Patriots At Independence Hill

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Surrounded each day by the wonderful residents of Independence Hill and Independence Village, one can only feel great pride in these true patriots as they share their experiences and their efforts to secure our freedom as Americans. Some lost a sibling or a parent defending our country, but they are united in their patriotism and were willing to sacrifice personally for the good of the United States of America.

As Mary, a resident of Independence Village explains, “When your country and freedoms are at risk, you forget personal agendas and only think of the people. During the second World War, everyone pulled together. There were shortages of everything from gas and food to tires and even safety pins. We had to ration stamps, and when they were gone you did without. You just don’t understand until it is gone. Everyone wanted to know how they could support the war effort. Even movie theaters held aluminum drives to do what they could to help with the shortage. The children would find old pots and pans and take them apart, trading them for free admission to the matinee.”

Those that lived in other countries throughout their life say it made them realize what they missed about America...the freedoms.

“While living in Germany, when the Berlin Wall was still up and the Vietnam War was going on, I went to Check Point Charlie into East Berlin,” said Marcia, a resident of Independence Village. “It was very scary. I saw concentration camps and can not fathom how this could have ever happened.”

When asked, “What does patriotism mean to you?” Marcia’s husband answered, “It is a country or environment where men and women are free to be all they can be physically, mentally and spiritually, and the people are willing to put themselves in harms way, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for what they believe in and for the good of all.”

Independence Hill resident, Carol, lived in Iceland for some time. She recalled how the Icelandic people took great pride in their country and were very patriotic. In fact, her neighbor was so respectful of Carol’s love for her country that she brought her a flower on the