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THUS BE IT EVER. . . .

Today, June 6, 2009, is another occasion to remember the heroic events with which free men have attained and preserved their freedom.

On June 6—**D-DAY**—1944, along the coast of France—the NAZI FORTRESS EUROPE—hundreds of thousands of men directly assaulted the enslavement of an entire continent, across the beaches and from the air. Thousands died in that assault, many remaining forever after in the earth which they set free.

In doing so these “old soldiers” to those of us who would follow in battles from around the world, Korea to the mountain passes of the Himalayan foothills of Afghanistan and Pakistan, set the mold: **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

We salute them and all the true freedom fighters of our armed forces who have followed.

Why did they do it?!

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause. it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



And that is precisely why we must do it again and again if we are to remain free.

Louis T Dechert, Chairman