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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.

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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/mypa ge\_public\_journal\_individu al.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



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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.

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## **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!

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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

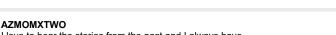
Thank you for honoring our fallen heroes with your blog and your voice. Our day was very low key. A reflective day. I understand your feeling on the advertisement. I have often felt the same

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# NANCY-

Never knew there were words to Taps. What a lovely way to honor those who have fallen. 1472 days ago





I love to hear the stories from the past and I always have 1472 days ago



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.

1472 days ago



# **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. 1472 days ago

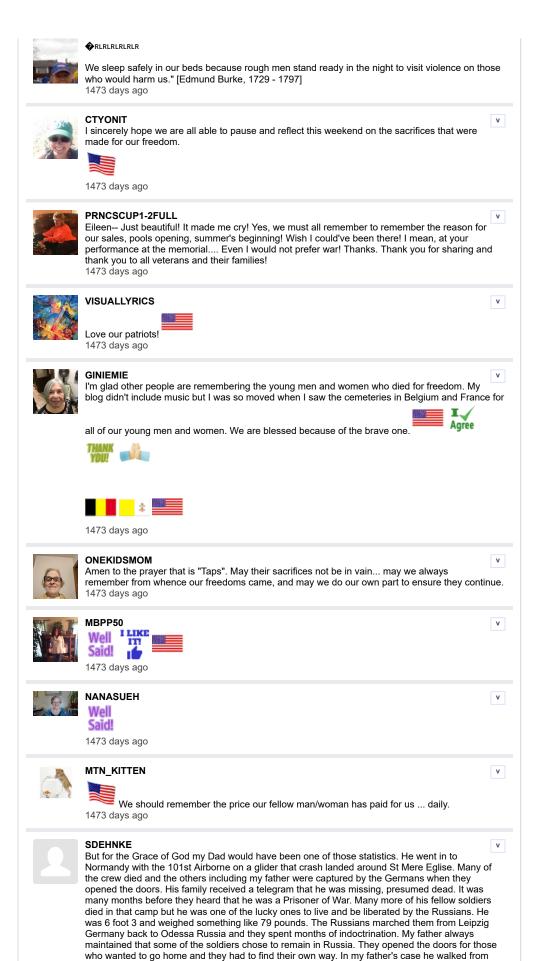




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# **RAZZOOZLE** Happy Memorial Day. 1472 days ago **TOMATOCAFEGAL** ٧ Will always remember. From family to those still missing, I will never forget. 1472 days ago INCH\_BY\_INCH ٧ 1472 days ago **1STBUCKETITEM** ٧ God bless our soldiers where ever 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. 1472 days ago 1CRAZYDOG We are blessed by those who fought and died for our freedoms. And those who continue to! 1472 days ago **MARYJEANSL** ٧ 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. 1472 days ago **JEANNETTE59** v Thank you for paying tribute to all who served and those who are currently deployed 1472 days ago SUSIEMT God Bless America! Thank you for your service! 1472 days ago My father was in the submarine service U.S. Navy for 20 years. He and my mother are both buries at Arlington National Cemetery. There are many days when I recognize the service he did for his country. 1472 days ago **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. 1473 days ago **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. 1473 days ago **GARDENCHRIS** ٧ good blog and I agree! GOD Bless America. 1473 days ago **TERI-RIFIC** ٧





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."



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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. 1473 days ago



### 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. 1473 days ago





### SLIMMERJESSE

I never forget to remember. Wonderful blog. 1473 days ago





# **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... 1473 days ago





## 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! 1473 days ago



# **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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