

What makes veterans so extraordinary is how they are everyday people. Veterans could be someone's uncle, grandfather, son, niece, nephew or daughter. A Veteran might be a Father teaching his son how to fix a bike. Ever since our country was born in 1776, America has grown. But, this would not have happened without our Veterans who kept us safe during wars and attacks. Helping us when we feel threatened.

When I hear the word Veteran I think of strong, brave and courageous soldier who is proud of his country and was willing to serve and be sent to a foreign land knowing the extreme dangers that came with his/her mission. Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is a day to remember fallen members of the U.S. military. People decorate graves of loved ones with flags, colorful poppies and things the service member liked in life. Poppies are a blood red flower that have been long known as a symbol of peace and death. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. Then, it was called Declaration day, but it was changed in May of 1971 to Memorial Day.

In conclusion, Memorial Day is a holiday that celebrates our perished service members that gave America its freedom. Everyone each year should show their appreciation for the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice. I personally hope every American this Memorial Day does something big or small to honor the work of our American heroes. So if you see a veteran let them know they are not forgotten and give them a salute.