

# Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning

**Service Mottos (In order of precedence):** **US Army** – “This We’ll Defend”. **US Marine Corps** - Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful). **US Navy** – No official motto, Semper Fortis (Always Strong) is used. **US Air Force** – Aut Vincere Aut Mors (Conquer or Die). **US Coast Guard** – Semper Paratus (Always Ready). **National Guard** – Always ready, Always There. **Merchant Marine** – In WWII (We Deliver The Goods). **US Merchant Marine Academy** - Acta Non Verba (Deeds Not Words).

**Pray daily - God is easy to talk to:** Now, Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Memorial Day, \_\_ (Date) \_\_ as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I urge the press, radio, television, and all other information media to cooperate in this observance. ." (R Reagan 1983) ... "They defended our nation, they liberated the oppressed, they served the cause of peace. And all Americans who have known the loss and sadness of war, whether recently or long ago, can know this: The person they love and miss is honored and remembered by the United States of America." (G W Bush 2004) ... "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. (A. Lincoln 1863). Amen

**National Day Today (May 25):**  
African  
Liberation Day,  
Memorial Day,  
Brown-Bag-It  
Day, Hamburger  
Day, Missing  
Children's Day,  
Tap Dance Day,  
Wine Day,  
Prayer for Peace  
Day, Towel Day.

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## Monday, May 25th - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off:** My friend and his buddies in Vietnam were hunkered down in a mud-filled hole dug into the side of a berm and covered with lumber for protection. Their one extravagance: a bare light bulb they'd hung from the "ceiling." One guy read a newspaper article from back home about a congressional investigation into why some troops were living in relative luxury. The guy put down the paper, turned to my friend, and said, "Well, there goes the light bulb."

**God's Comfort: Matthew 13:47-52** 47 "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. 52 He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

**Historical Perspective (May 25):** 1803 - Ralph W. Emerson born. 1844 - Gasoline engine patented. 1844 - First telegraphed news dispatch (Wash to Balt) run in Baltimore "Patriot." 1878 - Luther 'Bill' Robinson (Mr. Bojangles) born. 1889 - Igor Sikorsky born – Invented Helicopter. 1929 - Beverly Sills born - Opera singer. 1935 - Jesse Owens tied 100-yard dash world record (9.4 s). 1943 - Leslie Uggams born – singer. 1961 - President Kennedy asks America to put a man on the moon. 1968 - Gateway Arch dedicated - St. Louis. 1986 - Hands Across America - Over 7M Americans. 1992 - Jay Leno new host Tonight Show. 1996 – First woman matador in Europe (Christina Sanchez - Nimes, France). 2001 - Erik Weihenmayer (first blind) and Sherman Bull (oldest – 64) climbers to conquer Mount Everest.

**Writing for Fun:** Using 100 words honor a person you remember on Memorial Day.

**Sample Honoring:** I honor the Dads in my life. Both Granddads served during WWI and Dad served during Korea. All three were smart, considerate, conscientious men who believed in their responsibility to serve and to make a difference, both abroad and at home. All three were devout Christians who put their faith into action in their families and with their neighbors. My granddads raised smart, responsible children who became my parents. I am glad they passed on to me a love of God, a willingness to take care of my neighbor, and a responsibility to serve my country; in my case through the USCG.

**Your Honoring:**

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# Monday, May 25th - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** It was basic training, and I was seated in the barber chair bemoaning the impending loss of my hair when the barber asked, “Where are you from?” “St. Louis,” I grumbled. “Hey, I’m from St. Louis too!” he said. He then asked conspiratorially, “Do you want to keep your sideburns?” I perked up. “Sure!” With that, he revved up the razor, clipped off my sideburns, and gave them to me. As I left the barbershop with sideburns in hand, I heard him ask his next victim, “Where are you from?” “Chicago.” “Hey, I’m from Chicago too!”

**God’s Comfort: Genesis 4:1-5** 1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.” 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

**Quotes/Other Wisdom:**

“You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don’t ever count on having both at once.”  
- Robert A. Heinlein

“We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf.” – Said by many.

“The only easy day was yesterday.” - Navy SEALs

“America without her Service members would be like God without His angels.”- Claudia Pemberton

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