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

As you probably already know, Decoration Day, as it was originally called, was established as a time for honoring Union and Confederate soldiers that died during the Civil War. It was initially celebrated at various times, depending on the local community. As the years passed, and casualties of other wars and conflicts were included in the ceremonies, the name of the holiday was changed, and a specific, nationwide date was set. It is now observed each year on the last Monday of May. Throughout our country's existence, there have been many thousands of Americans that gave their life to protect our way of life. Their sacrifice should never be forgotten, or diminished in any way. Their families deserve our continuing prayers, respect and appreciation as well.

The following is information about formal memorial locations and activities.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration maintains one hundred thirty-four national cemeteries in forty states (and Puerto Rico) as well as thirty-three soldiers' lots and monument sites. Visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/11stcem.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 War 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](https://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials#.V1Hyl_krLmg)

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

The formal cemeteries, monuments and other recognition facilities naturally concern the recovered remains of those that died while performing duties in the service to our country. Those individuals definitely should receive as much honor, respect and recognition as we can muster. There is another group though, equally deserving, but less often mentioned. Prisoners of War / Missing In Action. It is important that the members of that group not ever be forgotten either. As of Memorial Day 2017, there were 82,545 POW and MIA service personnel. There is an agency named The Defense POW/ MIA Accounting Agency, with the specific mission to "Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation". This group goes wherever it is allowed in its constant search for information, and hopefully the remains, of still missing service personnel. Their website <https://www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Past-Conflicts> notes that they have been able to identify the remains of another 794 service men during the last 2 years. 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. There are, however, nearly 40,000 that still need to be located. The DPAA mission continues, with their most recent identification coming on June 4th.

Still Unaccounted For From Past Conflicts		
Conflict	As of 2017	As of June 04,2021
WWII	73,057	72,475
Korean War	7,747	7,560
Vietnam War	1,609	1,584
Cold War	126	126
Iraq & Other Conflicts	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,545</b>	<b>81,751</b>

- ◆ Our next meeting will be at 7:00am on June 8th at the Tanoan Country Club. Tanoan is following the CDC guidelines in regards to mask requirements. If you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask. Please see the bottom of this page for a copy of Mario's June 3rd email with the most recent information. If you don't remember how to get to our breakfast meetings at Tanoan Country Club: Enter Tanoan via the Academy Road gate, located just east of Eubank (across from the Montebello Senior Retirement Community), then just proceed straight ahead to the parking lot.
- ◆ At our June 8th meeting, we will have elections for two available board member positions. Please be sure to arrive a little early so that you can have your food and be seated before the meeting is ready to begin.
- ◆ Second announcement for a prospective new member:
  - Fat Tire Cycles
  - Representative: Erik Faria
  - Category: Retail Bicycle Sales & Service
  - Sponsor: Frank Mc Callister
- If you have an objection to this company becoming a member, or if you have information that you feel should be considered during the review process, please contact Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper (jzipper@comcast.net or via phone at 505-259-5959) as soon as possible.
- ◆ The 2021 Summer Bash will be Saturday, July 10th, at the residence of Kit and Toni Turpen. Address and directions will be provided soon. Sign up sheets will be available at the next few Tuesday morning meetings. Please make plans to attend. The Bash is always a very fun event. There will be games, food, and an exceptionally good time. The Bash is free for EAGA members and their spouse/significant other.
- ◆ Upcoming speakers:

June 8th	Open meeting
June 15th	James Jaramillo—Coba Investments
June 22nd	Scott Peck—MP Group
June 29th	Available Business Promotion Opportunity
- ◆ Please consider speaking at one of our Tuesday morning meetings. June 29<sup>th</sup> is available now, as are all of the non-holiday Tuesday meeting dates in July.

### Email from Mario

Good evening. It has been a long time coming and I am happy to share with you that we will resume our Tuesday morning breakfast meetings at Tanoan CC starting June 8th @ 7am. I want to thank all of you for your patience and dedication during the pandemic. It has not been easy and at times frustrating for most of you. The grit and strength of our organization was tested during the pandemic and we proved how strong we are by making it to the other side. We should all be proud of how we stayed together and helped each other out to keep our businesses moving forward.

There are many members to thank and we will do so on Tuesday at breakfast. In the meantime there is some housekeeping I need to share regarding breakfast. See the bullet points below:

1. We will have the badge board available. Please grab your own and return after breakfast. Mario will take attendance for the short term until we resume having a badge board attendant.
2. Breakfast will not be a buffet, rather a grab and go. There will be burritos, cinnamon rolls, zucchini bread & juice available. Vegetarian burritos will be available.
3. Once you get your breakfast, find a table as we did in the past. Water and coffee service will be provided by the Tanoan staff. Please be patient with this process since we will have brand new servers that are getting acclimated.
4. Once we are done with our breakfast, leave your cups and plates and the servers will clean up.
5. Tanoan C.C. is following CDC guidelines regarding COVID. If you are fully vaccinated you are not required to wear a mask. There is no way to confirm who is fully vaccinated and we will rely on the honor system.

As we move forward, we will see an adjustment to the menu items and we may even see a buffet in our near future. Again, please be patient with this process and the staff at Tanoan.

We will not have a speaker for Tuesday and will keep the meeting casual. Keep in mind we do have elections for the board of directors this day and we will proceed as scheduled. See you Tuesday!

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