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There was not a meeting today in honor of Memorial Day

It is likely that you are already aware that Memorial Day began after the Civil War as a day to honor both Confederate and Union soldiers that were killed in battle. The holiday was called Decoration Day and was celebrated on May 30th. It is said that the date was chosen because by that time of year, flowers would be in bloom in all parts of the country. Over the years, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was set as a time for honoring America's fallen soldiers from all wars and conflicts. The name was formally designated in 1967 and it was declared a national holiday in 1971. The official date became the last Monday in May when Congress decided to reset all major federally celebrated holidays so that they would be part of a 3 day weekend. During the 240+ years that the USA has been in existence, very many American soldiers have given their lives to protect this country, and folks from other parts of the world. There are various web sites and on-line articles dedicated to the history of the conflicts, and to the memories of those that gave their lives for justice and freedom. The table below indicates casualties from the Viet Nam Conflict, by home state of record. <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/vietnam-war/casualty-statistics.html#home>

Home State of Record	Number	Home State of Record	Number	Home State of Record	Number	Home State of Record	Number
ALABAMA	1,208	HAWAII	276	MONTANA	267	SOUTH CAROLINA	895
ALASKA	57	IDAHO	217	NEBRASKA	396	SOUTH DAKOTA	192
AM SAMOA	4	ILLINOIS	2,936	NEVADA	149	TENNESSEE	1,295
ARIZONA	619	INDIANA	1,534	NEW HAMPSHIRE	226	TEXAS	3,415
ARKANSAS	592	IOWA	851	NEW JERSEY	1,487	UTAH	361
CALIFORNIA	5,575	KANSAS	627	NEW MEXICO	395	VERMONT	100
CANAL ZONE	2	KENTUCKY	1,056	NEW YORK	4,119	VIRGIN ISLANDS	15
COLORADO	623	LOUISIANA	885	NORTH CAROLINA	1,613	VIRGINIA	1,305
CONNECTICUT	612	MAINE	341	NORTH DAKOTA	199	WASHINGTON	1,047
DELAWARE	122	MARYLAND	1,014	OHIO	3,094	WEST VIRGINIA	733
DC	242	MASSACHUSETTS	1,331	OKLAHOMA	987	WISCONSIN	1,161
FLORIDA	1,954	MICHIGAN	2,657	OREGON	710	WYOMING	119
FOREIGN	4	MINNESOTA	1,077	PENNSYLVANIA	3,147		
GEORGIA	1,581	MISSISSIPPI	636	PUERTO RICO	345		
GUAM	70	MISSOURI	1,418	RHODE ISLAND	209	Total Casualties	58,220

In most cases, POW and MIA are not included in the death statistics until the individual's remains are discovered and identified. As of Memorial Day 2016, there were 82,729 POW and MIA service personnel. There is an agency named "The "Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency". With a specified mission to "Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. According to their web site, <http://www.dpaa.mil>, they have been able to identify the remains of another 184 service men since Memorial Day 2016. It is estimated that nearly 41,000 of the MIA from WW II were the result of water related incidents (ships sunk; aircraft crashes in the ocean; etc) so it is unlikely that they will ever be recovered.

Unaccounted for from past conflicts			
	As of 2016	As of 2017	Decrease
WWII	73,159	73,057	102
Korean War	7,818	7,747	71
Vietnam War	1,620	1,609	11
Cold War	126	126	0
Iraq & Other Conflicts	6	6	0
Total	82,729	82,545	184

Business Leads:

None submitted

Reciprocity:

None submitted

- ◆ Thank you to the couple of members that actually arrived at our usual meeting place on May 30th. We appreciate your dedication to EAGA, and please note that Tanoan Security is sworn to secrecy, so no one else will ever know.
- ◆ We are officially back on our regular meeting schedule for the next 4 weeks and look forward to seeing everyone for breakfast on Tuesday, June 6th.
- ◆ Our Summer Bash will be on Saturday, July 8th at the home of Phil Houser. The committee has formed; food sub-committee designated; and related tasks assigned. Still looking for a dependable member to be in charge of the weather, but everything else is coming together. More details, and updates, will be provided at the next few breakfast meetings. Members and spouse / significant other can attend for free. Guests are encouraged (fee for guests will be set at the next Committee meeting). If you have any questions, or want to assist in the setup and take down of the tents for the party, contact Committee Chairmen Pat Maloy or Dan Mowery.
- ◆ The EAGA annual Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot has been scheduled for September 22nd. More information and details as we get closer to the event day.
- ◆ The Trap Shoot Committee will have a raffle to raise funds for the event. The winner will take home a fine firearm. More info about the firearm in the next bulletin. Tickets will be \$20 each or 6 for \$100. TJ will begin the raffle in a few weeks, so start setting aside some of that Starbucks money now.

Badge Board Greeters

June 6th	Stan Byers—Milagro Media
June 13th	
June 20th	Scott Lardner—Rocky Mountain Stone
June 27th	
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	Kevin Lorenzen—Aflac
July 18th	

Upcoming Speakers

June 6th	Kit Turpen—HUB International
June 13th	Paul Losey—Covenant Schools of America
June 20th	Mark Abramson—Los Ranchos Gun Shop
June 27th	Damian Pascetti—Pascetti Steel
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	
July 18th	Soren Thomsen—Tema Furniture

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