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DID YOU KNOW?

Interesting facts about the Poppy



As we celebrate Memorial Day in May, many Americans often wear a poppy to honor our military servicemembers. Here are a few facts you may not have known about the small red flower.

- After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. The red poppy flowers bloomed above the battle graves because the ground was cultivated (the soil was churned up and dug up for the graves and the same for the battle grounds) and that is what the dormant seeds that were beneath the ground all the time needed to make them grow.
- In 1918, Moina Michael popularized the idea of wearing a poppy flower in memory of the war dead. She was moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields," when she wrote the following response:
... the blood of heroes never dies
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Field
- Michael later started a campaign to adopt the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice. On Remembrance Day, the poppy is worn to symbolize the sacrifices made by servicemembers around the world during World War I. The American Legion Family passes out **paper poppies** on Memorial Day and throughout the year to raise funds for veterans. The red poppies serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by fallen servicemembers. The World War I Flanders Fields red poppy are worn world-wide on Veterans Day in the US (also known as Remembrance Day in the foreign countries remembering the sacrifices of their veterans).
- Poppies have a long history of being used to honor the dead, with them having roots in Greek and Roman mythology.
- The California state flower is the Golden Poppy in shades of apricot-peach-orange with delicate petals that are velvety in texture, similar to the WWI Flanders Fields red poppy, worn to remember the sacrifices of our deceased military veterans.



OTHER UNIT NEWS

If you have volunteered for any Legion activity, please fill out the attached sheet with your individual times and hours. We appreciate all that you do and give!



Nominations and elections will be held at the member meeting on May 8th at 7:30. If you are interested in a position with the Auxiliary Officers, attend this meeting to place your bid in. All paid members are welcome! Your vote and participation at this meeting is strongly encouraged! After all, you are voting for YOUR representatives!



MEMORIAL SERVICE



We will be holding a Memorial Service at the May meeting to remember our deceased Unit Members, and Joseph J. Jacubic, for whom the Post was named. Please join us to show respect for our Unit Members.



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

Commander Kessler invites all members of all organizations associated with Post 572, and their families to attend any or all of our observances of Memorial Day being conducted by our Honor Guard. Approximate schedule of events for Monday, May 27, 2019 are:

9:00 am	Holy Spirit Cemetery, 5500 West 54 th Street
10:30 am	St. Andrews Cemetery, 7700 Hoertz Rd.
11:45 am	Parma Veterans Memorial Park, State Rd. & Loya Pkwy

Immediately following to Joseph J. Jacubic Post Home.

Doors open at 12:30 pm for the ceremony at the Post, we will have a Memorial Day Luncheon for only \$5.00

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

May	08	<i>Unit Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	12	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
	22	<i>Unit Board Dinner/Appreciation Day</i>
	27	<i>Memorial Day observed – fly your flag! Luncheon (\$5.00) served after ceremonies at the Post Home approx. 12:30 pm</i>
June	12	<i>Unit Membership Meeting & Installation - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	14	<i>Flag Day</i>
	26	<i>Executive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>

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