

READERS' VIEWS

more than 270 young girls held by Islamists against their will with violent intentions. Additionally, I would ask readers to think back to the past 35 years to review the violent issues in the world that have caused us to change our security and our living. Islam seems to be the religion so often proudly proclaimed.

It appears the News Tribune is caught up in the liberal feel-good-about-Islam thinking that caused Detroit to be what it is.

I believe there is a planned approach to lull us into thinking this religion is so peace-loving.

Recent history assures us it is not.

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Duluthian deserves honor for his WWI courage

On Oct. 5-6, 1918, Lt. Col. James A. Shannon of Duluth fought at a battle near Chatel-Chery, France, where he

earned the Distinguished Service Cross. He was one of many who died in action over those two days. He was a very special man.

On Oct. 5, he voluntarily led an officers' patrol nearly two miles into enemy territory. The next morning, while leading a group of soldiers, he was killed.

His heroic actions took place in the battle of the Beauvevoir Line, a critical juncture near the end of World War I. It was an important victory for the Allies because it was a battle the U.S. helped win and because it opened land, allowing the Allies to move forward into areas previously controlled by the Germans. Lt. Col. Shannon's exceptional bravery and skill in leading his patrol into contact with the enemy helped bring success in the days that would follow his death.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, Lt. Col. Shannon, a member of the U.S. Army, was presented the Pur-

ple Heart.

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented for extraordinary heroism. Lt. Col. Shannon rightfully qualified. It also is given for going against an opposing or foreign force or for engaging in an armed conflict with an opposing force while serving with friendly forces because the U.S. is not a belligerent party.

James A. Shannon is buried at Arlington National Cemetery and is a very special person to us all. I believe everyone should appreciate and remember this young man who fought for our country and was very important to someone out there. Please remember James A. Shannon for the great things he did for our country and for how great a man he was.

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