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Never forget to remember

Sunday, May 28, 2017

What do we REMEMBER on Memorial Day?

The last weekend in May is a time to get together with family and friends. This is a good thing. It's a time to appreciate what we have

Let's also remember why we have those things and those whose loss made it possible

I live near the National D-Day Memorial. This town was chosen for the site because it lost the most men per capita at Normandy than any other place in the USA. My chorale performs at the annual Memorial Weekend concert. The event is always well attended. One of our songs (Taps) was posted on my facebook page.

www.facebook.com/NationalD-DayMemorial/videos/10155310535372641/

It helped me remember and block out the personalized advertisement that appeared right next to it. "Eileen, don't miss this memorial day sale!"

"No matter what he does, every person on earth plays a central role in the history of the world. And normally he doesn't know it." (Paulo Coehlo)

I LIKED this blog today "Mindfulness and Contentment" by JStetser
www.sparkpeople.com/mypublicjournal_individual.asp?blog_id=6367555

It helped me think about how I will spend my day

Note:
The advertisement was from one of my favorite stores. I understand the concept. People have time during a national holiday to do whatever they want. I like a bargain as much as anybody, but the unfortunate placement of the ad made me think of a paraphrase -People died for your freedom, come get a deal on a new summer outfit.

That is quite true. Because of their sacrifice, we can spend our time however we want. May we honor their sacrifice by spending our time well.

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JUNEAU2010

Well Said!

1459 days ago



ANGIEN9

My family was not a big military family. That being said, I still remember my friends and their loved ones that sacrifice so much for us.

1469 days ago



BLUEJAY1969

Thank you for your wonderful reminder. My DH served in the Gulf War. His father in the Korean War. I have learned to count the cost of our freedom. I am like anyone and enjoy the three day weekend but part of mine was spent with family putting flags of the graves of the veterans.

1470 days ago



CHAYOR73

Well Said!

1471 days ago



BJAEGER307

Thank you for your tribute to our fallen men and women, who truly sacrificed everything for our freedom. This is something we should do on a daily basis. I agree about the irritation of the commercialism that is put on this day. I would think there are many other holidays that can be so utilized other than this one. It also gets me when people say "Happy Memorial Day". It's not a "happy" but a day of Remembrance.



Hope you had a nice weekend, I know you had a mindful Memorial Day.

1471 days ago



SKYDRAKE

Thank you for honoring our fallen heroes with your blog and your voice. Our day was very low key. A reflective day. I understand your feeling on the advertisement. I have often felt the same way.

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NANCY-

Never knew there were words to Taps. What a lovely way to honor those who have fallen.

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AZMOMXTWO

I love to hear the stories from the past and I always have

1472 days ago



NEWROSE27

In Australia we remember on the 25th of April. It is called Anzac Day. Here too commercial interests have endeavoured to link their marketing with this important day in recent years. Fortunately this is not allowed and they incur government fines and the disapproval of the public as well.

Lest we forget.

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PHEBESS

As a child, I was in the Girl Scouts and marched in many Memorial Day parades, along with the veterans of our small town in New York. It never occurred to us to talk to these old men, though as a teen I wanted to hear my father's stories of his time in the Navy at the end of WWII and during the Korean War.

We tend to forget the sacrifice so many made, unless it affects us personally.

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RAZZOOZLE



Happy Memorial Day.
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TOMATOCAFEGAL

Will always remember. From family to those still missing, I will never forget.
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INCH_BY_INCH

THANK YOU!

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1STBUCKETITEM



God bless our soldiers where ever they are stationed today, our veterans from all wars, and bless also their families that have sacrificed so much for our country. God bless America, especially in this time when the world seems to have gone mad.
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1CRAZYDOG

We are blessed by those who fought and died for our freedoms. And those who continue to!



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MARYJEANSL

Well said. Thank you for the reminder. I have been too occupied with my own troubles these past few days to remember what the holiday is all about.
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JEANNETTE59

Thank you for paying tribute to all who served and those who are currently deployed
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SUSIEMT

God Bless America! Thank you for your service!



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LIVEDAILY

My father was in the submarine service U.S. Navy for 20 years. He and my mother are both buried at Arlington National Cemetery. There are many days when I recognize the service he did for his country.
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KILTORE

I come from a long line of military families. In fact, my husband and both my kids were in the military. We are strong supporters of freedom.
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MORTICIAADDAMS

I am spending my day with my hubby at home. I feel a sense of inner peace here. I am mindful that I am blessed.
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GARDENCHRIS

good blog and I agree!



GOD Bless America.

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TERI-RIFIC

Well Said!



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We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us." [Edmund Burke, 1729 - 1797]
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CTYONIT

I sincerely hope we are all able to pause and reflect this weekend on the sacrifices that were made for our freedom.



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PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

Eileen-- Just beautiful! It made me cry! Yes, we must all remember to remember the reason for our sales, pools opening, summer's beginning! Wish I could've been there! I mean, at your performance at the memorial.... Even I would not prefer war! Thanks. Thank you for sharing and thank you to all veterans and their families!
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VISUALLYRICS



Love our patriots!
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GINIEMIE

I'm glad other people are remembering the young men and women who died for freedom. My blog didn't include music but I was so moved when I saw the cemeteries in Belgium and France for

all of our young men and women. We are blessed because of the brave one.



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ONEKIDSMOM

Amen to the prayer that is "Taps". May their sacrifices not be in vain... may we always remember from whence our freedoms came, and may we do our own part to ensure they continue.
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MBPP50



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NANASUEH



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MTN_KITTEN



We should remember the price our fellow man/woman has paid for us ... daily.
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SDEHNKE

But for the Grace of God my Dad would have been one of those statistics. He went in to Normandy with the 101st Airborne on a glider that crash landed around St Mere Eglise. Many of the crew died and the others including my father were captured by the Germans when they opened the doors. His family received a telegram that he was missing, presumed dead. It was many months before they heard that he was a Prisoner of War. Many more of his fellow soldiers died in that camp but he was one of the lucky ones to live and be liberated by the Russians. He was 6 foot 3 and weighed something like 79 pounds. The Russians marched them from Leipzig Germany back to Odessa Russia and they spent months of indoctrination. My father always maintained that some of the soldiers chose to remain in Russia. They opened the doors for those who wanted to go home and they had to find their own way. In my father's case he walked from Odessa Russia to Naples Italy where he finally met up with Americans and sent a telegram to his Dad (his Mom had died) "Your bouncing baby boy is coming home."



Suellen
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SMILINGEYES2

So true. Remember when holidays and Sundays were set aside. Now they are filled to the top with activity.



The D-Day Memorial is so touching. Met several of the survivors from Bedford during the early phases. Their stories of that day would bring tears to the eyes of the hardest person.
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1DAY-ATA-TIME

Many have sacrificed for me and the citizens of the USA so that they can lives in a free and democratic society. I cherish the memory of all those who served and gave their lives.
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SLIMMERJESSE

I never forget to remember. Wonderful blog.
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POLSKARENIA

Great blog. My dad was with the Polish tanks outside Abbeville in June '44. Lots of other places before and after, so proud. My mum was at Monte Cassino, driving a munitions truck, having joined the Polish army in Teheran after Siberia. They were both my heroes...
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CD4114015

LOVE, love love this blog! Yep, I always remember what this is for. Had my dad in WWII (Normandy too) and my John was big in Viet Nam. So very proud of both of them!



Have a wonderful and memorial weekend, Eileen!
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2BDYNAMIC

I love God, America, and the men and women who serve (and have served) remembering what this weekend is all about. My Dad served in the Army in WW II, my older brother in the navy and my younger brother served in the Marines on the front lines in Viet Nam. I too find it insensitive when the retail industry tries to capitulate on the crowds enticing them into their stores for those "Great bargains on Memorial Day." I am honored to be a citizen of our United States of America. And I like what was said:



"No matter what he does, every person on earth plays a central role in the history of the world. And normally he doesn't know it." (Paulo Coehlo) At this point in time, thankfully, I finished my career of 43 years, and now I plan to be a part of the solution rather than the problem.



Thank you for a sensitive and a time to Remember Lest we forget.

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