

5-26-2023 Memorial Day

With all of the turmoil in our world today there are so many people and countries that can only dream of the liberties that we so often take for granted. These Liberties that we have were not gained without cost and sacrifice or the men and women in uniform. Literally millions of men and women of all religions, races, colors, and ages, paid the ultimate price for our freedoms we have here in the United States of America. Memorial Day is so much more than having a day off work, cook-outs, putting out an American Flag in front of your house, and family gatherings. It is a day to pause from our daily activities to pay tribute to those men and women, a day to visit a Memorial Day Ceremony at a local cemetery to join with others in quiet meditation, by our own beliefs, thanking your God for making such men and women as those that now lay in their final peaceful rest. For some, it may even be standing on a beach somewhere looking out over the ever-restless waves where many of our heroes now reside from battles on the seas of the world.

Whatever way you choose to consider what this all means to you and your family of years past, present, and future, take that time to pay tribute to those who have died in the service of their country. Also, while hope remains of those, we call POW-MIA's, to return home, many never will. Those too so strongly deserve our thoughts and prayers. So, remember as it says in John 15:13 *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* Enjoy the liberties and freedoms that you have, by God's Grace and Mercy, and not just on Memorial Day but every day of your life, do whatever you can that you may be worthy of their ultimate sacrifice.