My Milspouse Christmas Meaning

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You probably know that I am a proud Army Wife,
It's no real secret to anyone around,
I, out of necessity, often do things differently,
Living life with "boots on the ground."

Being married to a soldier, Changes my perspective on much, Especially when it comes to holidays, How we celebrate special occasions and such.

Every year right after Turkey Day, Seems the fall air and attitude shifts, So many in our world change from thankfulness, To the chaos of who gets what gifts.

But to me, Christmas is greater, Much bigger than shopping and decor, More profound than feasting and vacation, Oh yes, to me Christmas is much more.

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Now don't get me wrong, I love the cake, candy, and pie, A delicious Christmas ham, Makes me giggly with glee, no lie.

The moments of hope,

December 25th I genuinely anticipate,

But when all is said and done,

This commercialized Christmas isn't that great.

It's not just about those twinkling lights, That methodically adorn our fake tree, This season is a reminder of love, joy, and peace, And that the country in which I live is still free. There's something about this grand old holiday,
Something about this time of year,
That makes me reflect on what is truly important,
The things that bring my heart sincere cheer.

The love of my family,
Even if far away,
Sometimes Skype or FaceTime,
Is a big part of Christmas Day.

The prayers for our troops, Whether at home or abroad, Giving thanks for our freedom, Wherever American feet trod.

Even greater to me,
Is whose birthday we celebrate,
That baby in a manger,
On that event is my rooted faith.

There's nothing wrong with the giving of gifts,
Or the stockings hung by the chimney with care,
But far deep in my heart,
I know rests greater meaning of Christmas there.

So dear friends, rejoice!

Have a great holiday season,

Join my family, my soldier and I

As we celebrate for many heartfelt reasons.

May this precious holiday season,
Find your world prosperous and true,
Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year
From this AWN Milspouse to you.

