

Honor America's



National Heroes



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"Let us... gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude..."

— General John A. Logan
May 5, 1868 • Washington, DC

Memorial Day used to be known as "Decoration Day" and didn't become a national holiday until 1968. Though the holiday is now commonly associated with the beginning of the summer vacation season, it is important to remember and acknowledge the service of the millions of men and women who have paid the ultimate price for their country.

The following DCMP titles provide some historical context for the celebration of Memorial Day:

- Talking Maps: World War I
- Heroes of World War I
- America—The Story of Us: World War II
- World War II: The Allies
- The Vietnam Memorials: All the Unsung Heroes
- Critical Issues of the American Civil War: Part 5: Who Were the Real Heroes and Heroines of the American Civil War?



Picture This America: Remembering Those Who Served

John and Jan Goldsmith narrate this tribute about Memorial Day. Features stories of gifts left at the Vietnam Memorial (the Wall) including their storage and treatment; insight of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (better known as the Iwo Jima Memorial) with comments from its sculptor; reenactments of the Civil War; a short history of women in war and military service; reminiscences about the luncheon meat SPAM in World War II; and a brief look at dogs in war.

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