

Remembering Our Fallen on Memorial Day



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 124 President Janie Cox pins an artificial poppy on Lisa Basham this past Saturday during the auxiliary's bake sale and distribution of poppies.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 124 members distributed artificial poppies to the general public last Saturday at the Dollar General Market.


Photos by Clevis Jeffries

Memorial Day is always observed on the last Monday in May. While the holiday originally took place on May 30th every year, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968, which officially moved the observance to the final Monday of the month. This change went into effect in 1971 to provide federal workers and the general public with a consistent three-day weekend.

Memorial Day events held at 120+ national cemeteries

The Department of Veterans Affairs will host Memorial Day ceremonies last weekend at more than 120 VA national cemeteries across the country for 100,000 attendees. All events featured wreath-laying ceremonies, commemorative speeches, the playing of Taps and other patriotic events to honor America's interred service members. "This Memorial Day weekend, we invite Americans to join us at a VA national cemetery to honor those who died in defense of our nation," said VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Sam Brown. "Together, we will ensure the legacies of these brave heroes live on for generations." All 157 VA National Cemeteries and 35 soldiers' lots will be open throughout Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25. To learn more about

volunteer opportunities at VA national cemeteries visit the following NCA webpage. Members of the public may also make submissions to VA's Veterans Legacy Memorial website, which features written tributes, photos, biographies, documents and other information. The VLM website hosts a memorial page for each of the more than 10.7 million Veterans interred in VA National Cemeteries and VA grant-funded cemeteries, such as Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Park Service National Cemeteries, American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries and in thousands of private cemeteries nationwide where Veterans have received a VA-provided gravesite marker since 1996.

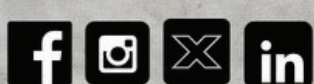


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