

Fight during Ramadan

NOW that the Islamic holy month of Ramadan is upon us, there will be those who continue to call for a reduction or cessation of American military action in Afghanistan, especially with the impending fall of the Taliban. However, history teaches that pursuit of a just cause must take precedence over religious observance.

From our own War of Independence, we have the example of the infiltration of Washington and his Continentals behind Hessian lines at Trenton on Christmas night, 1776, a sudden strike which many scholars consider one of the most brilliant in the annals of military campaigns and which was pivotal in gaining the liberties we defend today.

Let us hope our present leaders show the same fierce determination displayed by Washington on that most holy of Christian holidays as our special forces commence their own "crossing the Delaware," penetrating Al-Qaida lines using whatever force it takes to bring about its absolute destruction as fast as possible so that the next Afghan Ramadan may be celebrated in tranquillity and freedom, the true attributes of the respect it deserves.

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