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Memorial Day



A truly American holiday: Memorial Day. We honor the lives of men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. Military.

Interesting Facts You May Not Know

Started after the Civil War: The Civil War claimed 620,000 American soldiers' lives.

Expanded After World War I: Memorial Day expanded to honor all who died during any American war.

Last Monday in May: In 1971 Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress (the Uniform Monday Holiday Act) and was set for the last Monday of the month of May.

Not Memorial Day? Originally, the day was known as Decoration Day. And was celebrated by decorating soldiers' graves with flowers and flags.

May flowers: May 1868, Major General John A Logan declared the holiday should be observed the end of May, many think, because an abundance of flowers would be in bloom to be used in the decorations.

Born in New York? Waterloo, NY is listed as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day".

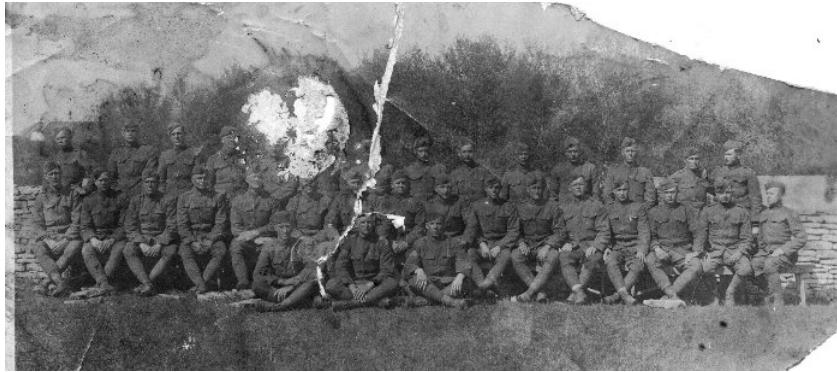
A Moment: Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 pm local time.

Parades: Many cities and towns hold parades incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' groups.

Red Poppy: Many people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war. This originated from a WWI poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit.

Unofficial beginning of Summer: The three day Memorial Day weekend has morphed into the unofficial beginning of Summer, complete with outdoor cookouts and parties.

Sources: history.com, townandcountrymag.com and goodhousekeeping.com.



My family and I are proud to be Americans, and to have served this country's military. My dad, five brothers and I have all served in various branches of military service. Dad served as a Forward Observer in France in WWI. My wife's father and his 2 brothers served in the Navy. During WWII, the eldest brother's ship was attacked by the Japanese -- there were no survivors.

Old photos (above) show the brave men our father served with. And the USS Manchuria brought him home.

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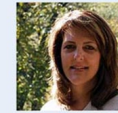
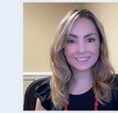



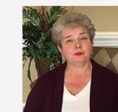



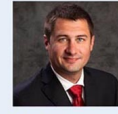
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