspaper not long ago:

“the American descent into Marxism is happening with breathtaking speed, against the backdrop of a passive, hapless sheeple ... we Russians would not just roll over and give up our freedoms and our souls ... Americans know more about their favorite TV dramas than the drama in DC ... They care more for their "right" to choke down a McDonalds burger ... than for their constitutional rights. ... Prime Minister Putin ... warned Obama ... not to follow the path to Marxism because it only leads to disaster. ... Americans have taken this with barely a whimper. The proud American will go down into his slavery without a fight, beating his chest and proclaiming ... how free he really is.”¹⁶

I have news for the Russians: I'm one American who has no intention of going down into slavery without a fight!

¹⁵ Senator Jim Demint, Fox News, 3/24/10.

¹⁶ “American Capitalism Gone With a Whimper” by Stanislav Mishin

Pres. Obama appoints people like:

- **Van Jones**, a self-avowed communist¹⁷
- **Mark Lloyd**, a fan of communist Hugo Chavez¹⁸
- **Anita Dunn**, who says Mao Tse Tung is one of her favorite philosophers¹⁹
- **Ron Bloom**, a Mao fan and one who says that power comes largely from the barrel of a gun²⁰

These people are not liberals, they're Marxists! **Howard Dean, Chairman of the Democratic Party, recently said that it's time to redistribute the wealth of America.**²¹ Redistribute the wealth; is this Communist China? **Mr. Dean, Americans do not believe in wealth redistribution – we believe in wage distribution based upon personal responsibility & hard work!**

3. This regiment must help America get its house in order.

Benjamin Franklin once said:

“[O]nly a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”²²

I believe we are getting the government we deserve. We have become mentally/physically soft and spiritually decadent. For example, after Vice President Joe Biden told Pres. Obama that healthcare was a “Big F---ing deal,” instead of being embarrassed by the V.P.’s foul language, Pres. Obama said it was his favorite moment of the press conference.”²³

For far too long we've sat by and gotten fat and self-absorbed and let our morals go down the tubes – no prayer in school, no Bible, no 10 Commandments at the courthouse – enough is enough! We must give our own houses a moral & spiritual cleansing before we can clean up congress and the White House.

4. This regiment must take the gloves off, stop worrying about who we're going to offend, and do what we must to save our Republic.

In 1780, Samuel Adams said:

"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the

¹⁷ “Van Jones, 'Green Jobs Czar', a self-described 'communist' arrested during Rodney King riots,” *Conservative Politics Examiner*, July 17, 2010, by Kathy Shaidle

¹⁸ thenationalscene.com/fccs-diversity-czar-mark-lloyd-racist-comments-praises-hugo-chavez/

¹⁹ www.orthodoxytoday.org/.../anita-dunn-favorite-philosopher-mao-tse-tung/

²⁰ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Bloom

²¹ Howard Dean, CNBC, “*Sqawk Box*”, March 25, 2010.

²² Source: Benjamin Franklin, *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, Jared Sparks, editor (Boston: Tappan, Whittemore and Mason, 1840), Vol. X, p. 297, April 17, 1787.

²³ “Biden's salty remark Obama's favorite part,” Jody Brown, OneNewsNow, 3/25/2010.

highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."²⁴

My friends that time has come; our country is under attack – from within. How long will we stand by in fear & do nothing?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor during WWII, said, **"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."**²⁵

Oklahomans, how long will we remain silent? How many liberties are we willing to surrender? The freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right of assembly, the right to keep & bear arms? How many?

Patrick Henry said:

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"²⁶

I have good news tonight: we've got'em on the run. A recent Gallup poll revealed:

- **40% of Americans call themselves conservatives**
- **36% moderate**
- **21% liberal**²⁷

Don't listen to the "lame-stream media," we are having a HUGE impact. Listen to the names they call us: **"Racist, Homophobic, Nazi, KKK, Gun-clingers, Morons."** **Well so much for open-minded & tolerant. It's the oldest trick in the book – when you're losing the argument, start calling them names.**

Now we have to turn up the heat. We have to do more than attend rallies, we must become active by joining groups like we introduced earlier tonight.

As I said, I'm here to raise a regiment – a regiment that will fight for liberty & truth.

Tonight, I am personally launching a new group called "The Heartland Minutemen." This is not a militia, instead of taking up muskets, we'll arm ourselves with the truth and, like the minutemen of old, create a network that can

²⁴ Samuel Adams, Letter to James Warren, October 24, 1780

²⁵ Lutheranpeace.net and numerous websites on quotes

²⁶ Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775, in The Second Virginia Convention at St. John's Church, Richmond, VA.

²⁷ Fox News, 1/7/10, Gallup, "Conservatives Maintain Edge as Top Ideological Group," by Lydia Saad, October 26, 2009.

peacefully stand against tyranny. This group will have the expressed purpose of educating our citizens about the “true” history of our nation and about what our government is really doing. We will meet every other month and spend about 90 minutes learning what we should have been taught in school. We’ll watch documentaries, be taught by experts, and network with each other. I would like to have 500 to sign up tonight. If our Republic is half as great as we say it is then we ought to be 10 times more willing to defend it than we’ve been.

Though not my favorite president, Franklin Roosevelt (among others) is credited with saying, “[**Americans would rather die on our feet than to live on our knees.**”²⁸ Regardless of who said it, I think that phrase should be our motto. We need to live out the truth: “**We’d rather die on our feet for liberty than live on our knees under tyranny.**”

When those 56 patriots signed the Declaration, they were saying, “**We’d rather die on our feet than live on our knees.**”

When George Washington and 12,000 soldiers were starving to death at Valley Forge in the bitter cold, they were saying, “**We’d rather die on our feet than live on our knees.**”

When our soldiers spilled their blood at Gettysburg, in those muddy trenches in Europe during WWI, on the beaches of Normandy during WWII, on the hills of Korea, in the jungles of Vietnam, on the sands of Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, they were and are still saying, “**We’d rather die on our feet than live on our knees!**”

Friends, I don’t know about you, but I’d rather “**Die on my feet than live on my knees!**”

Will you join me? Then repeat after me: “I’d rather die on my feet than live on my knees!”

Now, let’s go out there and defend liberty. Sign up to be a Heartland Minuteman tonight!

Thank you.

²⁸ answers.com, ww2homefront.com/quotes.html, “SETAF Honors Those Who Served,” November 14, 2007 By Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs, SETAF Press Release