



# Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



## Memorial Day Tribute 2020

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Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer and, while we know the real reason behind it, the military community follows this tradition, too.

This year is no exception. While most of us are planning to be home, in these pages, we hope to give you a few pages reminding all of us to the real meaning of Memorial Day, along with a few ways to celebrate.

In the Association's eblast on Friday, May 22, we look forward to honoring the many Veterans whose pictures were submitted.

# Memorial Day Timeline

It all began . . .

**May 5, 1868**

## **Memorial Day Proclaimed**

General John Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11 selected a date in which the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery would have flowers placed on their graves.



**May 30, 1868**

## **Memorial Day first observed**

Originally referred to as Decoration Day, as a day of remembrance for those who died during the Civil War.



During the first observance [General James Garfield](#) gave a speech at [Arlington National Cemetery](#) at its conclusion 5,000 citizens decorated more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery

**May 30, 1873**

New York becomes the first state to officially recognize the holiday.

**May 30, 1890**

## **Decoration Day Recognized in Northern States**

By 1890 all Northern States in the recognized 30th of May as Decoration Day. Many southern states refused to recognize the day and continued to honor their civil war dead on separate days.

**May 30, 1899**

## **Observance of Decoration Day**

The U.S. Army and Navy establish regulations for the proper observance of Decoration Day at their facilities.

**Jan 1, 1920**

## **Name Changed to Memorial Day**

After World War I (The Great War) the meaning of the Decoration Day changed from honoring Civil War dead to honoring all Americans in any way. The name was changed to "Memorial Day" It was during this time period that many southern states began to recognize the day.

**May 30, 1951**

## **Cub & Boy Scouts begin tradition**

In St. Louis scouts began placing flags at 150,000 grave markers in 1951, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, a practice that continues today.



**May 30, 1966**

## **Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day**

President [Lyndon Johnson](#) declared Waterloo, N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day which had first celebrated the holiday on May 5, 1866.



**June 28, 1968**

## **Uniform Holidays Bill Passed**

On June 28, 1968 the bill moved four holidays from the traditional date to a specified Monday. Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday in May. It took effect in 1971.



**Dec 28, 2000**

## **National Moment of Remembrance**

This act asks Americans where ever they are at 3pm local time on Memorial Day to pause in an act of National Unity.



And Will Continue . . .



# Celebrating Memorial Day Weekend

## Saturday



Even with the Coronavirus keeping us from getting together, you can still go all out and plan a fun or elaborate menu.

Try something new or cook your favorites. Grill pizza, smoke some pork or make a delicious pasta salad.

Who says you can't make a dessert for one or two people? Make a batch of plain cookies and add your special touch.

For those of you with Grandchildren, whether you Zoom or use the telephone, explain to them what Memorial Day means to you.

This is a great way for children to begin to recognize some of the things their service member grandparent, aunt or uncle, etc. experienced.

## Monday

Spend an afternoon watching a movie from one of the following FREE websites: [Tubity](#). Have a Huntley Library Card? Visit [HOOPLA](#) for free movies, books, etc. You can even try [YouTube](#) for some FREE movies.

**Need a movie idea? How about . . .**

Longest Day  
War Horse  
Battle of the Bulge  
Memphis Bell  
Platoon  
Saving Private Ryan  
The List Is ENDLESS!

## Sunday

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual National  
Memorial Day Concert  
Sunday, May 24 at 8/7c on PBS.**



Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise host a special presentation of the star-studded National Memorial Day Concert with new performances

and tributes filmed in different locations around the country and iconic stories from past concerts.

America's night of remembrance will honor troops, veterans, wounded warriors, all those who have given their lives for our nation, and their families. Don't miss the [National Memorial Day Concert](#) !

## Enjoy a parade from the past . . .

Washington D.C. 2019 —[View](#)

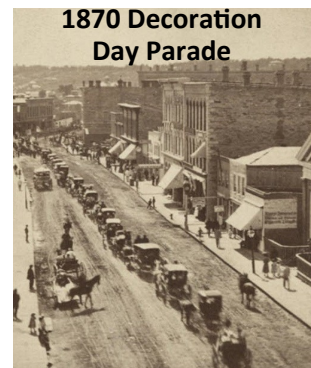
Chicago 2019 —[View](#)

\*West Newton, PA 1960—[View](#)

\*Painesville Ohio—1929—[View](#)

*\*No sound*

**1870 Decoration  
Day Parade**



**HISTORY CHANNEL Presents:  
Three-Night Miniseries Event  
Premieres Memorial Day at 9/8c**





# The Meaning Of Poppy's & Who Was Responsible



## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

~ Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

## FourHymn | In Flanders Fields

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**Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae**  
A Soldier, Physician & Poet

"**In Flanders Fields**" is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician [Lieutenant-Colonel](#) John McCrae.

He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it.

"In Flanders Fields" was first published on December 8, of that year in the London magazine *Punch*. It is one of the most quoted poems from the war. As a result of its immediate popularity, parts of the poem were used in efforts and appeals to recruit soldiers and raise money selling war bonds.



Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world's most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict.

The poem and poppy are prominent Remembrance Day symbols throughout the Commonwealth of Nations, particularly in Canada, where "In Flanders Fields" is one of the nation's best-known literary works.

The poem is also widely known in the United States, where it is associated with Veterans Day and Memorial Day.





# Memorial Day Word Search

Air Force	Military
America	Navy
Army	Parade
Blue	Patriotic
Cemetery	Pilot
Coast Guard	Red
Flag	Sacrifice
Flowers	Service
Hero	Shrine
Honor	Soldier
Marines	Statue
May	Tribute
Medals	Valor
Memorial	Veteran
	Wars
	White

X X W J O O G N F W L I C K E M Z R E Q F Z T C  
 V O C U M Q Q W A R S H P G S W H G X N Q S Z E  
 T S K J Z X Q G M A V F B Y A M O K K M N H Q B  
 Z R O V M M D F E U L B K U D Y T D O H O R M W  
 P A T R I O T I C R U C O A S T G U A R D I B E  
 S O O G V V P M A R I N E S Y E M W K V D N V C  
 F L V E T E R A N R O Y L P U U E K V X R E W I  
 J G W G B Y Z M A I C Z V R V T Q G Y C J H D F  
 G I C A J V M V C C C D P Z S A J P R K Q O T I  
 B X L P J A G E Y N L L H Q Y T D W E H M R C R  
 E H O V B N M Y W Q Z N T I D S E L T W D U Q C  
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 A R V I S A L A I R O M E M G T W Q M H S M O S  
 R O W R E R R J R W S H V Z X R O X E T I G O I  
 A R P Q R M J E C R O F R I A I E T C R O L A V  
 P G V U V Y F G J Z A L Z Q O B P C Z S J P W O  
 C A C Q I L B F I A H I C A D U W F M E D A L S  
 A L A Z C Q F L T S O G A Q I T E L S R H V I K  
 Z F G U E P B R G V P K Y W Z E Q O S E P T D J  
 A J R K V M S R E I D L O S N C B W C V I V M M  
 E S O K Q O A M E R I C A R D U S E W W L L B Z  
 K Z N E J Y D S S S B P E T I H W R B X O G B I  
 T I O A V D C C M I L I T A R Y M S Q G T N C G  
 A G H P G N R I W W S P W P J Z W Z T E D K S Q

## Word Search Answers

T O S M I L I T A R Y  
 E T I H W  
 A M E R I C A  
 R E I D L O S  
 F E D E R A L S  
 R O L A V  
 C E T R O F R I A  
 J E C R O F R I A  
 L A I R O M E M  
 R O E  
 S I N Z K X I W E E  
 E L T N T I D  
 W A V A C C C D P Z  
 F L V E T E R A N  
 M A R I N E S  
 P A T R I O T I C  
 C O A S T G U A R D  
 E U L B  
 V A M  
 W A R S

Memorial Day





The coronavirus pandemic already has led to the cancellation of Memorial Day events, including some coordinated by American Legion posts.

As social distancing has become the best defense against the virus, more cancellations are expected, limiting how Americans can honor those who died while in service to our nation.

Because of that, The American Legion is providing a safe venue to observe Memorial Day: social media.

The [American Legion](#) is asking their American Legion Family members – and those outside of the organization – to share with them the names of those you will honor and remember on Memorial Day.

The plan to compile a list and then begin sharing them regularly via our social media channels beginning May 22, 2020 and through Memorial Day.

To participate, submit to the American Legion:

- ◆ The servicemember's name, along with the submitter's relationship to the servicemember;
- ◆ Year entering and year leaving the military;
- ◆ Branch of service;
- ◆ American Legion membership, if not KIA; and
- ◆ A photo of the servicemember, either in uniform or civilian clothes.

Information can be submitted via [Legiontown](#) through the category [Virtual Memorial Day](#). Submissions will be shared via Facebook and Twitter starting May 22. Follow along either social media platform using the hashtag **#VirtualMemorialDay**.



**CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-10**

The American Legion Post #673, is located at  
11712 W. Coral Street in Huntley.

Commander: Michael Stojak

Adjutant: Herbert Glissendorf

Dues: \$35

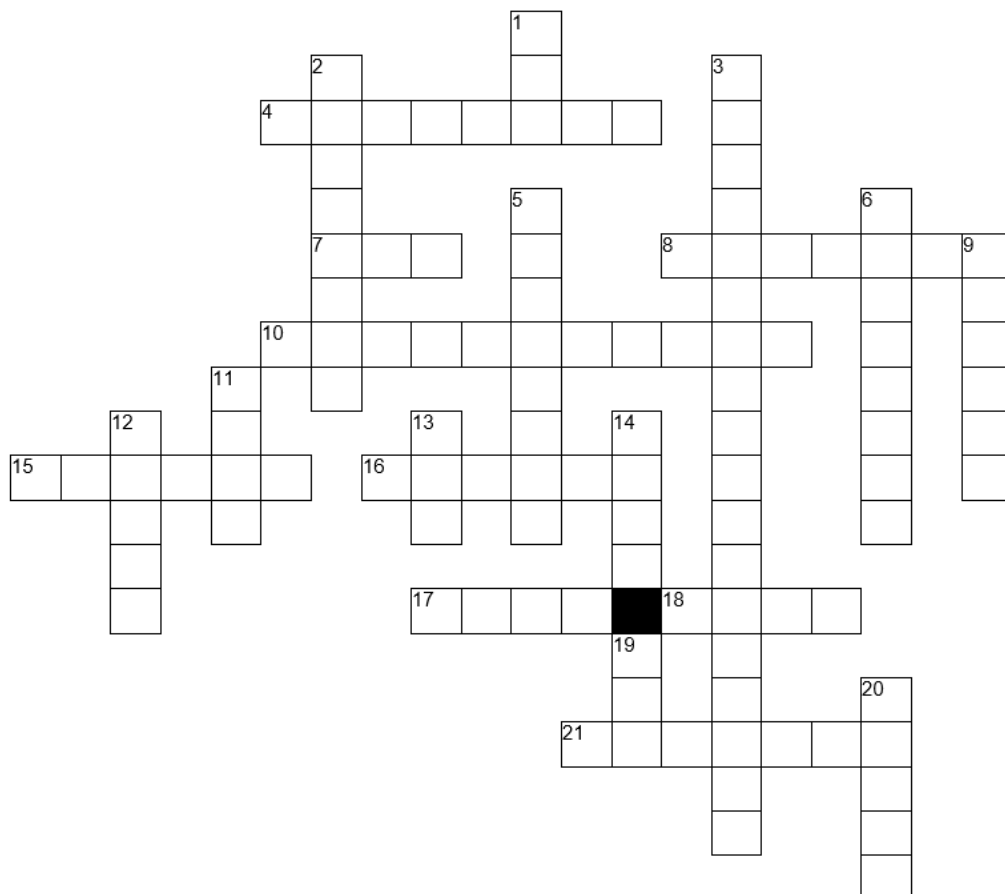
Post Meeting are held

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 7pm

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HuntleyLegion/posts/>



# Memorial Day Crossword Puzzle



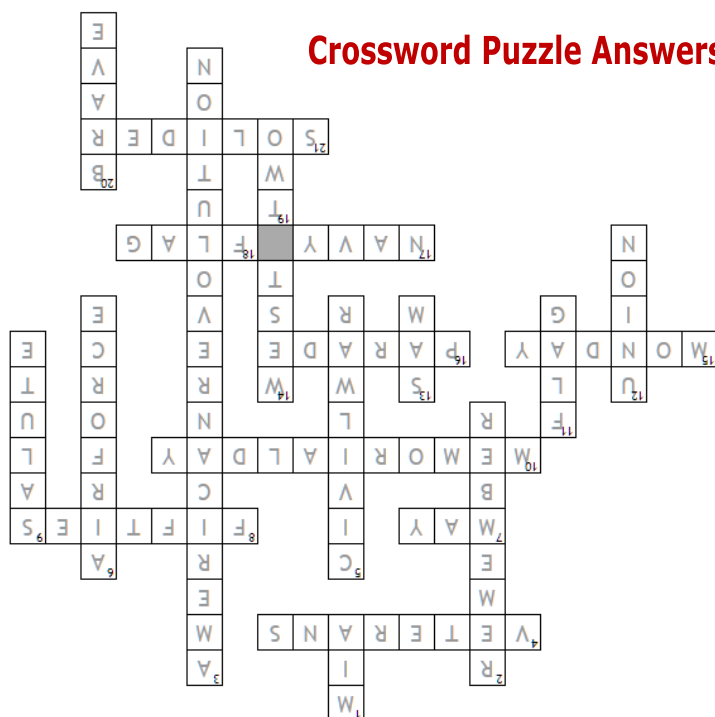
## Across

4. Individuals that have previously fought for our country  
7. Month of Memorial Day  
8. The Korean War was fought in the 19\_\_\_\_'s. (Forties, Fifties, or Sixties)  
10. This puzzle's subject is always held on the last Monday of May  
15. Memorial Day is always the last \_\_\_\_\_ in May.  
16. A walk or march in public, usually celebrating a special day or event. It may include floats and balloons  
17. Armed forces known for the ships and aircraft carriers  
18. It has 13 stripes and 50 stars  
21. A person who fights or serves in the Army (or other armed forces.)

## Down

1. Missing In Action  
2. The opposite of forget  
3. War- Colony vs. English  
5. War- North USA vs. South USA (slavery)  
6. Armed forces known for their technology and pilots  
9. A formal military gesture of respect (especially to commanding officers).  
11. Item historically flown at half-mast on Memorial Day  
12. A name given to the Northern army during the Civil War  
13. The USA's Uncle \_\_\_\_\_  
14. opposite of east  
19. This World War involved the allied forces fighting against the Nazis.  
20. Land of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the home of the free

## Crossword Puzzle Answers



# "THE MISSING MAN TABLE"



This is the widely cherished ceremony, "The Missing Man Table," set for the single "Missing Man" who represents the captured and missing from all conflicts. A tradition at most important military and patriot functions.

**Note:** To date, there is no "official version" of the Missing Man Table Ceremony on record in terms of "protocol" which has been deemed by Congress to be "correct"; therefore all versions of this ceremony are expressions from the perspective of presenters. (In addition, all citizens are welcome to design a Ceremony which reflects their faith or viewpoint).

The **TABLE**, set for one is small symbolizing the loneliness we feel without them.

The **TABLECLOTH** is white symbolizing the purity of their intentions and willingness to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single **ROSE** in the vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in-arms, who kept the faith awaiting their return, and forever left behind.

The **RED RIBBON** tied so prominently on the vase, is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn by many who bear witness to their unyielding determination; to account for every one of our missing.

A **SLICE OF LEMON** is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is **SALT** upon the bread plate, symbolic of the river of tears shed by families and loved ones.

The **GLASS** is inverted, they cannot toast with us.

The **CHAIR** is empty, they are not here. Our lives are incomplete because they are not here to sit with us. They were there for us, we are still here for them.

In honoring them, each of them, all of them—we stand silently and face their table... the table where they should be sitting with us tonight. We stand silently in their absence.

Please raise your glass in a toast. To the Missing Man. We flew with you and called you comrade; we will never forget your ultimate sacrifice.



## "The Missing Man Table Ceremony"

[Video](#) narrated by: Chaplain Ann M. Wolf

The video is a moving oration set to music with unforgettable image. This a version of the widely cherished ceremony, "The Missing Man Table," is set for the single "Missing Man" who represents all of the captured and missing from all conflicts. A tradition at most important military and patriot functions, this video throws light on elements of the service, explaining the meaning and significance of each article on the Table & taking the viewer deep into the world of the POW/MIA issue.





# Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On Veterans Day, 1921, President Warren G. Harding presided over an interment ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery for an unknown soldier who died during World War I. Since then, three more soldiers have been added to the Tomb of the Unknowns (also known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier) memorial—and one has been disinterred. Below, a few things you might not know about the historic site and the rituals that surround it.



## The Unknown Soldier

By: Lenore Helick

If I stood by the tomb of the Unknown Soldier,  
I would say, "Sleep well today!  
All the nations on earth this sacred hour  
Deep honor to you will pay.

We know not who you are or how  
You went to meet death's hour;  
But we know you did not pale or falter,  
We know you did not cower.

Here in your solitary grandeur  
You sleep this Memorial Day.  
You will not hear the eulogies,  
The words of praise we say.

But the deepest honor a man can have  
Is yours eternally,  
Not for conquest, but for principle,  
To your death you crossed the sea.

Sleep well, O Unknown Soldier!  
Nations kneel at your feet.  
Under November's cold, dark skies,  
May your slumber be long and sweet!"

### THE TOMB HAS BEEN GUARDED 24/7 SINCE 1937

Tomb Guards come from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard." Serving the U.S. since 1784, the Old Guard is the oldest active infantry unit in the military. They keep watch over the memorial every minute of every day, including when the cemetery is closed and in inclement weather.

### BECOMING A TOMB GUARD IS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT

Members of the Old Guard must apply for the position. If chosen, the applicant goes through an intense training period, in which they must pass tests on weapons, ceremonial steps, cadence, military bearing, uniform preparation, and orders. Once selected, Guards "walk the mat" in front of the Tomb for anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours, depending on the time of year and time of day. They work in 24-hour shifts, however, and when they aren't walking the mat, they're in the living quarters beneath it.

### THE HONOR IS ALSO INCREDIBLY RARE.

The Tomb Guard badge is the least awarded badge in the Army, and the second least awarded badge in the overall military. (The first is the astronaut badge.)

### THE STEPS THE GUARDS PERFORM HAVE SPECIFIC MEANING.

Everything the guards do is a series of 21, which alludes to the 21-gun salute. According to TombGuard.org: The Sentinel does not execute an about face, rather they stop on the 21st step, then turn and face the Tomb for 21 seconds. They then turn to face back down the mat, change the weapon to the outside shoulder, mentally count off 21 seconds, then step off for another 21 step walk down the mat. They face the Tomb at each end of the 21 step walk for 21 seconds. The Sentinel then repeats this over and over until the Guard Change ceremony begins.

Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery [View Video](#)  
The Story of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers [View Video](#)  
How Arlington National Cemetery Came to Be [View Article](#)  
Interactive Map of Arlington National Cemetery [View Map](#)



## War Movies Word Scramble

1. DGIBRE NO HTE RVREI AWIK \_\_\_\_\_
2. EHT ARTGE ECSPEA \_\_\_\_\_
3. ONOLATP \_\_\_\_\_
4. NATPOT \_\_\_\_\_
5. ETH RYDIT NZDEO \_\_\_\_\_
6. GLOILLAIP \_\_\_\_\_
7. THE EEDR HRTNEU \_\_\_\_\_
8. INVSGA RIVPAET NARY \_\_\_\_\_
9. SDA TBOO \_\_\_\_\_
10. HET IHTN ERD NLEI \_\_\_\_\_
11. HET ETELS HLETME \_\_\_\_\_
12. KRDIUKN \_\_\_\_\_
13. EHT HUTR CRLOKE \_\_\_\_\_
14. IREPEM FO TEH SNU \_\_\_\_\_
15. AMHS \_\_\_\_\_
16. LUFL EMTLA ACJETK \_\_\_\_\_
17. PSCOEYPAAL NOW \_\_\_\_\_
18. TSPHA OF ROLGY \_\_\_\_\_

### Word Bank

Gallipoli  
Saving Private Ryan  
Das Boot  
The Dirty Dozen  
Empire Of The Sun  
Paths Of Glory  
The Deer Hunter  
The Thin Red Line  
The Hurt Locker  
Full Metal Jacket  
Patton  
Apocalypse Now  
Dunkirk  
The Great Escape  
Bridge On The River Kwai  
Platoon  
The Steel Helmet  
Mash

## How Fun Do These Games Look? ? ?



**ANSWER KEY**  
Bridge On The River Kwai  
The Great Escape  
Platoon  
Patton  
The Dirty Dozen  
Gallipoli  
The Deer Hunter  
Saving Private Ryan  
Das Boot  
The Thin Red Line  
The Steel Helmet  
Dunkirk  
The Hurt Locker  
Empire Of The Sun  
Mash  
Full Metal Jacket  
Apocalypse Now  
Paths Of Glory





[Star Spangled Banner](#)  
[Performed By: Concert Band & Soldiers' Chorus](#)

["God Bless America"](#)  
[Flash Mob with Denver Brass](#)

[Ray Charles - America, The Beautiful](#)

