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Memorial Day

Memorial Day previously known as Decoration Day, honoring, and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties. In 1868 General John A. Logan (photo) is credited for issuing a proclamation calling for "Decoration Day". The holiday was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970, Since 1971, it has been observed on the last Monday in the month of May. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial start of summer. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn their loved ones who died while serving. You can also find many volunteer organizations placing an American flag on graves of military personnel in national and local cemeteries. On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. [information provided by Wikipedia]



Local events taking place for Memorial Day:

Veterans Plaza in Ft Collins:

- **Wednesday 26th** Vietnam Wall escorted in by CVMA, around 3:00 PM
- **Thursday 27th** 0700 Wall Construction Begins. Reading of names begins until 1900 daily.
- **Sunday 30th** 0900 Vendors booths activities. 1200 – 1330 A ceremony, the flyover & 101st band.
- **Monday 31st** 1400 Wall deconstructed.

If you would like to volunteer at Veterans Plaza for Memorial Day event, please see below for details.

Reading names – E-mail: readthenamesatveteransplaza@gmail.com

Escort the Wall – E-mail: Gary Ricker gary@ricker.com

Just help – E-mail: Diggs Brown cptdiggs@hotmail.com

Loveland Burial Park: Monday May 31st 0900 American Legion Post 15 / VFW post 41 ceremony.

Rest Haven Funeral Gardens: There are no formal services this year.

Know your American Legion

1. American Legion post in Belgium, Denmark, England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, and Thailand all fall under what Department of the American Legion?
2. What American Legion post is the only post operating in exile?
3. Between 1920 - 2021, the Department of France did not exist for 6 continuous years. Why?
4. More than 15,000 members of 250 post all belong to FODPAL. What is FODPAL?
5. The USS American Legion was a real US Navy ship that saw action in WWII? True / False



Have you taken the challenge? It certainly didn't take long for two members of Post 2000. From left to right, Lynn Cheramie, the Commander, and Anthony Koch pointing to their new graduation pins that was presented to them by Post Commander Robb Smith at the April post monthly meeting. This is a self-paced course and free. Any member of Post 2000 who completes the course will receive a free graduation pin like shown above. You can find the course on line at WWW.legion.org/alei Good luck!

Getting Involved & Making a Difference

Have you ever seen something and thought about how you can improve on it? Ever sat back in disbelief? Have you ever spoke up and commented how something should be or how it can be improved on? Nothing can get done by being passive or by words alone. Leaders take action. Whether you are an event coordinator, a CEO, or a janitor, nothing gets done unless you take action. Being a Post officer is no different. Fortunately, there is a hand book that can help guide you as you learn the position. You can download this Officer handbook at: www.legion.org/publications/246556/2020-officers-guide

SO! You rather not be a post officer? That's okay, maybe you would rather make a difference by acting on a program to take place. Here is a short list of the many American Legion programs the whole family can take part in. Flag Day, Oratorical contest, Legion Baseball, Safe Halloween, Amateur Radio, Community events, Homeless veterans, Police / Fire person of the year, and many more. You may be only one person, but you may be that one person who made the difference in your word or actions.

He may be the only Coast Guard member in Post 2000.



John Walsh joined the Coast Guard right after High School. It wasn't long before he found the love of his life Sheila, and married just prior to the end of his enlistment. He didn't want the military to move him around as he wanted to start a family. So he left the Coast Guard and worked for BNSG railway for 35 years along with a few other occupations in his time. His family quickly grew to having three children: Diana, Jessica, and Mike and four grandchildren. John was very close to his father who was one of 9 siblings and is John's own personal hero. His father had over come several obstacles in life, such as surviving the



great depression and the loss of their family farm. Being a man of faith, he never gave up, he loved his country and served in the Army during WWII. His passing in 1998 was tough on John, but he had the strength his father taught him and the love of his family to support him through this time. John joined the American Legion for comradery, benefits, and as a source to help his fellow veterans. Although John is retired now, he spends much of his time volunteering with Loveland Police Dept. Knights of Columbus, hiking, cycling, fishing, and watching classic movies. John also found The American Red Cross where he and his wife have volunteered for the past 3.5 years with various blood drives, & disaster relief. He was very instrumental with the Spring Creek Fire, Hurricane Florence, the Oklahoma Floods, and the Cameron Peak fire. We say thank you and we salute you for all you do John Walsh!

American Legion Upcoming Events:	Upcoming Dates of Interest
May 8 th District 4 convention, Estes Park, Post 119 June 24 th -27 th Department Convention, Colorado Springs July 10 th All American Car Show, Loveland Aug 20 th Sweetheart Race, Mehaffey Park, Loveland	May 9 th Mother's Day May 10 th Election of Officers at Post meeting May 31 st Memorial Day June 14 th Flag Day July 4 th Independence Day

Know your American Legion Answers

1. Department of France
2. China Post 1
3. Due to WWII actions
4. Foreign and Outlying Department and Post of the American Legion
5. True

Message from Post 2000 Public Relations (PR) staff

The future of the Post is in the hands of the membership. Without it, there is no Post 2000. We all can contribute in some form or fashion. If you like to get out and about participate in at least one or two events a year. Please share with us any comments or suggestions you have regarding this newsletter. Additionally, if you have a story to tell, or have an interest you would like to read about here, let us know.

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Thank you!

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