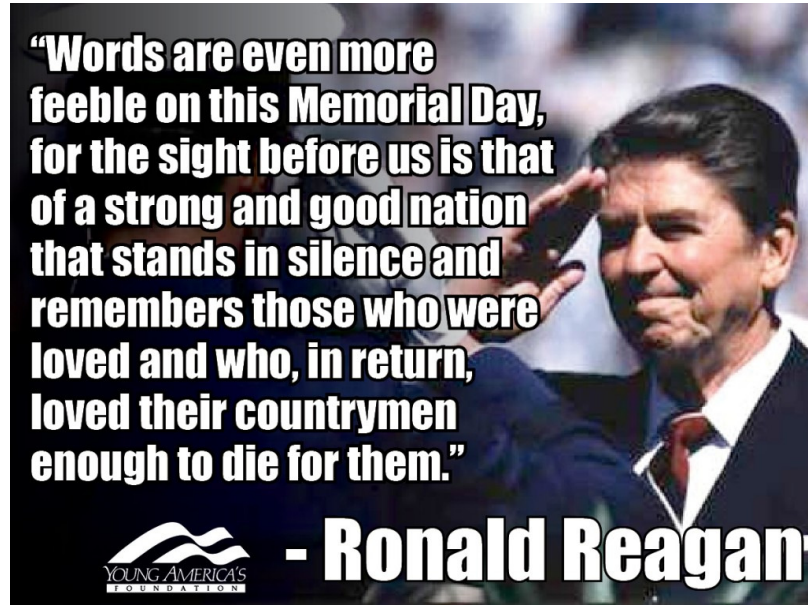


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MEMORIAL DAY 2013



Source: <http://www.publiusnm.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Memorial-Day-Meme1-1024x768.jpg>.

The Day

Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is an American holiday that occurs each year on the last Monday in the month of May. Its purpose is to honor those Americans who gave their lives in war for their country.

The first declaration of this holiday was on 30 May 1868 by Major General John Alexander Logan (1826-1886). The intention was to honor American Union and Confederate soldiers who were killed in the Civil War (1861-1865). After World War I Memorial Day was extended to include all American military personnel who have died in wars in which America participated to guarantee its freedoms to the present and following generations.

Although this primary purpose is still observed, the memory and honor of America's fallen are gradually being eclipsed by going on a picnic, the opening of the summer bathing season, a long weekend that is devoted to national media events, family gatherings (often without observing the purpose of the day), rock concerts, shopping, and fireworks, and POLDS – Progressives, Obots, Liberals, Dumbed-Downers – conducting anti-American demonstrations.

In conservative America that still holds on to traditions and virtues, the family graveyard is visited and those buried there are remembered with stories from their lives. This is an opportunity when there can be an extended family reunion, many family members travelling hundreds of miles to be present to honor the deceased family veterans. In some small, conservative towns there is a religious service, followed by a potluck church meal.

The Etymological Meaning

In the adjective word *memorial* there is a special meaning that has come into present-day English from the proto-Indo-European word root (s)mer as it came out of the ancient language of India, Old Indian, *smárati*. It is the meaning *to mourn, to remember, and to commemorate* in one word.¹

The Floral Flag

What a beautiful tribute to our nation, our military, and the freedoms we have been enjoying in America!



Source: <http://www.sjcaravello.com/floralflag.jpg>

In 2002 the Floral Flag was planted by the Bodger Seed Company, Lompoc, California as a tribute after the September 11, 2001 tragedy. A ten-second video is at <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/government/flag/video.htm>. The Floral Flag fully blossomed in 2002, when Bill Morson took the photograph. The flowers were harvested for seeds in 2003.

Close to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Floral Flag was 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintained the proper Flag dimensions, as described in the provisions of Executive Order 10834 of August 21, 1959, signed by the President of The United States, Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1969, President 1953-1961).

¹ Julius Pokorny, *Indogermanisches Etymologisches Wörterbuch*, Francke Verlag, Tübingen und Basel: 2005, p. 969.

This Flag was 6.65 acres and was the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star was 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe was 30 feet wide. This Flag was estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers. The Floral Flag no longer exists. Memorial Day does. Memorial Day is the day when the men and women who died while serving America are honored. Veterans Day honors the service of all United States military veterans, whether living or dead.

In our minds and in our hearts we can interpret the Floral Flag as symbolizing the lives given for freedom since the American Revolutionary War in 1776.

According to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_casualties_of_war we have the following statistics of American deaths in wars for freedom since the American Revolution in 1776, including Iraq and Afghanistan as of May 2013:

Total American Combat Deaths in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	848,163
Other American Deaths in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	433,161
Total American Deaths in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	1,321,612
Total Americans Wounded in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	1,531,036
Total Americans Dead and Wounded in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	2,717,991
Total Americans Missing in Wars for Freedom since 1776:	8,159



We must cast forth anti-American ideologies and those who are a danger to America's freedoms! We must abide by our *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution for the United States of America*.

We must not forget that our once world-leading, productive industries are being socialized and exploited to be caged in an anti-human economic system; that our cherished freedoms are slowly but surely being guillotined; that our military – the once most powerful military in the world – is commanded by a most inept dilettante with his peacock generals and admirals; that America's national security and sovereignty are slowly being placed under the auspices of the paper tiger the United Nations, which is dominated by Islamic countries; that America's state and federal relationships are becoming extinct and being replaced by a dictatorship; that America's reputation, morals, and traditions are in the jaws of death.

Because of these facts, on Memorial Day we must never forget those American Military Service Members who paid for America's freedoms with their lives!

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Patriotic, Steadfast, and True
May 22, 2013.