

MANAGER'S DESK FOR MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.** There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states still have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.

SO WHILE WE ENJOY THE DAY OFF FROM WORK, LET'S ALSO BE REMINDED OF AND APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICE OF SO MANY TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ENJOY TODAY. OUR HOPE OUR PROGRAMMING TODAY IS A HELP TO YOU IN DOING THIS. I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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