



# Memorial Day Honors the Best of Us All

**Today we honor the sacrifices that paid for the freedom we enjoy**

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – On Memorial Day, May 27, in quiet services across the country, the more than 1.6 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliary will come together to remember the men and women lost in the clash of battle.

As we gather and observe this Memorial Day, we carry on a tradition dating back to 1866, embracing the feeling of patriotism and pride while honoring the sacrifices that paid for the freedom and way of life we enjoy still today. There is no freedom without bravery, and those we honor were brave when it counted most.

Generation after generation, our nation has been fortunate enough to have service members who continue to believe that freedom is worth fighting for, and if necessary, dying for. Memorial Day is about being thankful that such brave men and women have lived.

This Memorial Day, the VFW reminds our nation that we must live the America they died for ... a country of freedom, equality, opportunity and unlimited promise. They gave up their todays for our tomorrows, and now it is up to us to carry their dedication and determination forward. There is no better way to honor those who gave all than to remember them, honor their service, mourn their loss, and show gratitude to the families they left behind.

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