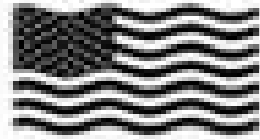


Memorial Day



Memorial Day is an American holiday that is celebrated on the last Monday of May every year. Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember all of the military men and women who have died serving our country.

Memorial Day first began after the Civil War. It was first called Decoration Day. This day was celebrated on May 30th. In 1868, everyone would go to the cemeteries on this day and decorate the graves of Union soldiers with flowers, notes, and sometimes handmade items.

In 1882, Decoration Day was changed to "Memorial Day". This is when the North and South join together to honor both the Union and Confederate soldiers who had died during the Civil War. Since this time, the United States has been involved in several wars. In 1967, this day was changed to honor all of the men and women who have died serving their country. In 1971, Memorial Day was legally changed to the last Monday in May.

The men and the women of the United States military have protected our freedom. It is because of their bravery, dedication, and honor that we live in a nation that is free.