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There was not a meeting today in honor of the Memorial Day holiday.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. It is now observed each year on the last Monday of May.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration maintains 134 national cemeteries in 40 states (and Puerto Rico) as well as 33 soldier's lots and monument sites. Visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp> for locations and more details.

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) administers, operates and maintains 25 permanent American military cemeteries and 27 federal memorial, monuments and markers, which are located in 16 foreign countries, the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the British Dependency of Gibraltar; three of the memorials are located within the United States. These cemeteries and memorials, most of which commemorate the service and sacrifice of Americans who served in World War I and World II, are among the most beautiful and meticulously maintained shrines in the world. The foreign cemeteries, memorials, markers and monuments are listed below. To learn more about these sites, including viewing videos and photos, visit https://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials#.V1Hyl_krLmg

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery	Florence American Cemetery	Netherlands American Cemetery
Ardennes American Cemetery	Guadalcanal Memorial	Normandy American Cemetery
Audenarde American Monument	Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery	North Africa American Cemetery
Belleau Wood	Honolulu Memorial	Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
Bellicourt American Monument	Kemmel American Monument	Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument
Brittany American Cemetery	Korean War Monument at Busan	Rhone American Cemetery
Brookwood American Cemetery	Lorraine American Cemetery	Saipan American Memorial
Cabanatuan American Memorial	Luxembourg American Cemetery	Santiago Surrender Tree Memorial
Cambridge American Cemetery	Manila American Cemetery	Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Cantigny American Monument	Marker at Papua New Guinea	Somme American Cemetery
Chateau-Thierry Monument	Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery	Sommepy American Monument
Chaumont Marker - AEF Headquarters	Mexico City National Cemetery	Souilly Marker-1st Army Headquarters
Clark Veterans Cemetery	Midway Memorial Marker	St. Mihiel American Cemetery
Corozal American Cemetery	Montfaucon American Monument	Suresnes American Cemetery
East Coast Memorial	Montsec American Monument	Tours American Monument
Epinal American Cemetery	Naval Monument at Brest	Utah Beach American Memorial
Flanders Field American Cemetery	Naval Monument at Gibraltar	West Coast Memorial
		Western Naval Task Force Marker

There is another group of people to which we should also pay tribute on Memorial Day. The Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. There is a government agency that keeps track of individuals listed as POW or MIA. Previously titled “Defense POW-Missing Personnel Office”, in 2015 the name was changed to “Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency” (DPAA). According to their web site <http://www.dpaa.mil/OurMissing/PastConflicts.aspx> “The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency’s mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation. Within this mission, we search for missing personnel from World War II (WWII), the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and other recent conflicts. Our research and operational missions include coordination with hundreds of countries and municipalities around the world. “ The map below “...shows, at present, almost 83,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. Out of that number, 75% of the losses are located in the Asia-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.)” The DPAA cites their mission is “To Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation.” As recent as yesterday (June 2nd), the agency was able to reduce the list by two, when they recorded the identification of two Navy personnel from WWII. So far in 2016, they have listed identification of 52 individuals that were previously unaccounted for from conflicts in WWI, Viet Nam and Korean. That still leaves 82,729 to find.

Total MIA	WWII	Korean War	Vietnam War	Cold War	Iraq & Other Conflicts	Total
73,159	73,159	7,818	1,620	126	6	82,729



Business Leads

JEMA DESIGNS going in 2325 San Pedro NE, Stge 1-a
WECK'S opening new location @ 730 Juan Tabo NE
—Lionel Specter - Zeon Signs

- ◆ Second announcement of a prospective new member:
TNJ Group of Companies
Representative: Tushnar N Patel
Category: Hotel Management
Sponsor: Jim Asperger

- ◆ Second announcement of a prospective new member:
Farm Bureau Financial Services—La Cumbre Agency
Representative: Stephan Slota
Category: Personal Property & Casualty Insurance
Sponsor: Michael Skolnick

If you have an objection to either of these companies becoming a member, or if you have any information that you feel should be considered during the application review process, please contact Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper, (jdzipper@comcast.net - 505-259-5959), as soon as possible.

- ◆ Enjoy the rest of your weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday morning at breakfast. Back to learning something new; good friendships and conversation; ... and bacon.

Badge Board Greeters

June 7th	Lou Ridges—Merchant Services
June 14th	Mike Deveraux—Document Imaging of the Southwest
June 21st	Tom MacMahon—Sun Quest Advertising
June 28th	Robert Biernacki—Waterquest Landscaping
July 5th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 12th	
July 19th	

Upcoming Speakers

June 7th	Jacob Quintana - Hotel Albuquerque
June 14th	Tom MacMahon - Sun Quest Marketing
June 21st	Jack Thompson - Legacy Mortgage
June 28th	Chez Steel - Century Bank
July 5th	No Meeting - 4th of July Holiday
July 12th	Julia Gabaldon - Quality New Mexico
July 19th	

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