

MEMORIAL DAY

CEMETERIES & MEMORIALS

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NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

National cemeteries and memorials serve as hallowed grounds where the sacrifices of military personnel are honored and remembered. On Memorial Day, these sacred sites have an added significance as communities gather to pay tribute to the fallen and reflect on their service. Let's explore the historical basis of national cemeteries and memorials in this reading.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA)

One of the most iconic national cemeteries, Arlington National Cemetery was established during the Civil War. It is the final resting place for over 400,000 military personnel, including presidents, Medal of Honor recipients, and countless brave individuals who served the United States. On Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery hosts several ceremonies, with thousands of Americans from across the country flocking to honor the sacrifices of the fallen.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY (GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA)

Gettysburg National Cemetery's dedication is deeply rooted in the battleship where one of the most important battles of the Civil War took place. As the final resting place for Union soldiers who fought and died at Gettysburg, it will be with other conflicts. On Memorial Day, Gettysburg National Cemetery hosts several ceremonies, including the playing of the bugle to honor the fallen.

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA)

Arlington National Cemetery, established during the Civil War, is one of the most iconic and revered burial grounds in the United States. It serves as the final

resting place for over 400,000 military personnel, including presidents, Medal of Honor recipients, and countless service members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces. On Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery hosts solemn ceremonies, wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and other tributes to honor the sacrifices of the Fallen.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY (GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA)

Gettysburg National Cemetery, dedicated in 1863, is located on the battlefield where one of the bloodiest and most significant battles of the Civil War took place. It serves as the final resting place for Union soldiers who fought and died at Gettysburg, as well as veterans from other conflicts. On Memorial Day, Gettysburg National Cemetery hosts commemorative ceremonies, including readings of the Gettysburg Address and the laying of wreaths, to honor the Fallen.



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NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC (HONOLULU, HAWAII)

The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl Cemetery, is located in the crater of an extinct volcano overlooking Honolulu. It serves as the final resting place for over 50,000 military personnel, including those who lost their lives in the Pacific Theater during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. On Memorial Day, the cemetery hosts ceremonies, including the lighting of lanterns and the laying of leis, to honor the Fallen.



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., honors over 58,000 U.S. military personnel who served during the Vietnam War. On Memorial Day, it's a gathering place for remembrance and paying respects to the Fallen.



NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

The National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., honors the 16 million U.S. armed forces members who served during the war, including over 400,000 who lost their lives. With a central plaza and granite plums representing states, it hosts Memorial Day ceremonies to honor the Fallen.



CONCLUSION

National cemeteries and memorials hold a special place in the hearts of Americans, serving as places of reflection, reverence, and remembrance on Memorial Day and throughout the year. These sacred sites remind us of the sacrifices made by military personnel in defense of freedom and democracy and provide a fitting tribute to their service and sacrifice. As we gather to honor the Fallen on Memorial Day, let us pay our respects to these hallowed grounds and ensure that their memory lives on for future generations.

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NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the primary focus of national cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day?
 - a) Celebrating military victories
 - b) Paying tribute to fallen military personnel
 - c) Hosting festive gatherings
 - d) Promoting peace initiatives
2. Where is Arlington National Cemetery located?
 - a) Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
 - b) Honolulu, Hawaii
 - c) Washington, D.C.
 - d) Arlington, Virginia
3. Which war is commemorated at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial?
 - a) World War I
 - b) World War II
 - c) Korean War
 - d) Vietnam War
4. How many military personnel are honored at the National World War II Memorial?
 - a) 16,000
 - b) 80,000
 - c) 16 million
 - d) 8 million
5. What is the significance of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific?
 - a) It is situated in a former battlefield.
 - b) It overlooks the National Mall.
 - c) It is located in the crater of an extinct volcano.
 - d) It is adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of Arlington Cemetery?
2. Where is the National World War II Memorial located?
3. What types of ceremonies take place at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific?
4. How many names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial?
5. What is the primary purpose of national cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day?

5. Which event does Gettysburg commemorate?

- a) American Revolution
- b) Civil War
- c) World War I
- d) War of 1812

2. What is the primary feature of the World War II Memorial's central plaza?

- a) A fountain
- b) A statue
- c) A garden
- d) A reflecting pool

4. How many military personnel are honored at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific?

- a) Over 400,000
- b) Over 80,000
- c) Over 16,000
- d) Over 16 million

3. What ceremonies take place at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day?

- a) Lighting of candles
- b) Reciting the Gettysburg Address
- c) Reading of the names of fallen soldiers
- d) Laying of wreaths

1. What is the primary purpose of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial?

- a) Celebrating military victories
- b) Paying tribute to fallen military personnel
- c) Promoting peace initiatives
- d) Hosting festive gatherings

ANSWER KEY

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1. b) Paying tribute to fallen military personnel
2. c) Washington, D.C.
3. d) Vietnam War
4. d) 16 million
5. c) It is located in the crater of an extinct volcano
6. b) Civil War
7. d) A fountain
8. b) Over 80,000
9. c) Reciting the Gettysburg Address
10. b) Paying tribute to fallen military personnel

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Arlington National Cemetery serves as the final resting place for over 400,000 military personnel, including presidents, Medal of Honor recipients, and countless service members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces.
2. The National World War II Memorial is situated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.
3. The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific hosts ceremonies, including the lighting of candles and the reciting of the Gettysburg Address.
4. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial features the names of over 58,000 U.S. military personnel who were listed as missing in action during the conflict.
5. The primary purpose of national cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day is to pay tribute to the sacrifices of military personnel and honor their service.

ANSWER KEY
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