



TIGHT LINES

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Memorial Day Greetings

Dear Bonnies:

This *Memorial Day* weekend we'll be gathering with friends and family to welcome the "start of summer" in ways we weren't able to last year because of COVID-19. Now vaccinated, with masks still at the ready, we're headed to the nearest cookout.



However, the *USO* would like us to take time to remember that this holiday (**May 31** this year) honors service members who have died in military service to our country. The holiday dates back to the post-Civil War era when citizens, on their own, would create spring flower memorials for the graves of fallen soldiers.

The first ever national *Decoration Day* took place on May 20, 1868 when the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at *Arlington National Cemetery* were decorated by volunteers. Decades later the day was renamed *Memorial Day*.

The *USO* has a few ideas for honoring the fallen while still enjoying our first summer weekend:

- 1) Participate in the *National Moment of Remembrance* at 3 p.m. (Share a moment of silence wherever you are and with whomever is with you.)
- 2) Visit a *military* cemetery or memorial.
- 3) Display the *U.S. flag* at your home.
- 4) Watch the *National Memorial Day Concert* on *PBS* at 8 p.m. EDT or when it immediately repeats at 9:30 EDT. It is also available for streaming.

Have a healthy, happy summer and go fishing! Tight Lines!

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