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Abraham Lincoln

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Happy Birthday AMERICA

The American Soul...*Fights Back*

Happy Birthday, America! Again this year, we celebrate... and fight...and battle by battle, defeat the terror our enemies promote.

For almost 20 years we've marked our nation's birth with a card that combined (really bad) humor and patriotism. But like last year, discipline and determination are the legacy of our Sept. 11 heroes and our fallen fighting men and women.

Though gone, these angels keep a watchful eye on our land, seeing the whole of our great country: a sanctuary for liberty, individual freedom, and, above all, hope.

A country—and people—like no others...ever.

They see our unique spirit—*our collective American Soul*—and it shines as bright today as it did before The Towers fell. They see a soul that fiercely guards freedom, fights to win, and then seeks fairness in victory. *They see a soul that created the most powerful, yet most compassionate civilization the world has ever known.*

A perfect soul? Of course not. But one filled with so much hope and promise—even after 227 years—that people around the globe risk life and limb to be imbued with it.

A soul so special that it will *always* torment evil...now finding itself in one of history's great wars of Good vs. Evil. The barbarians who threaten our soul, and its highest ideals of freedom, maintain this war will be fought to the death—*either ours or theirs*—and 3000 American angels know they mean it. A grim, stark reality we ignore at our own peril.

And though our soul's decency and humanity are these murderers' greatest weapon, the final outcome is already clear: Freedom *will* prevail...*because a soul can't be killed.*

So let's celebrate and give thanks for the blessing of The American Soul. Under a canopy of festive fireworks, we'll "ooh" and "aah" as the dark sky comes alive...and maybe, briefly, we'll catch glimpses of our *missing* souls, smiling on us, quietly encouraging us forward.

Reminding us who we are, what we must do and what America means for the freedom of man. May God always bless America...may God always bless The American Soul.

Happy Independence Day!

Polly, Lindsay & Steve Kaufman
with Oliver the Wonder Cat

