

A Day of Remembrance



Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. It commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not.

Today Memorial Day is celebrated across the United States. Regardless of where it originated, it is an important holiday that remembers those that died for the country and serves to remind people of the costly price of war.

If you own a flag, join San Antonio and the nation in flying your flags at half-mast on Monday, May 27, 2024, in honor of Memorial Day, which is a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered. I have also attached information on how to correctly display the American Flag.

*Have a safe Memorial Day weekend and thank you for what you **all** do each day for the children, families, and the communities in which you serve.*

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How to Properly Display the Flag

There can be confusion and questions about how to properly wear and display the American flag, especially around the summer holidays of Memorial Day and July 4th when many people want to display a flag.

Here is what the law says about using the American flag properly (PDF):

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.*
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.*
- No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform.*
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.*
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.*
- The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat.*

