

Share Your God Bless America Patriotic Story

Share your inspirational, heart-warming patriotic story of why you're proud to be an American. Capture the essence of "America the Beautiful" by paying tribute to our unsung heroes, depicting "Liberty and Justice for All," or expressing flag-waving loyalty to our "One Nation Under God" in your story.

Writer's Guidelines:

- 50-700 words, double-spaced true story
- Vividly written in 1st or 3rd person with emotional impact
- Use dialog to show the story—not tell it
- Use anecdotal, creative non-fiction or narrative form
- Hook the readers with a captivating first sentence
- Provide punch in every sentence to entertain
- Use all five senses to describe your scenes and characters
- Good stories involve a problem to be solved, an obstacle to overcome or a conflict to be resolved resulting in character growth.
- Focus on one incident or amusing anecdote with past history given in dialog
- Characters should be described so vividly we experience their pain or joy and learn life's lessons with them.
- You may use fictitious names, but please indicate
- Share your characters' personal faith in God.
- Conclude with an inspiring upbeat ending

Include:

- Title
- 30-word biography
- Bible scripture, if desired
- Nostalgic photo of your hero, etc. that illustrates the story
- Historical facts - cities, dates born, died, etc., if applicable
- Names of characters - not mom or son
- Your name, address, phone number, email address, fax
- Signed permission release form (below)

Email your 50-700 word stories ASAP to BuckboardQuilts@cox.net , or mail to Judy Howard, 12101 N. McArthur, Suite 137, Oklahoma City, OK 73162 or call me at 405-751-3885 and tell me your story. See sample stories on the HPI, HPII and Centennial Stitches pages.