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## News

# 10 Ways to Celebrate Memorial Day

Know the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

By [Carrie Porter](#) | [Email the author](#) | May 30, 2011

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More than just a day off from work, today's holiday commemorates those who lost their lives serving our country. First celebrated in 1868, the day was known as Decoration Day.

If you're looking for a way to observe Memorial Day, [check out the list](#) created by the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Per the Museum's list, it's a good day to:

- Thank a veteran
- Place a flag on a veteran's grave
- Visit a military museum or historic site
- Conduct an oral history with a veteran you know
- Knit a scarf for a veteran
- Organize a school observance
- Honor your veteran with a tribute gift
- Read a book about WWII History (or any other war, for that matter)
- Write a letter to the editor (e-mail [jenniferf@patch.com](mailto:jenniferf@patch.com))

And don't forget to check out the village of Northbrook's [Field of Honor](#)--1,901 flags flying on the [Village Green](#) to commemorate local members of the armed forces and the village's 110th anniversary.

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