

VETERANS OF FORGEIN WARS AUXILIARY
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To: Diana Russell-Milton, National Ambassador

Jeanette Garcia, New Mexico Department President

As Spring has sprung, I hope this finds all enjoying the warmer weather.

As we wind down the current 2025-2026 fiscal year, I hope everyone is starting to plan events and projects to end this year with a celebration of our beloved veterans.

On May 10th we have Mother's Day to celebrate and don't forget to honor all our mothers who have served and gave their all for our freedom.

May 16th is Armed Forces Day, a day to celebrate all those currently serving and to promote respect for the American Flag.

On May 25, Memorial Day we honor all our Veterans who have given their life in defense of our freedom. There will be parades, flowers and flags on graves of Veterans and many memorials given. Its not a celebration, it's a reminder of those who have fought and died for our freedoms we have today.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, was proclaimed by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1968 Congress changed its observance to the last Monday in May, and in 1971 standardized its name to "Memorial Day".

Have a great month and always pay homage to all our Veterans.

Proud to be an American

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