

**I am Clifton Cates in WWI reporting "I have
22 men left to hold this position,
but don't worry, we will hold it".**

**I am your dads, moms, sons, daughters and
neighbors who answered the call of duty and
were only promised "blood, toil, tears and
sweat".**

WHO AM I? I AM AMERICA!

**I am struggling and wounded. Enemies
from without have bloodied me and
enemies from within have betrayed me. As
I hemorrhage blood, many say my best days
are past and my future days are numbered;
but I believe I can recover. By God's grace
and mercy, through your prayers, witness
and votes, I believe I can be revived. Today,
will you join me in believing, claiming and
practicing**

2 Chronicles 7:14

**"If My people, who are called by My name,
shall humble themselves and pray and
seek My face; and turn from their wicked
ways, I will listen from heaven, forgive
their sins and heal their land."**

THE COST OF FREEDOM

**In the Revolutionary War, 4,435 American
soldiers (mostly young men and women)
died. In the War of 1812, 2,260 - in the
Indian wars, 1,000 - in the Mexican War,
13,000 - in the Civil War, 600,000
(Estimated) - in the Spanish American War
11,000 - in World War I, 116,000- in World
War II, 406,000 - in the Korean War, 55,000
- in the Vietnam War, 45,937.**

**The cost of freedom is high, but
Americans have always been willing to pay
it.**

The Gettysburg Address

**Four score and seven years ago our
fathers brought forth on this continent a
new nation, conceived in liberty and
dedicated to the proposition that all men
are created equal.**

**Now we are engaged in a great civil
war, testing whether that nation or any
nation so conceived and so dedicated, can
long endure.**

**We are met on a great battle-field of
that war. We have come to dedicate a
portion of that field, as a final resting
place for those who gave their lives that
our nation might live.....**

**We cannot consecrate-we cannot
hallow- this ground. The brave men, living
and dead, who struggled here, have
consecrated it, far above our poor power
to add or detract...**

**It is rather for us to be here
dedicated to the great task remaining
before us- that from these honored dead
we take increased devotion to that cause
for which they gave the last full measure
of devotion- that we here highly resolve
that these dead shall not have died in
vain- that this nation, under God, shall
have a new birth of freedom- and that
government of the people, by the people,
for the people, shall not perish from the
earth."**

**President Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863**