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Memorial Day Facts:

1. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. Following the end of the Civil War, which claimed more lives than any other conflict in the U.S. History, in 1965, the country's first national cemeteries were established. Springtime tributes were held to honor the fallen soldiers, with many "decorating" the graves of with flowers.
2. While the name "Memorial Day" became more popular gradually after World War II, it wasn't made official until 1967.
3. Waterloo, New York was designated "The Birthplace of Memorial Day" on March 7, 1966, in Albany, New York when Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed a proclamation of designation.
4. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially recognized as a National Holiday.
5. Memorial Day celebrations with barbecues, picnics, and other outdoor activities kick off the summer season.
6. In 2000 Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act which encourages all Americans to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day. During this time we should remember and honor the sacrifices of those who died in service to our nation.
7. On Memorial Day the flag is flown at 1/2 staff until noon. After that it is raised to full staff for the rest of the day.
8. People pay their respects by placing flowers or flags on the graves of loved ones who died in military service to our country.
9. Every year, a formal ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The President or his designee lays a wreath on the Tomb.
10. Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving their country. Veterans Day celebrates those that served throughout history. Armed Forces day recognizes those who are currently serving.
11. In remembrance of those who lost their lives in war, Some Americans wear a poppy on Memorial Day as a show of respect. The tradition is inspired by "In Flanders Fields", a World War 1 poem





written in 1915 by John McCrae

12. More than 1.3 million American Service Members have died in wars.

13. Memorial Day is a day of solemn remembrance. Appropriate comments include:

- I wish you a meaningful Memorial Day.

- I hope you enjoy the weekend and pause to remember those who served and lost their lives.

14. In 1873, New York made Decoration Day an official state holiday and by 1890, every northern state had followed suit.

15. Since 1868, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, has held an annual Memorial Day parade which it claims to be the nation's oldest continuously running.

16. For car racing fans, Memorial Day also includes watching the Indy 5000. It began in 1910.

