

# (MAAF) Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers

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Raising the flag at Mt. Suribachi, picture showing victory,  
Showing mankind's primitive way of striving for  
Peace.

In over 200 years of history, the US Marines raised something,  
Be it hell,  
A flag,  
A salute to fallen comrade,  
A beer,  
Or an m-16.

Always rising to any task given, with honor and dignity,  
Some have even made a recent decision to raise a cross...  
"OH Please! There is no God or Easter Bunny, and you  
Marines are mostly good for spreading venereal disease."

(Pause)

So many things said by many.  
Written and spoken with intentions of representation,  
It can make one dizzy.

Wise people have been wrong and right, while those opposite of the I.Q.  
Do the same.

Every group has their code, their way of thinking, either wrong or right  
It their own cross they must carry.  
As for the Marines, it is for God and Country they follow,  
Putting aside their civilian dreams.

Married life with children.  
A picnic in the park.  
Riding a Harley through Hells Canyon.  
Or any 'Free thinkers' dream.

Striving to follow something greater than themselves,  
Surrounded by brothers and sisters in arms,  
Tasked with orders and horrors,  
So others can be free.

You may think different, with your lives.  
You may or may not agree.

Where ever you live,  
In whatever group you choose,  
This is written in America, a country founded to be free.

It is not England or India,  
Iran or Germany,  
Denmark or Iceland,  
No,  
Not yet.  
Maybe one day it will, we'll see.

But for the moment our money says, "In God we trust."  
And since I was a Sgt. and still am a Marine,  
Raising a cross at Camp Pendleton,  
Is alright with me.

The End