

Let's Focus on the Future, Not the Past

Fairfield Glade Sun

Dear Editor,

As I drove around the Glade this past week and saw all the American flags on display at each of our Community Club facilities and at our major intersections, I thought how different things are now. Some 50 years ago, when I took my oath as a newly commissioned Air Force officer, I was well aware that our Constitution protects freedom of speech. Even though I may vigorously disagree with what you are saying, how you are saying it and even what you are doing to demonstrate your disagreement, I will defend your right to do so. I believe that both parties engaged in a difference of opinion are obligated to speak the truth, to show mutual respect for one another, and refrain from abusive and inflammatory language.

Maybe as a community, we could take this opportunity when we honor the memories of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, to step back, take a deep breath, and consider raising the level of our discourse so that we focus on the future of Fairfield Glade, not revisit the actions or decisions of the past; show some mutual respect for one another, not use abusive and inflammatory language; and speak the truth rather than spreading unfounded rumors and innuendoes.

I, for one, think it is time for truth seekers, objective individuals, those with the courage to do what is right, to step forward and lead. It's time for Fairfield Glade to move forward into the future!

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