



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Memorial Day will be commemorated on Monday, May 31

This annual observance honors the brave men and women who gave their lives in military service to our great Nation.

Founded in 1868 as Decoration Day by Gen. John A. Logan to decorate the graves of those who lost their lives during the Civil War, Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971.P

After last year's pause on most public events because of COVID-19, it's heartening to see we are able to return to more in-person Memorial Day observances this year. Communities across Ohio are preparing for events such as wreath laying ceremonies, memorial services, and parades.

Many of you may also be planning to resume cookouts and other activities with extended Family and friends. While we enjoy Family time this holiday weekend, let's also remember to take time to honor and remember those who have fallen in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The freedom we enjoy in our great Nation is because of those heroes' ultimate sacrifice to a cause bigger than themselves.

I wish you and your Family a safe Memorial Day weekend.

John C. Harris Jr.
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