

American Inspiration



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Thoughts for today and every day:

“Success often comes from not knowing your limitations.” Frank Tyger

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“Quality questions create a quality life. Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers.”

Anthony Robbins, motivational speaker and management consultant

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“In our life there is a single color, as on an artist’s palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love.” Marc Chagall (1887-1985) artist

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“Every human being is intended to have a character of his own; to be what no other is, and to do what no other can do.” William Ellery Channing (1780-1842) cleric

American Update:

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holidays and enjoyed watching the dancers that led Santa into Herald Square at the **Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade™**. They were wearing the fabulous red and white costumes by Curtain Call Costumes. It was the mildest weather we have experienced on Thanksgiving morning!

At the end of December, we will have a group of dancers heading to Orlando, Florida, for the **Capital One Bowl** halftime presented by ESP Productions. We are proud of our All American Dancers in their special guest performances!

Texas directors, don’t forget about the **Texas Dance Educators Association** convention January 9-12th at the Houston Marriott. Find out more information at www.TDEA.org. The national convention for **Dance/Drill Team Directors of America** will be held April 10-12th at the Sheraton Hotel in Arlington, Texas. Find

out more information at www.DTDA.org. There are lots of professional dance workshops and organizational workshops to inspire you for a great season ahead at both conventions.

Now that we are headed into the Christmas season, let us all take the opportunity to support our men and women serving our country. Go to the web site: www.LetsSayThanks.com and pick out a card, then Xerox will print it out and send it to a soldier currently serving in Iraq. You can't choose who will receive it but it will go to a member of our armed services. The service is free and only takes a few seconds. Wouldn't it be fantastic if all of your team or co-workers would send cards?

Inspiration of the Week:

The 12 Absolutely Unbreakable Laws of Leadership by Brian Tracy

- 1. The Law of Integrity:** Great business leadership is characterized by honesty, truthfulness and straight dealing with every person, under all circumstances.
- 2. The Law of Courage:** The ability to make decisions and act boldly in the face of setbacks and adversity is the key to greatness in leadership.
- 3. The Law of Realism:** Leaders deal with the world as it is, not as they wish it would be.
- 4. The Law of Power:** Power gravitates to the person who can use it most effectively to get the desired results.
- 5. The Law of Ambition:** Leaders have an intense desire to lead; they have a clear vision of a better future, which they are determined to realize.
- 6. The Law of Optimism:** The true leader radiates the confidence that all difficulties can be overcome and all goals can be attained.
- 7. The Law of Empathy:** Leaders are sensitive to and aware of the needs, feelings and motivations of their people.
- 8. The Law of Resilience:** Leaders bounce back from the inevitable setbacks, disappointments and temporary failures experienced in the attainment of any worthwhile goal.
- 9. The Law of Independence:** Leaders know who they are, what they believe in and they think for themselves.

10. **The Law of Emotional Maturity:** Leaders are calm, cool and controlled in the face of problems, difficulties and adversity.

11. **The Law of Excellence:** Leaders are committed to excellent performance of the business task and to continuous improvement.

12. **The Law of Foresight:** Leaders have the ability to predict and anticipate the future.

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