



Happy Memorial Day!

Memorial Day is an American holiday for honoring and mourning the military personnel who had died while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#), which includes the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. This day is now observed on the last Monday of May.

It's hard to say how the first observance originated, but we know that this day was observed as far back as the Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865. The Civil war claimed more lives than any conflict in the United States history. By the late 1860, American cities and towns began to hold tributes to these fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day is often observed by visiting cemeteries and memorials of those who passed while serving in the military. Americans also hold family gathering and participate in parades to remember our loved ones. Unofficially, Memorial Day also marks the beginning of summer.

Did you know?

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

This day was known as **Decoration Day** until after World War II. The official name changed to **Memorial Day** by federal law in 1967.

In 1070, the observance day was changed from May 30th to the last Monday in May. The official Monday was set by Congress in order to create a convenient three-day weekend.

Sources:

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