



From NFDW President Cindy Jenks

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Today, in somber remembrance, we salute our fallen men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. The freedoms that we enjoy today are because of these brave men and women who fought to protect the democracy that continues to grow dearer and more precious every day.

Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May and was originally known as Decoration Day. This tribute began after the American Civil War. On May 5, 1868, Gen. John Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War Veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later in the month. More than 5,000 people decorated graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890, all states had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. During World War 1, the day became a recognition for those who had died in all the wars that our country has fought. It was 1971 when Decoration Day became Memorial Day and was designated as a federal holiday.

Honor is paid to those who have died in military service by decorating the graves of the war dead. Patriotic parades and memorial programs are conducted throughout our county. American flags are waved proudly as we honor these fallen heroes.

"Let us never forget the price paid by those brave patriots and their families. Nor should we ever take for granted this great republic for which they so bravely fought. We should continue to honor daily their memory by fulfilling our responsibilities as citizens of this great country."

"We share the grief of those losses, and add our appreciation for their love of country and courageous sacrifices. May God Bless them and may they rest in peace. May God bless and comfort their families as we honor their loved ones," said President Jenks.