



A Day to Remember

by Peggy Marker

Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. Some families do take the extended weekend to get away. For some, it is the weekend to get the summer cottage ready or to put the boat in the water. Many remember those that have gone before them and visit grave sites and place flowers or other mementos on the burial sites. But to thousands of families who have been touched by war, because of a family member serving in the military, it is a time to remember those who died in the service of their country.

This day has a history that reaches back to the Civil War. It was originally known as Decoration Day and it was a day set aside to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead. A proclamation made by General

John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers, on May 30, 1868, dedicated this day to commemorate the sacrifices of the Civil War soldiers. On that day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. Following his speech, 5,000 individuals helped to decorate the graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

Three years prior to the 1868 celebration at Arlington, towns such as Columbus Mississippi, Macon Georgia, Richmond Virginia, Boalsburg Pennsylvania, and Carbondale Illinois held celebrations to honor the men and women of this Civil War. These smaller celebrations inspired the 1868 observance at Arlington and all these towns claimed to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

By the late 1800's, many communities across our great nation had begun to celebrate Memorial Day. After World War I, the observances began honoring all those who had died in all of America's wars. It wasn't until 1971 that Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday and set aside the last Monday in May as the official day.

There was still some controversy about the birthplace of Memorial Day and in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York as its official birthplace. Waterloo was selected because it had its first Memorial Day celebration on May 5, 1866 and continued to honor the war veterans living and deceased each and every year since that first observance. The entire town took part in this community-wide event. Businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony attended by the president and/or vice president of the United States. About 5,000 visitors gather to hear speeches and to see the placing of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It is a moving experience to see the thousands and thousands of flags decorating all who gave their lives for our freedom.

America will always defend its freedom if not on our own soil but on

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the soil of foreign countries to insure that all people can live without fear of terrorism. Ensuring this freedom does not come without a price. This Memorial Day keeps in mind those men and women who fought and who continue to fight for the many freedoms that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted.

The Mishawaka River Walk winds through Battell Park, Mishawaka's oldest part, and pays tribute to the men and women who fought for our freedoms. The Band Shelter honors

those who fought in WWI and the Civil War monument pays tribute to those who bravely served during the Civil War. The Museum has in its collection a Civil War flag and drums, as well as medals and uniforms from former military men and women who served our country in times of war. Take a walk on the River Walk or visit the Museum during May and take a day to remember.

Sources:
www.usmemorialday.org,
www.History.com



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Have You Ever Wondered Why? Part 2

Author Unknown



Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would then just touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and stage lighting by

burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, performers on stage 'in the limelight' were seen by the audience to be the center of attention.

Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use 'mayday' as their call for help?

This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' and is pronounced 'mayday.'

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

In France, where tennis first became popular, a big, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans pronounced it 'love.'

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

When Mary, later Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education & survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scot game 'golf.' So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary enjoyed this and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

....And now
you know.



Volunteer Highlight

This quarter we welcome volunteer Kelsey Ray to our family of volunteers at the Museum. Kelsey has been working on cleaning the airplanes in our airplane collection. She also packaged bookmarks for our traveling exhibit “Children of the Holocaust”, helped put our Advisory Board packets together and sorted arrowheads for our gift shop.

Kelsey Marie Ray was born in Louisville, Kentucky on March 27, 1989 to Randy and Kelly Ray. She welcomed her brother, Austin, when he was born in 1996. Kelsey’s parents work in the world of museums so Kelsey has had a lot of first-hand experience through visiting museums and attending conferences. Kelsey lived in Kentucky, Virginia and Texas prior

to moving to Indiana in 2006. She graduated from Penn High School in 2008 and has participated in the Young Adult Program through Joint Services over the past three years.

Kelsey loves staying active and keeps her parents and brother hopping with ideas for outings and projects. She won first place in a talent competition at her middle school by producing a video mix of music and photos she had taken of school life. Kelsey is a meticulous craftsperson and enjoys a variety of art pursuits. She is very close to her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins and enjoys spending time on the phone catching up on their activities in Florida and Texas. The highlight of Kelsey’s year is attending Spina Bifida Camp at Camp For All in Burton, Texas. Each summer for the past decade, she has



participated in the “Camp That Love Built” without parents for a week.

Kelsey enjoys being a part of her family and looks forward to staying active with her friends and family.

Earn a Museum Reciprocal Membership

Do you like children’s museums? Is the expense of enjoying them a concern for your family’s budget? The Hannah Lindahl Children’s Museum would like to offer one staff member or a PTA member from each school in SC/M the opportunity to visit many of our country’s children’s museums free of charge. Join Paula Meersman (LaSalle) and Cara Patton (Emmons) in becoming HLCM membership representatives for the 2011 -2012 school year. Here is what you need to do:

- Become a Museum member (\$10)
- Remind staff members to fill out the Museum on-line membership form.
- Collect membership forms and money and send to the Museum
- Distribute the membership cards and premiums at the end of our membership drive.
- Encourage Museum membership.

For your efforts you will receive a reciprocal pass (Value \$100.00) that

you and your family can use at over 180 children’s museums throughout the country. Here are a few within a days travel: HealthWorks, South Bend, Chicago Children’s Museum, Curious Kids, Ann Arbor Hands On, Grand Rapids Children’s Museum, Duke Energy Children’s Museum and Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton, Ohio. For a complete list of museum reciprocal partners, check out the website www.childrensmuseums.org and click under “visit a children’s museum”.

As an additional incentive, if fifteen members of your school staff or school PTA organization become Museum members or renew their memberships you will receive another reciprocal membership that you can give away as a gift.

Call the Museum office at 254-4540, if you would like to help with the Museum’s Fall Membership Drive or e-mail me at pmarker@hlcm.org by June 2.



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