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### A Few Titles on Memorial Day at MSFRIC



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✓ The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture

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✓ Military Funeral Honors: Honoring Those Who Served

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✓ Our Hallowed Ground: WWII Veterans of Fort Snelling National Cemetery

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✓ Their Last Battle: The Fight for the National World War II Memorial

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Memorial Day**

## Memorial Day, May 28th observed

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize

the holiday was New York in 1873. After World War I, the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day

weekend for Federal holidays. Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 pm Washington time. Another tradition is to fly the US flag at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. Volunteers place a US flag upon each gravesite located in a National Cemetery.