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May 2024

Remember, Honor, Celebrate

Memorial Day pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces. There are many ways you can take part in honoring these heroes.

Explore their stories. Read a military memoir or watch a movie or documentary. You can listen to recordings of veterans' firsthand accounts online at *StoryCorps.org.*

Tune in to a TV tradition. On the night before Memorial Day, PBS stations broadcast the National Memorial Day Concert, an annual event that honors the fallen and their families with musical performances and personal stories.

Learn about your family's military heritage. Talk to family members who were in the military about their experiences. Ask about stories of past relatives who served.

Post a tribute. If you have a loved one who is a fallen hero, post a photo and story about them on social media.

Send a letter. Express your thanks in a note to currently deployed troops. Search online for one of many nonprofit groups that gather and distribute letters to men and women serving overseas.

Visit a memorial. Spend time at a local military monument or museum, or pay your respects at a veterans cemetery. You can also make virtual visits to many war memorials.

Pause at 3 p.m. Stop and reflect during the National Moment of Remembrance, a one-minute pause observed at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day.

Save the Date

Mother's Day Tea Party Tuesday, May 7th 2:30 p.m. Terrace Solarium

Stroke Awareness Event Thursday, May 9th 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Terrace Solarium

Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, May 14th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Chapel

Food Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14th 11:00 a.m. Terrace Solarium

Resident Council Meeting Wednesday, May 15th 1:30 p.m. Terrace Solarium

Washington Senators Baseball Presentation

Monday, May 20th 1:30 p.m. Terrace Solarium

Motions in Nature With Kristin

Join us every Friday 10:30 a.m. Terrace Solarium/ Patio

SEE YOU THERE!

















The Day To Remember Those We've Lost

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, began in the 1860s, when people would decorate the graves of soldiers who had fought in the Civil War. Gen. John Logan, leader of a Civil War veterans' organization, officially proclaimed May 30 as Memorial Day in 1868.

After World War I, May 30 became a day to honor fallen soldiers from all wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday, and Congress declared it to be celebrated on the last Monday in May, ensuring a threeday weekend. Cities across the country hold Memorial Day parades and other events. American flags are often placed throughout cemeteries for veterans. At other cemeteries, many people choose to decorate the graves of all loved ones.

On Memorial Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to full staff in recognition of those currently serving in the military.





A Look at the Ukulele Alongside pineapples, hula skirts and leis, the ukulele is a classic symbol of Hawaii.

The story behind the instrument is a sweet one literally. In the late 1800s, thousands of Portuguese immigrants arrived in the Hawaiian Islands to work in the sugar industry. Many brought with them a small stringed instrument called the *machete* or *braguinha*. According to an article in the Hawaiian Gazette, the immigrants began "delighting the people with nightly street concerts," playing instruments described as a strange cross between a guitar and banjo that produced "very sweet music."

The people of Hawaii, including the royal family, fell in love with the instrument's light, plucky sound. It's said they called the instrument *ukulele*, meaning "jumping flea" in the Hawaiian language, as a reference to the musician's fast-moving fingers across the strings.

Through the 20th and 21st centuries, the ukulele has been featured in many styles of music.

Wit & Wisdom "May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day." —Irish blessing

"Laughter is magic that dispenses clouds and creates sunshine in the soul." —Richelle E. Goodrich

"Let there always be a bright spot in your heart for the people around you. They might need a bit of sunshine." —Ron Baratono

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." —Anthony J. D'Angelo

"Few of us really appreciate the soothing, strengthening power of sunshine." —H. Addington Bruce

"Daisies are like sunshine to the ground." —Drew Barrymore

"Some sunshine is good for the soul, but I always make sure I wear a big hat." —Miranda Kerr

"To be happy, you must be your own sunshine." —Charles Edward Jerningham

"Don't let the shadows of yesterday spoil the sunshine of tomorrow. Live for today." —Nandina Morris

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