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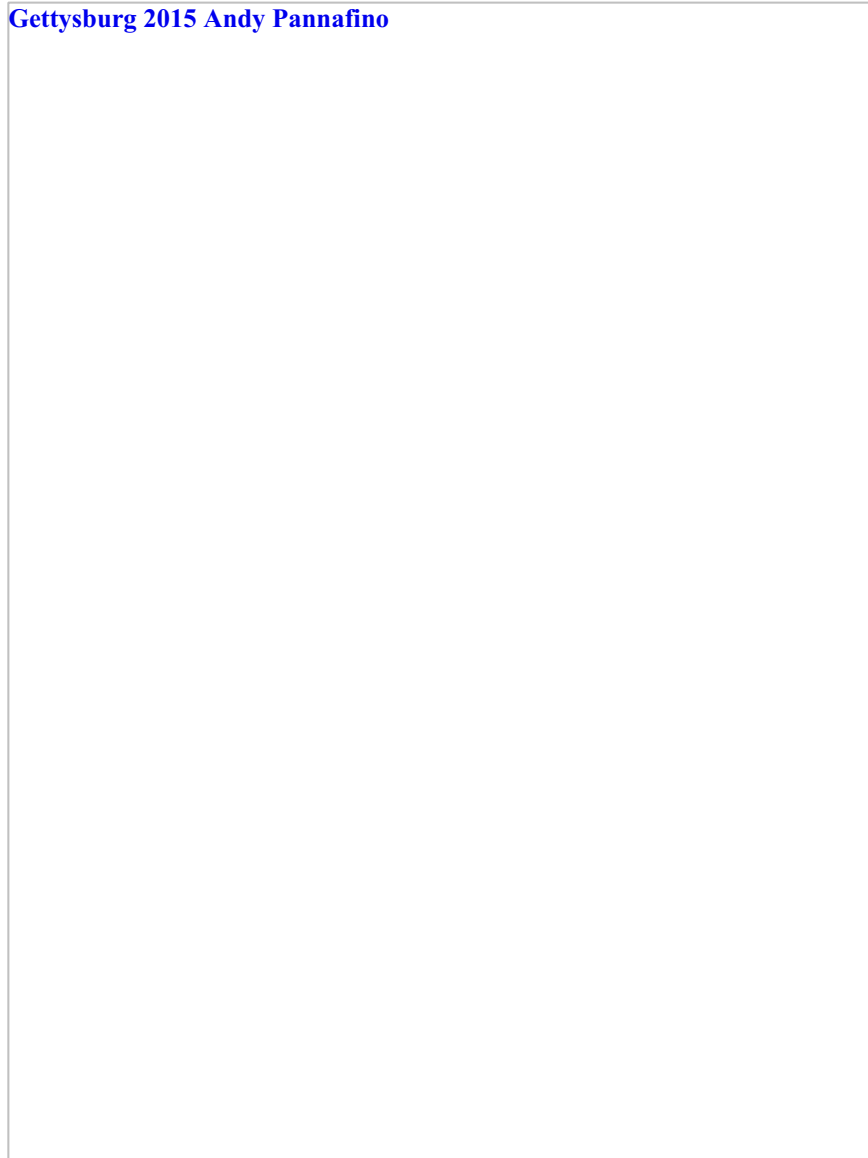
Andy Pannafino: Oath Keepers Presentation At Gettysburg

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Gettysburg 2015 Andy Pannafino



Stewart Rhodes

From left, Andy Pannafino, Pastor Manning,

Andy Pannafino of Pennsylvania Oath Keepers joined Stewart Rhodes and Lyle Rapacki to present speeches for Oath Keepers at the ceremony to unite all the races at Gettysburg this Independence Day, July 04, 2015. Andy was kind enough to share the text of his speech.

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On behalf of all the Oath Keepers from Pennsylvania and surrounding states , I would like to welcome everyone to these historic battlefields of Gettysburg .

I would like to pass on the warmest regards from our State President Mr. Larry Liguori and our State

Vice-President Mr. Dan Seaman. Those two gentleman have been supporting Pastor Manning's efforts for quite a while .

It is on this and surrounding battlefields that , within a three day period in July 1863 , so many Americans lost their life's.

The total strength of the two armies involved numbered 165,620 strong! Sometimes pitting family members against each other in fierce combat.

Casualties between the Union and Confederate Forces totaled over 51,000. That total included the dead, wounded and missing.

At field hospitals around Gettysburg, amputated limbs lay in heaps and were buried together. Bodies were collected at various points on the field and buried near where they fell; Elizabeth Thorn, wife of the manager of the town's largest cemetery, reportedly dug over 100 graves herself, despite being pregnant. Among the corpses found near the west side of the stonewall on Cemetery Ridge was a woman who had disguised her gender to fight for the Confederacy. Reportedly, another disguised Southern woman lost a leg during the charge up Cemetery Ridge.

Homes, churches, any suitable building was pressed into service as a hospital. Donations of food and clothing were solicited. Lydia Smith, a black woman, used what little money she had to hire a wagon and team, which she used to gather donated goods throughout the area—goods she delivered to both Union and Confederate wounded.

Apart from the human carnage, some 5,000 horses and mules died in the battle. They, too, had to be collected and burned in great pyres, leaving a stench that hung over the area for weeks. Even in a nation that had already seen too many reports of great battles and long casualty lists, Gettysburg set a new standard of suffering and death.

As Oath Keepers we are assembled here today to see that this NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN !

Our oath is to the constitution , not to the politicians , and not to any political party. In the long-standing tradition of the U.S. Military , we are apolitical . We will not obey unconstitutional (thus unlawful) and immoral orders, such as orders to disarm the American people or to place them under martial law. We won't "just follow orders."

Each of you must remind yourself of those hard learned lessons, renew your understanding of the principles of America liberty, and how those principles are reflected in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

As our Declaration of Independence states:

" All men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights "

Among them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness !

Abraham Lincoln , who is considered to be one of our greatest presidents, deliver his famous second inarguable address, March 4,1865; one month later he would be assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

In closing I would like to read the last paragraph . In Abraham Lincoln's own words:

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow , and his orphan- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and

lasting peace amount ourselves, and with all nations.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS THE USA !
Andy Pannafino

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