

Inspiration for All: TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

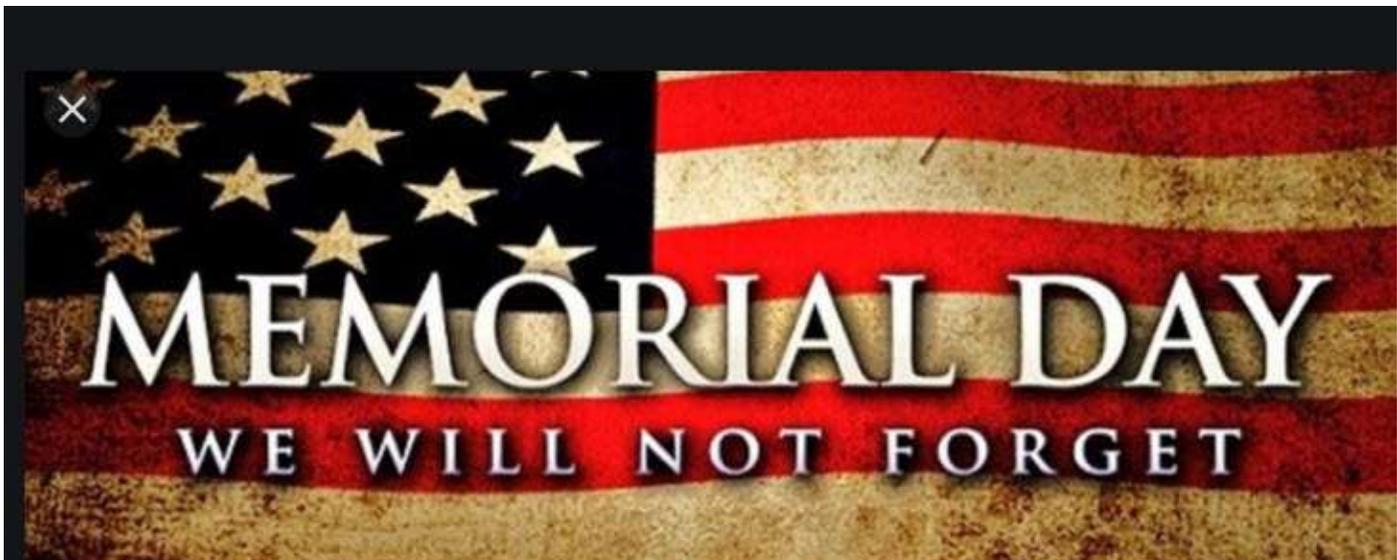
Once again, Bob Lathen of the Littleton Family History Center has sent me inspiration thoughts to pass on according to our followers in the Foothills Ward Temple & Family History Facebook Group. I hope you are doing well and that you are "anxiously engaged" in moving Family History Work forward in your wards! Below is a fun and creative Memorial Day/Military activity that the Temple & Family History Leader of the Bowles Grove ward, Ed Engle, sent to his entire ward in his ward's weekly newsletter called the *Buzz*. I hope you are encouraging similar Family History related activities in your ward. Feel free to do this one yourself and to pass it on!

Fun Memorial Day Activity

How do you celebrate Memorial Day in your family? Did you pause to honor military ancestors in your family, and think of the sacrifice they made for your freedoms? Most of us probably have ancestors that served in the military, or at a minimum registered for service as required by law. Many of those registrations are now available for you to view thanks to the Indexing program of the Church. They typically show some very interesting things like height, weight, hair color, eye color, complexion, and the signature of the individual registering. They also show genealogical data like date and place of birth, spouse's name, etc. To see if you have any military records for your ancestors, click the following link - it's fast and it's easy: <https://www.familysearch.org/campaign/militaryrecords?cid=lihp-mrc-8081>. Then sign in to FamilySearch using your LDS account user ID and password, and the system will take you right to **your** pioneer stories. Using the arrow keys right or left will take you to others. If you need help, please call a Ward Temple & Family History Consultant.

Closing Comments

Don't hesitate to share any Memorial Day activities that your family engages in. This national holiday was originally known as **Decoration Day** that first took place May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1967. Many Americans observe **Memorial Day** by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Click [here](#) to learn "8 Things You May Not Know About Memorial Day From its Civil War origins to its modern-day traditions" to find out more about America's most solemn holiday to honor the deceased, soldiers with decorated graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths.





MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND OUR
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE
FILLED WITH
MEMORIES AND
PEACE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

