

American Legion Department of Illinois Department News

2020–2021 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROY WEBER

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MAY 2021



MAY IS NATIONAL POPPY MONTH

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Top 10 District &
Division Rankings
AS OF 04/28/2021

District Commander

| | |
|----|---------------|
| 3 | Thompson, III |
| 17 | Young |
| 16 | Talaska |
| 22 | Scheyer |
| 15 | Schlieper |
| 20 | Gann |
| 24 | Hatcher |
| 23 | Owens |
| 8 | Mitchell |
| 25 | Roscow |

Division Commander

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 5 | PICOU |
| 3 | FLOWERS, JR |
| 4 | SHAPLAND |
| 2 | POWROZNIK |
| 1 | CALLAWAY |

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL POPPY DAY MAY 28 2021



*There are many ways individuals and groups can help bring greater awareness to this symbolic flower, honor our fallen and support the living heroes on **National Poppy Day®**, May 28, 2021.*

EVERYONE CAN HELP!

Anyone can participate in National Poppy Day®. Here are a few simple ways:

- Wear a red poppy all day and tell everyone why.
- Distribute poppies to friends, co-workers and family and tell everyone why. Collect donations at your workplace to give to the Poppy Program.
- Tell the story on Facebook of who you are wearing your poppy to remember or support on National Poppy Day®. Don't forget to tag us! **#PoppyDay #LegionFamily**
- Accept a poppy and make a donation if you see a member of The American Legion Family in your neighborhood distributing poppies.

*Info and photos from Legion National website.



From the Desk of Department Commander Roy Weber



Fellow Legionaries,

In just about eight weeks we will have this membership year in the books. Being our life blood for successful programs of course, we are stressing renews and searching for new members. Revitalizations do pay off as we are presently working them in each Division. Please try to participate when a membership drive is in your area. This final push is important to our year being successful. Using that "CAN DO

successful. Using that "CAN DO ATTITUDE" will get us to our goals. Also, don't forget that May is National Poppy Month! Let's do everything we can to contribute to working sales to benefit our Veterans.

I want to thank our voting members for attending the DEC last week. My last one will be at the National Convention in August. Imagine it only took me two years to hold that one!

My congratulations to those membership award winners at the Spring DEC. I know many of you have been working hard to attain your goals. I anticipate several 100% Districts by close of books.

On the day of DEC I had

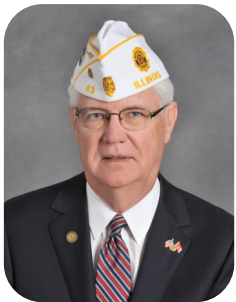
anticipated Premier Boys State to be on schedule, however we had another COVID 19 disappointment. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to Youth Cadet Law Enforcement school, IF we can get that magic number of 10 or more signed up.

We also have the Gifts to the Yanks report and now know what we need to do to continue this valuable program.

I was pleased to see a show of hands of those having received their virus vaccinations as only a few had not.

Our first Department Convention meeting was April 17. So make plans to attend and make this a

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From the Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Wayne L. Fischer



To my Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary; and Sons of the American Legion,

It was great to see many familiar faces at our DEC April 10th. These DEC meetings are particularly important in the planning and execution of our Department of Illinois American Legion Programs as we move forward. Let us all continue to step up and do our part respectively so we can put Covid-19 in the rearview mirror.

Membership continues to be #1 for all of us. And yes, we still have the following in effect:

*For every 15 Members Renewed, District Commanders will receive 1 "FREE" Membership Certificate.

*All Non-renewals received an \$3.00 off incentive postcard to renew "NOW"!!!

*All Districts that achieve 100% Membership by Close of Books, will receive 2 nights lodging "FREE" at our State Convention.

*For those Districts that achieve 102% by COB, they will receive 2 "FREE" tickets to our Department Commanders Dinner on Saturday night.

*Finally, check page 10 in this year's Membership Calendar and Awards Program. The #1 District and the #1 Division that achieve 102%+ by Close of Books will receive \$600 each.

So why am I reminding everyone again of these incentives? The reason is to show you that your Department of Illinois is also committed to help and reward Posts; Districts and Divisions get all Membership Teams committed and involved to achieve a minimum of 100% this year on Membership. Covid-19 is pretty much behind us and now let us all do our part to find those members that are holding back. We need them current, and they need Our American Legion and Our Benefits to bring more positive rewards into their lives.

Finally, we will be holding our 1st "Illini" American Legion College in years, so please plan to be part of this. More details are listed in this newsletter.

As Commander Roy states "Veterans Can Do"!!!! This is all of us!!!!



From the Desk of Department Auxiliary President Sue Cumniff Coughlin



Greetings Legion Family!

Our birthday party at Department Headquarters was wonderful! I hope some of you were able to attend. Our National President Nicole Clapp was there to greet people along with our Department Family leadership. Headquarters looked very festive. Thank you to our Legion Family Department staff, Jill Layton, Linda Oakley and all the helpers for all their hard work!

Our Patriotic Conference was the next day. At our evening board meeting, we celebrated the 60's and 70's. Many of our members, including Commanders Roy and Phil dressed for the occasion.

We just completed our first of three Junior Conferences. The conference was nice; however, it would have been great to have more Juniors in attendance. Any SAL member under 18 is welcome to attend too! Our next two conferences will be May 1st at Strasburg and May 22nd at Belvidere.

It was disappointing to hear that Illini Boys State was cancelled. We have decided to hold our **ALA Illini Girls State as a virtual event**. Our committee is working hard to

make it an exciting, informative, and action-packed virtual session. We are also planning an exciting line up of great speakers. We know that our young people have been using Zoom all year so we are doing our best to avoid Zoom burnout! We are still looking for more attendees to make it a successful event. If you know of any girls that are currently Juniors or Seniors in high school, tell them about the program and see if they would like to attend. The sponsor fee has been reduced to fifty dollars. If you were going to sponsor a girl, you can now sponsor five girls!

May brings us many Legion

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From the Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Stander



I pray this finds you all Safe and Healthy.

Recently we had the first Illinois Family Convention meeting in Springfield. The convention will be in person just like it always has been. The Commander and Presidents dinner, Freedom Fest, Vendor area and all the usual events are scheduled. Please make plans to attend.

We all need to continue to promote the American Legion Programs. Girl's state which will be virtual

and Youth Police School which will be in person. Many posts have reopened and are now hosting meals and fundraisers, please check the schedule of your local posts and support these great events.

The VA facilities are beginning to open. If you have the opportunity, check to see if you can volunteer in any way. The facilities have been closed to visitors for what seems like an eternity.

Membership continues to be a struggle this year. Making those phone calls is the most effective way to get those renewals. I encourage every Squadron to set time aside and make those calls.

If you have an event coming up

please submit a flyer to our Public Relations Officer, Eugene Gort at eugenegort@yahoo.com and he will post the info.

With a good "Can Do" Attitude we can "Celebrate the Past and Awaken the Future" "While keeping "The Drive Alive"

Stay safe and we will see you soon.





Did You Know...?

By Raymond P. Toczec

Raymond P. Toczec, Legion Service Officer, O: 312-980-4266 E: Raymond.Toczec@va.gov

That all of us have learned something from this lockdown. I would like to take this issue to share some of what I observed.

Too many people are living from paycheck to paycheck. Rainy day savings are rare. Look at all those behind in their mortgage payments or rents. I am old school and my parents taught me to try and have at least six months of savings set aside for emergencies. Of course, everyone has a different set of circumstances but if within your means, do this. Unless absolutely necessary, avoid using your charge cards. I know this is a big order to fill, but check your budget, do you really need cable, when you can get so many tv programs for free. Ask your grandkids, they taught me a thing or two about my smart tv and what is out there.

Appreciate your family and other gatherings next time you get together. Sure, there will be minor arguments over politics or other topics, but at least you are together again with humans. When your Post reopens for meetings, talk to someone you do not know. Even if uncomfortable, remember the months of isolation you just went through and had no one to talk to!

Think about your mortality. COVID has taught most of us that life is fleeting and one day we are here, the next day we could be gone. If your Post has an active chaplain, reach out to them for comfort.

Check your voicemail more often. Friends and relatives, who you seldom hear from, may be trying to reach you and since you may not recognize their number, you did not answer it. Their message may have gone directly there. I cannot count the number of times I tried calling a vet back about his claim and had to leave a message. Three weeks later he gets back to me complaining I never returned his call, only to be told he did not check his voicemail.

Do not be a hoarder but remember the shortages we experienced. Maybe a one-two month supply of canned goods and toilet paper is a good idea.

And finally, there are many non-profit groups that are really hurting. If you have been blessed and can afford it, make some extra donations. My favorites, during this time, have been food pantries, homeless shelters, and the Red Cross, just to name a few.

Sorry I strayed from my normal article content, but I wanted to share some of my thoughts.

There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and this is *not* learning from experience.



The Illinois American Legion Second Division is Proud to Host Armed Forces Day Dinner

Saturday, May 15, 2021

TO BE HELD AT THE CROWNE PLAZA * 1250 ROOSEVELT RD. * GLEN ELLYN, IL
ONE MILE EAST OF I-355 ON ROOSEVELT ROAD (RT.38) AT FINLEY

Key Note Speaker

**National Commander
James W. "Bill" Oxford**

Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm (cash bar), Dinner at 6:00 pm
\$30 per person (CHECKS WILL NOT BE CASHED UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2021)

Dinner Selections are: * Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom Dei

* Penne Pasta Primavera

* Roasted Chicken Breast

* Vegetable medley, Red Roasted potatoes and Ice Cream dessert included.

☆ Deadline: May 1, 2021

☆ Seating is limited to 200 people

☆ Only full tables of 8 may be reserved, list names on back of reservation form.

☆ Pick up tickets at the door

☆ Questions? Contact: 2nd Div. Cmdr. Ray Powrozniak at
(847) 638-6638 RPHP123@AOL.COM

Please contact the hotel directly to make housing reservations. As for group rate.

☆ CROWNE PLAZA (630) 629 6000
1250 ROOSEVELT RD. GLEN ELLYN, IL
☆ 60137 \$104.00, Per Night. breakfast included.

Reservation Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Post # _____ District # _____

➤ My Dinner Selection is: _____ SIRLOIN; _____ PASTA; CHICKEN; _____ @ \$ 30.00 PER PERSON

➤ Amount enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ I am reserving a table of 8 (provide names on back of form)→

➤ Checks to be made payable to: American Legion 2nd Division

➤ Mail reservations to: Ray Powrozniak 33236 N. Cove Rd., Wildwood, IL 60030

Mission Blue Post Assistance Program



To provide some relief during these challenging times, financial grants are now available for eligible American Legion posts.

Mission Blue Post Assistance Program, will provide \$1,000 grants to posts that are in good standing with their respective department.

These funds must be used exclusively to pay current or past due rent, mortgage, utilities and insurance.

The American Legion National Executive Committee approved Resolution No. 36 Oct. 14, during its annual Fall Meetings. Funds for the approved grants will be provided through The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF).

Eligibility for a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant requires posts to have:

1. A Consolidated Post Report on file.
2. Filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
3. Filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the department.
4. Actively participated in one or more American Legion programs in the last 18 months.
5. A financial need.
6. A certificate of insurance naming The American Legion doing business as American Legion National Headquarters, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 as an additional insured.
7. Documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated.

Applications may be found here: [https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission Blue PAP Application 1.pdf](https://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/Mission%20Blue%20PAP%20Application%201.pdf)

Seabees

"CAN DO!"



Commander Roy Weber is selling Seabees patches for \$10 a piece! Earnings will contribute to the Illinois Disaster Relief Fund (*reference pg. 5 for IDRf flyer and more information*). For those interested, please contact Department Headquarters to get yours today!



Commander Roy Weber at the 2nd Division Membership Awards, showing off a Commander's Top Ten jacket with the Seabees patch



**Contribution Form for Department
Commander Weber's Special Project**

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR POST: _____

POST #: _____ DIV #: _____ DIST. #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Payment Type: _____ Check -or- _____ Credit Card

Please Charge \$ _____ on my Credit Card



Card No.: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

(Required)

Department Commander ROY WEBER'S 2021 Special Project

VETERANS "CAN DO!"

Illinois Veterans helping their own!
Department of Illinois Commander Roy Weber is asking for your donations, large or small, to build the new Illinois Disaster Relief Fund. Your contribution will ensure that funds are available in times of need. These funds will be dedicated to Veterans right here in our very own state. Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Flooding, and other unforeseen disasters can strike instantly. And when they do, The American Legion's Illinois Disaster Relief Fund will be there to help.

☆ Please make checks payable to the
Department of Illinois and earmarked
***"Commander's Special Project - Illinois
Disaster Relief Fund"***

☆ Send contributions to:
***The American Legion—Dept. of ILL
2720 E. Lincoln St.
Bloomington, IL 61704***

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE





Greetings Legionnaires!

On November 8, 2020, the Veterans of American Legion post 335 and Veterans of Foreign Wars post 5979, dedicated the Chicagoland Combined Veterans Museum. It is quite a neat little museum, however we have a need for female military uniforms. If anyone has any female military uniforms, we would love to add them to our displays.

If you should ever find yourselves in the area of River Grove, we would be happy to accommodate you with a tour.

You can contact Richard Wojewnik at richard8101@sbcglobal.net or Lorenzo Fiorentino at lorenzoaflorentino@yahoo.com. You can also view our dedication ceremony on our Combined Veterans Command Post you tube page:

<https://youtu.be/cpSzRwpRKTU> or

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwE3L9_uzL0&list=UU1dLCWrdOh33uAbkIR461VQ&index=15

Thank you!

Lorenzo A. Fiorentino, MA-HSA
Major, Military Police, U.S. Army (ret.)
Commander, American Legion Post 335
Junior Vice Commander, American Legion 9th District Council
Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5979
Founder, American Legion Riders 335
708-606-0742



The American Legion 100 Miles for Hope

The American Legion's second annual 100 Miles for Hope has been

expanded for 2021. There are two ways to register and participate. In order to allow participants to track their activities and encourage others to fundraise, we are using an app from a company called Kilter. To get started, visit <https://www.legion.org/100miles/getstarted>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALA Junior Conference(continued)
@ Strasburg
May 1
~ ~ ~

National Spring Committee &
Commission Meetings
(INDY)
May 3-6
~ ~ ~

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

May 9
~ ~ ~

95% ALA Target Date
May 10
~ ~ ~

100% SAL Target Date
May 11
~ ~ ~

100% Illinois Target Date
&
Armed Forces Day Dinner (2nd
Div.)
May 15
~ ~ ~

Ruck March @ Chicago
May 21
~ ~ ~

ALA Junior Conference(continued)
@ Belvidere
May 22
~ ~ ~

MEMORIAL DAY
DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED
May 31
~ ~ ~

CPR Forms Due @ Dept. HQ
June 1
~ ~ ~

Detachment Close of Books
&
Delegate Strength
June 11
~ ~ ~

American Legion
Premier Boys State
@ EIU—CHARLESTON
June 12-18
~ ~ ~

FLAG DAY
&
ARMY'S BIRTHDAY
June 14

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
June 20

American Legion Auxiliary
Illini Girls State (Virtual)
June 20-26

LEGION CLOSE OF BOOKS
June 25

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great 102nd Legion Convention. We will have National Emblem Sales as well as our usual street fest on Friday evening. We have contacted many of the booth sponsors to be there as well. Of course we will also have Illini Legion College training seminars open for all the Legion family.

I recently constructed some additional COVID Plexiglas barriers for our service officers and staff in Chicago. I would like to see all those barriers placed in storage soon!

I wish to thank President Sue and Commander Phil for attending the DEC. Our SAL has chartered many new squadrons since I was elected your Commander. Great job.

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Family events. We have Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and the official Poppy Day. Distributing poppies together as a Legion Family is a great way to work together and a good way to get some visibility in your communities. If you can't distribute poppies the way you have in the past, think of new ways to get them out. I have heard of drive through poppy distribution and mailings just to name a few. Be sure to take some time to honor the fallen on Memorial Day who served to protect our freedoms.

Please remember to let Commanders Roy, Phil and me know of any upcoming events you may have scheduled. Since we lost so much time due to our stay-at-home order, it feels great to get out and visit with our Legion Family again. So let's us know and hopefully we can attend more events this year.

In closing, here is a quote for Memorial Day. "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."
-Unknown

Thank you for your service. Stay safe and stay healthy!

This year's "Illini" American Legion College Presentations will include "Leadership" and "Team Building," with the focus on "Membership." Both presentations will be held on Thursday, July 15th and will include lunch. Once we have a start time and final details, we will start spreading the word. For now, mark your calendar!



**"ILLINI"
AMERICAN LEGION**

**TRAINING SEMINAR
July 15, 2021**

11:00AM - 2:30PM in Rm. B-11, B, C, D

Leadership

Team-Building

2021 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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- ★ BOY SCOUTS
- ★ YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM

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Signature _____

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YOUTH PROGRAM DATES TO REMEMBER

Illini Girls State--June 20-26, 2021 (VIRTUAL)

Youth Police---June 20-25, 2021 (Springfield, IL)

2021 AWARD PROGRAM DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING

All forms are available online at www.illegion.org/awards

The American Legion has many awards available to posts and individuals. Each year, less and less submissions are sent in. There are nearly 800 posts. Each program has an outline and criteria to meet for each award. Details and submission instructions are available online www.illegion.org. Be sure to check the deadline for all award submissions some are approaching fast. **Don't miss the opportunity for your post to be recognized.** All winning Posts will be notified and receive recognition at the Department Convention this July in Springfield.

- ★ Legionnaire of the Year Award—June 15
- ★ Firefighter of the Year - May 31
- ★ Law Officer of the Year - May 31
- ★ TLW Legion Rider of the Year Award - March 31
- ★ Chaplains Cross/Star of David Award - June 6
- ★ Public Relations Award - June 1
- ★ Photo Contest & Calendar Contest - Friday prior to state convention

Need Forms? Contact the Department Print Shop for a hard copy at 309-663-0361 or email: printshop@illegion.org



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2020—2021 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

| DATE | DIST. / DIV. | TIME | POST | CITY |
|------------|---------------|--|---|-------------------|
| 05/19/2021 | 7TH DISTRICT | 7:30 PM | MORTON GROVE POST 134—POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY | MORTON GROVE |
| 05/23/2021 | 24TH DISTRICT | 11:00AM JOINT MEETING/4:00PM REGULAR MEETING | HARRISBURG POST 167 | HARRISBURG |
| 05/23/2021 | 13TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM | CONVENTION—STOCKTON POST 449 | STOCKTON |
| 05/23/2021 | 23RD DISTRICT | TBA | CONVENTION—CENTRALIA POST 446 | CENTRALIA |
| 05/26/2021 | 9TH DISTRICT | 7:00 PM | MERLE-GUILD POST 208 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS |
| 05/27/2021 | 8TH DISTRICT | 8:00 PM | 8TH DISTRICT ELECTIONS & POST EVERLASTING EVERGREEN PARK POST 854 | EVERGREEN PARK |
| 06/13/2021 | 5TH DIVISION | 11:00 AM | CONVENTION—CHESTER POST 487 | CHESTER |
| 06/13/2021 | 16TH DISTRICT | 10:00 AM | CONVENTION—WASHINGTON POST 100 | WASHINGTON |
| 06/16/2021 | 7TH DISTRICT | 7:30 PM | MORTON GROVE POST 134 | MORTON GROVE |
| 06/23/2021 | 9TH DISTRICT | 7:00 PM | IWASZUK—CETWINSKI POST 943 | CHICAGO |
| 06/24/2021 | 8TH DISTRICT | 8:00 PM | MARS—MEYER POST 991 | WORTH |
| 06/26/2021 | 3RD DIVISION | 10:00 AM | CONVENTION—BARTONVILLE POST 979 | BARTONVILLE |

If your District or Division would like your scheduled meeting dates, time and location posted in the Department News please submit them to:

American Legion, Dept. of IL ~ P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702 ~ ATTN: SHANDI GREEN

If you have internet access you may email your schedule to: sgreen@illegion.org

NOTE: Please remember if any changes or updates regarding said posted meetings occur submit them as soon as possible to Shandi Green in by email (or in writing).

2021 Special Olympics Summer Games Have Been Canceled

Special Olympics Illinois has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Summer Games. We are in plans for hopefully hosting REGIONAL RETURN TO PLAY events in the Fall and will update everyone as we know more information

Happy Birthday to Joe Williams American Legion Post 55!

On March 20, Joe Williams Post 55 in Farmer City hosted their annual birthday dinner and presented awards.



Auxiliary was quite busy in March! Photos shown are from the 94th Annual Patriotic Conference. The evening board meeting was made eventful with a fun 60's-70's theme!

Loda Post 503 Fish Fry schedule

107 N. 600 East Rd., Loda, Illinois

May 14th—Friday at Loda Post 503

The serving times will be from 4:30PM to 7:30PM
on Friday evenings unless specified.

The menu includes Fish (Pollack), Chicken, French fries,
Baked beans, Green beans (with potatoes, bacon, and onions),
Coleslaw, and Potato salad.

Price is \$10.00 for all you can eat.
Children eat free.

Save the Date!



August 7 & 8, 2021

**ATTENTION AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY MEMBERS:
SPEND A WEEKEND
ON THE GREENS**

All proceeds go to Dept. of IL American Legion programs

American Legion 2021 State Convention Book Application for Ad placement

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Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

[Post use only] American Legion Post name: _____ Post No. _____

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- _____ 2. Helping The American Legion
Help American's Veteran's
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- Commander Salute (3-3/4 - 1-11/16 in.)
- Flag Page (1-3/4 - 1 in.)

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15th of each month for it to be in the next month's issue.

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MAY TRIVIA

1. What is one of the longest standing traditions which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911?
2. What was the first state to officially recognize Memorial Day?
3. When was Memorial Day first observed?
4. Before it was Memorial Day, this day was called what?
5. What organization called for decorating the graves of fallen soldiers on May 30, 1868?
6. The first Memorial Day speeches often stressed what theme?

ANSWERS:

1. Indianapolis 500
2. New York
3. May 30, 1868
4. It was originally known as Decoration Day back in the Civil War.
5. Grand Army of the Republic
6. Sectional Reconciliation



Memorial Day

WORD SEARCH

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FLAGS
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