

# MEMORIAL DAY

## a tribute to fallen heroes

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Editor

Rows of white tombstones on neatly manicured expanses of grass, miniature American flags fluttering in the breeze, the sharp report of 21-gun salutes, melancholy strains of Taps echoing through the air – these poignant visions of Memorial Day observances will be enacted this holiday at Memorial Day services throughout the nation as America honors her war dead.

The United States has lost thousands of her sons and daughters in wars and skirmishes that date back to the Revolutionary War, fought from 1775-1783. There were more than 25,000 casualties of that war, also known as the American War of Independence, as the 13 colonies struggled to win their independence from Great Britain.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day's official beginning was three years after the Civil War ended on May 5, 1868. The Civil War, which raged from 1861-1865 and divided the north and south, took the lives of more than half a million soldiers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of an organization of Union veterans called the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), established Decoration Day on May 30, 1868 as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. It is believed that he chose that particular date because flowers across the nation would be in bloom.

Logan issued the order, naming the day as a day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country" and "with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year."

In giving the order in 1868 for the graves to be decorated "with the choicest flowers of spring-time," Logan urged, "Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten

as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic." Logan's words still ring true today.

According to information from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the first large observance of the holiday was held at Arlington National Cemetery.

But even before that, spring-time tributes at cemeteries in many parts of the country were a common occurrence. Today, more than two dozen cities and towns in both the north and the south claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

The small town of Boalsburg, Pa. in Centre County in the foothills of the Alleghenies lays claim to the honor and a marker by the side of the road boasts: "Boalsburg. An American Village – Birthplace of Memorial Day." As the story goes, it was in October 1864 on a pleasant Sunday afternoon, a teenage girl by the name of Emma Hunter and her friend, Sophie Keller, gathered garden flowers and placed them on the grave of her father, Dr. Reuben Hunter. Dr. Hunter was a surgeon in the Union Army who had been killed.

On the same day, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer, was placing flowers on the grave of her son Amos, a private who had fallen on the last day of battle at Gettysburg. The two women, both mourning their recent losses, found a common bond in their shared grief and when they left each other that Sunday, they agreed to meet again on the same day the following year.

They planned to honor, not only their loved ones, but others who had no one to meet at their graves. In subsequent years, the informal meeting of the two women turned into a community service and other neighboring communities began to hold similar observances.

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead were held in various places. It is believed that one of the first happened April 25, 1877 in Columbus, Miss. as a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers

who were killed in the battle of Shiloh. The nearby graves of the enemy Union soldiers were neglected. The women were disturbed at the sight of the bare graves and also placed flowers on the graves of the Union soldiers.

But in 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared that Waterloo, N.Y. was the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. This was based on reports that local Civil War veterans were honored with a ceremony on May 5, 1866 as businesses closed and the town's residents flew flags at half-staff.

Information from the Department of Veterans Affairs notes that by the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It wasn't until after World War I that the Memorial Day observance was expanded to include all of those who have died in all American wars. Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress enacted in 1971 and also placed on the last Monday in May.

A Memorial Day tradition that began in the late 1950s is still carried on. More than 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They subsequently patrol 24 hours a day during the Memorial Day weekend to ensure that the flag on each grave remains standing.

As Americans gather on this Memorial Day to pay respects to all who have died in our nation's wars, it will be a time to offer tributes and to reflect upon the sacrifices of so many.

The immortal words of nineteenth century American poet Oliver Wendell Holmes embrace all American heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice: "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore."

### AMERICA'S WAR SACRIFICES

Throughout America's history, many lives have been lost in wars and conflicts. Some of the major conflicts are listed below:

		KILLED	WOUNDED
1775-1783	Revolutionary War	25,324	8,445
1789	Indian Wars	6,125	2,156
1812-1815	War of 1812	2,260	4,505
1861-1865	Civil War (North)	363,020	281,104
1861-1865	Civil War (South)	199,110	137,102
1898	Spanish-American War	2,893	1,637
1899-19092	Philippines War	4,273	2,840
1914-1918	World War I	116,708	204,002
1941-1945	World War II	408,306	670,846
1950-1953	Korean War	54,246	103,284
1961-1975	Vietnam War	58,219	153,356
1990-1991	Persian Gulf (Operation Desert Shield/Storm)	363	357
2001-present*	Operation Enduring Freedom	387	1,227
2003-present*	Operation Iraqi Freedom	3,427	25,549

\*Figures for OEF/OIF as of May 24

### MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

#### MAY 27

- 10 a.m.: Pacific American Foundation Roll Call of Honor, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.
- 10 a.m.: World War I Memorial Natatorium Ceremony, Waikiki Natatorium.
- 1 p.m.: Vietnam Veterans' Candlelight Ceremony, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.

#### MAY 28

- 9 a.m.: Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.
- 11 a.m.: U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Ceremony, Submarine Memorial Park, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 1 p.m.: Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony, State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe.

# USS Bowfin scholarships awarded

## USS Bowfin Public Affairs

USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park awarded 14 scholarships to high school seniors, college students and spouses of submariners at an awards ceremony held at the museum on May 12. A total of \$25,000 in scholarship money was awarded.

The Bowfin Memorial Scholarship program has been in existence for the last 22 years to aid in providing scholarships to the submarine community (civilians, military personnel and their families). The scholarship is funded and administered by the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association in conjunction with the Pearl Harbor Submarine Officers' Wives' Club and is given in honor of the 3,505 Sailors and 52 submarines lost in World War II.

Recipients of this year's scholarships included: Andrew Gines, Tiffany Stutesman, Margaret Skinner, Kaela Ashton, Amy Harmon, Stephanie Katzer, Karen Kemp, Paul Swiderski, Evanita Billon, Malia Tyner, Liz Urbanczyk, Michael Bruner, Jeffrey Kahler and Angela McInvale.

Capt. Jerry Hofwolt (ret. Navy), Bowfin's executive director, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. "I am proud of our contributions to all our scholarship winners, past and present. We at the Bowfin are proud of our partnership with the

Submarine Officers' Wives' Club who have been a key partner in helping our submarine ohana," said Hofwolt.

His remarks were highlighted by a discussion of the recent loss of a World War II submariner, Lt. Cmdr. Herman W. "Chris" Kreis (ret. Navy), who passed away in Groton, Conn. while attending the recent commissioning of the USS Hawai'i (SSN-776).

Kreis, who resided in Kaneohe, Hawai'i, was a World War II crew member

aboard USS Batfish (SS 310), which sank three Imperial Japanese submarines in three days during its sixth war patrol.

Hofwolt spoke of the three days of Batfish's tracking, telling its story of sacrifice and teamwork that enabled the crew to successfully launch their torpedo attacks and that permitted Batfish to survive. Kreis was a member of Batfish's fire control tracking party. For her successful patrol, USS Batfish (SS 310) earned a

Presidential Unit Citation.

USS Bowfin was commissioned Dec. 7, 1942, exactly one year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and was promptly named "the Pearl Harbor avenger."

In 1986, she was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior. Since 1985, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park has awarded more than \$450,000 in scholarships to members of the Hawai'i submarine community.



U.S. Navy photo by Melissa Edmondson

Capt. Jerry Hofwolt addressed the audience at a scholarship awards ceremony held May 12 at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum.

## Forest City to host 'Movie Under the Stars'



### Forest City Residential Management

Forest City Residential Management will host "Movie Under the Stars" beginning at 6 p.m. tonight at Richardson Field at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The movie, the Disney production "Cars," will begin at sunset, but residents are encouraged to arrive at 6 p.m. for fun games and prizes.

Bounce houses will be provided by Extreme Fun Rentals and Forest City's resident services specialists will coordinate "drag race" activities for children along with a race car bean bag toss for smaller children.

All children will receive free glow-in-the-dark prizes to brighten the night.

Popcorn and refreshments will also be provided. Residents are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.

For more information, call 839-8670, 839-8640, 839-8620 or 839-8630.

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## History's Great Battles

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ANTIOCH	GALLIPOLI	STALINGRAD	T G B D R T I J L N U I E E E Y A M
ARNHEIM	GETTYSBURG	THE BULGE	R N U D R E V Y A N E H R W N W G G
BADR	GUADALCANAL	THE MARNE	O I L E H G P Y K C N D O E D T U U
BALAKLAVA	HASTINGS	THE SOMME	W N G N G O R E Y R I R O I E T A A
BANNOCKBURN	ILIPA	THERMOPYLAE	S E E U M G R U A M L N M L K K M D
BLenheim	ISSUS	TIPPECANOE	O L N R O H G I B E L T T I L S A A
BORODINO	IWO JIMA	TOURS	B S E L I B C A A S S A E O I U K L
BOSWORTH	KURSK	TRAFALGAR	O H I L I P A N L H Y L V M A Y C C
BULL RUN	LAKE ERIE	TRENTON	T K L U G A S N I L A T A K L C I A
BUNKER HILL	LENINGRAD	VALMY	R A U B H I N L N L I L T R B E H N
CANNAE	LITTLE BIGHORN	VERDUN	U S A R A T O G A O A P A E O R C A
CHICKAMAUGA	MANILA BAY	WATERLOO	O T R O S H H M M S C G O N G C B L
CONCORD	MARATHON	YPRES	C A B E T K E A V A L K A L A B B B
CORAL SEA	MIDWAY	ZAMA	N L O C I I O C C A R C B N I C A C
CRECY	NEW ORLEANS	ZENTA	I I R H N T A T F A E A N U Y D M O
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## Who said it?

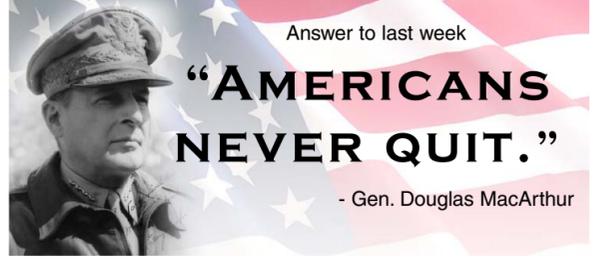
"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."



Answer to last week

**"AMERICANS NEVER QUIT."**

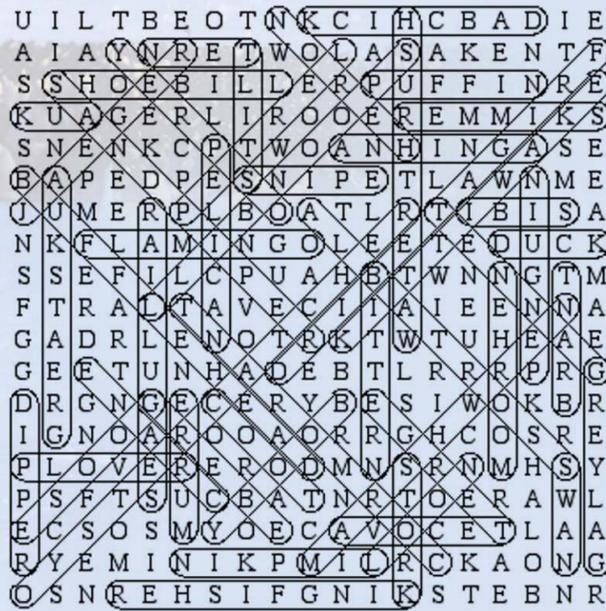
- Gen. Douglas MacArthur



## Aquatic Birds

### Word Search Solution

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| ALBATROSS    | KINGFISHER    |
| ANHINGA      | KITTIWAKE     |
| AUK          | LIMPKIN SNIPE |
| AVOCET       | LOON          |
| BITTERN      | MARSH WREN    |
| BOOBY        | MOORHEN       |
| BRANT        | MURRE         |
| BUFFLEHEAD   | OYSTERCATCHER |
| COOT         | OSPREY        |
| CORMORANT    | PELICAN       |
| CRANE        | PENGUIN       |
| DABCHICK     | PETREL        |
| DIPPER       | PILOVER       |
| DUCK         | PUFFIN        |
| EGRET        | RAIL          |
| FLAMINGO     | SANDPIPER     |
| FRIGATE BIRD | SEA GULL      |
| GANNET       | SHOEBILL      |
| GOOSE        | SKIMMER       |
| GREAT SKUA   | SPOONBILL     |
| GREBE        | STILT         |
| GREYLAG      | STORK         |
| HERON        | SWAN          |
| IBIS         | TERN          |
| JAEGER       | WATER THRUSH  |



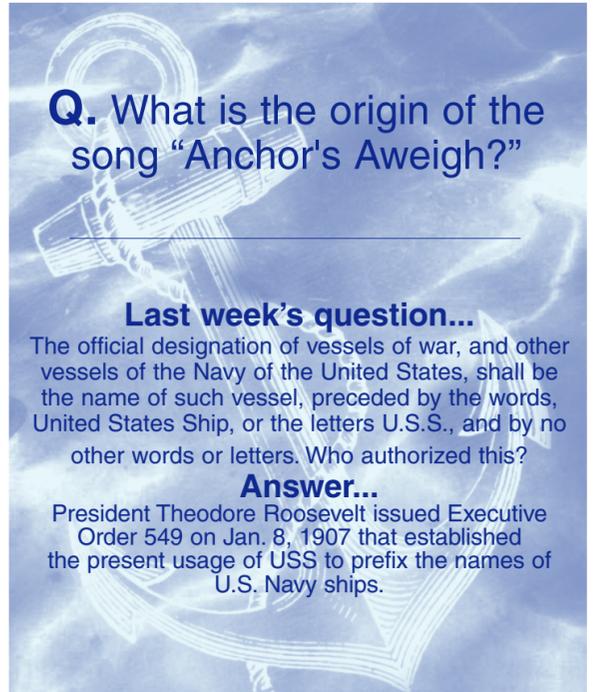
**Q. What is the origin of the song "Anchor's Aweigh?"**

### Last week's question...

The official designation of vessels of war, and other vessels of the Navy of the United States, shall be the name of such vessel, preceded by the words, United States Ship, or the letters U.S.S., and by no other words or letters. Who authorized this?

### Answer...

President Theodore Roosevelt issued Executive Order 549 on Jan. 8, 1907 that established the present usage of USS to prefix the names of U.S. Navy ships.



# Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

LEISURE

## Morale Welfare & Recreation



**H SUMMER SWIM LESSONS REGISTRATION**  
Register your child now for summer swim lessons offered by Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Scott Pool from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Classes are open to all family members of active duty, military-affiliated and Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. The cost is dependent on the class taken. FMI: 473-0394.

**H CONCERT IN THE PARK**  
Join the Pacific Fleet Wind Ensemble at Concert in the Park at 6:30 p.m. tonight as they present a patriotic Memorial Day celebration. This free concert will be held on the lawn behind The Banyans at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Attire is casual aloha wear. FMI: 473-0606.

**H READY, SET, PLAY!**  
The deadline to register for MWR's Ready, Set, Play program is May 29. Classes are open to children ages 10-15 and will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Friday beginning June 1 at Bloch Arena Fitness Center. The cost is \$25. The program is open to family members of all active duty, military-affiliated and DoD personnel. FMI: 473-0793

For more information on Navy Region Hawai'i MWR events, visit [www.greatlifeahawaii.com](http://www.greatlifeahawaii.com)

## Community Calendar

### N June

**N 2** – Ducks Unlimited and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife are seeking volunteers to help remove mangrove and debris from their Wai'awa unit in Pearl Harbor as part of the Pearl Harbor Wetlands Restoration Project. The area is a valuable wetland habitat for the Hawaiian stilt (ae'o) and numerous species of migratory shorebirds. The clean-up will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. Currently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife is working to restore this 25-acre coastal wetland for the benefit of endangered species. FMI: Christina Ryder at [mcguirec@hawaii.edu](mailto:mcguirec@hawaii.edu).



**N 15** – Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the house, professor and author, will be available for a book signing for his latest published work, "Pearl Harbor: A Novel of December 8th," from 3-5 p.m. at the NEX Mall at Pearl Harbor to introduce the first installment of his Pacific War series.

**N 15** – The Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Kaneohe Military Transition Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Kahuna's Enlisted Club. The job fair is open to all military and Department of Defense/Coast Guard identification card holders with base access. There will be over 30 participating companies. Bring your resumes and dress appropriately. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted. FMI: MCCS Marine and Family Services at 257-7790 or visit [www.JEMSjobs.com](http://www.JEMSjobs.com).

## Sharkey Showtimes



### The Last Mimzy (PG)

Two children discover a mysterious box that contains some strange devices they think are toys. As the children play with these "toys," they begin to display higher and higher intelligence levels. Their teacher tells their parents that they seem to have grown beyond genius. Their parents, too, realize something extraordinary is happening. Emma, the younger of the two, tells her confused mother that one of the toys, a beat-up stuffed toy rabbit, is named Mimzy and that "she teaches me things." As Emma's mom becomes increasingly concerned, a blackout shuts down the city and the government traces the source of the power surge to Emma's family's house. Things quickly spin wildly out of their control.

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM The Reaping (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Meet The Robinsons (G)  
4:45 PM The Last Mimzy (PG)  
7:00 PM Reign Over Me (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM The Last Mimzy (PG)  
4:45 PM Meet The Robinsons (G)  
7:00 PM Shooter (R)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 Disturbia (PG13)





## Family effort 'pays off'

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF/AW) Anthony Reyes and his family took the top prize for Yard of the Month in May in the Pearl City Peninsula neighborhood. The Yard of the Month is a special designation awarded to residents by the Forest City Resident Advisory Board. Each month, board members scour Forest City communities to seek a home that warrants being named "Yard of the Month." Homes that exemplify curb appeal through cleanliness, decorations, flower enhancements, color, imagination and overall appearance are among those selected. Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Navy Exchange and a sign for their front yard declaring their home as the "Yard of the Month" winner.

Photo by Angel Galinato

## Pool hours for Memorial Day weekend

Following are the modified hours of operation for Navy Region Hawai'i Morale, Welfare and Recreation swimming pools for the Memorial Day weekend:

Arizona Pool: Friday: closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Sunday, Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
NCTAMS Pool: Friday, Saturday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Monday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Towers Pool: Friday - Monday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Scott Pool: Friday, Saturday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Grenfell Pool: Friday: closed Saturday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Monday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.