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Dear Readers,

In the USA, it is time for our Memorial Day holiday. This year, I feel very solemn, sad and serious about this coming holiday observed on Monday, May 31, 2021. So much has happened there in America and around the world. There is much unrest, frustrations and uncertainty. Actually, it makes me cry.

With much to consider concerning COVID-19, vaccines and all of the other major concerns, I feel numb. On May 25, 2021, we just marked the first Anniversary of the brutal and inhumane death of Mr. George Floyd. I know that I don't have to explain the injustice, and what I am talking about when I mention his name.

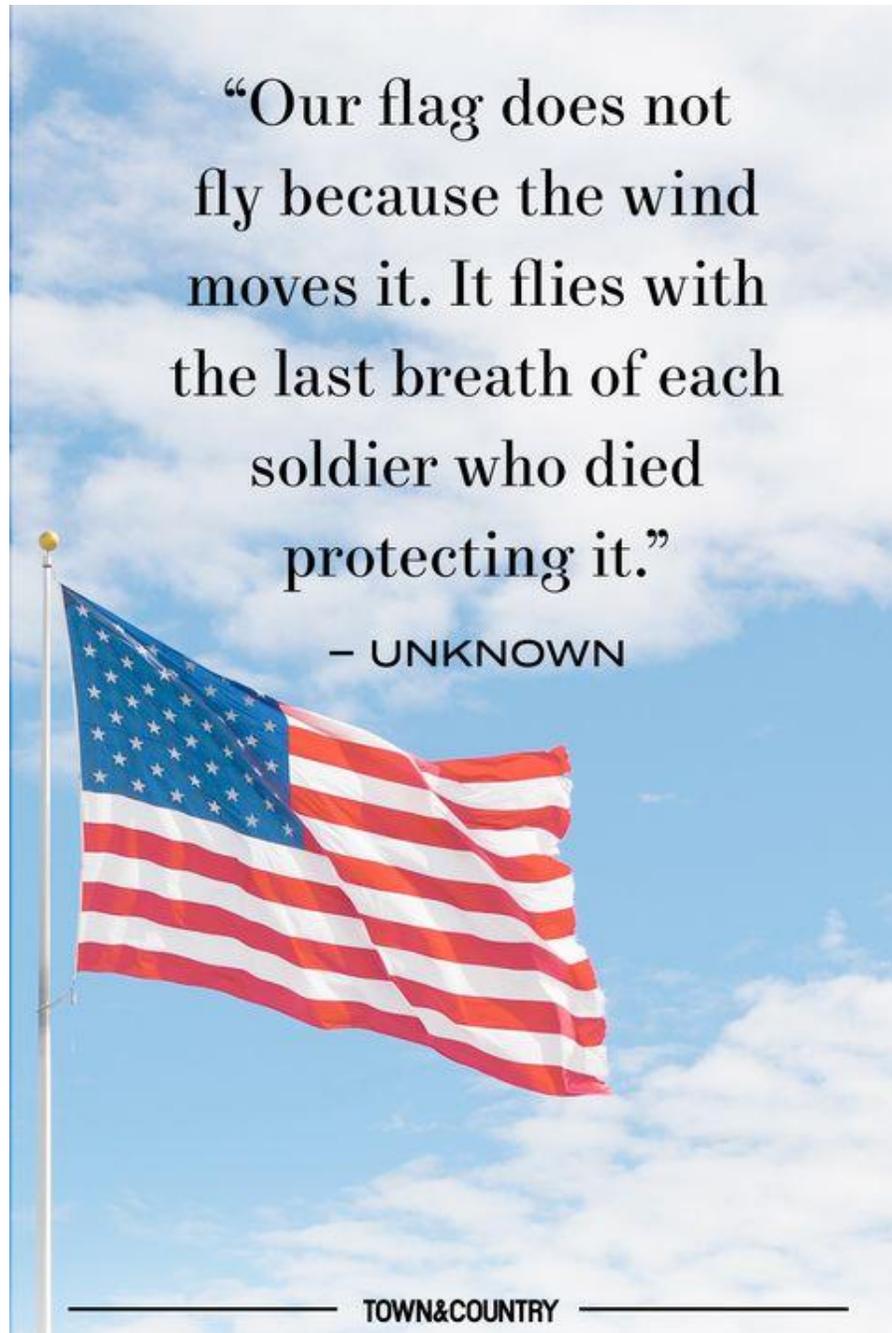
On the local television news, I hear reporters expressing their excitement about Memorial Day festivities. They eager to celebrate with fireworks, parades, and they can't wait to get out their bar-b-que grills to "get the party started!" They caution that adults should be fully vaccinated to go to the parks, beaches and parties at friends' homes. And warn that parents should be careful about their children's exposure too.

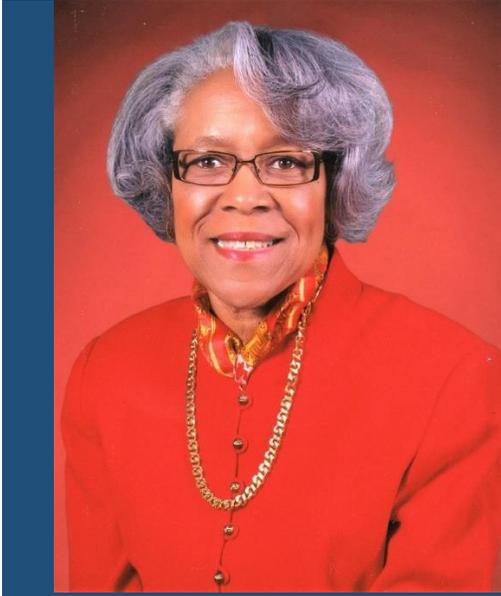
WHAT? Is this all that Memorial Day means or represents here in America?

WHAT'S THE DEAL? Shouldn't we give the highest respect and honor to our veterans? Shouldn't this be a time of reverence and respect concerning those who served our country?

In this issue of The Lamp Newsletter International, Ramelle T. Lee, one of our staff writers, gives in-depth information about this holiday. It is a solemn time. Read what she shares from her heart.

We, the Lamp Newsletter Staff, extend our thoughts and prayers to you. We care about each family who is remembering loved ones who gave their life for others. May God bless and strengthen you. We pray that His comforting hands will bring you peace and consolation.





Author Ramelle T. Lee



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As we commence Memorial Day in the United States of America, we are still faced with another year of dealing with the effects of the pandemic in our nation. When the pandemic hit in 2020, life for all of us took a drastic turn. Although we have made tremendous strides to safeguard our nation, the Coronavirus has changed everything in our lives. We are continuously faced with challenging times.

It's not only the veterans we pause to remember, but those we are living without, who never served in our Armed Forces. Hundreds of people have lost their lives, or experienced health issues due to the Covid-19.

We salute the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. They work tirelessly defending our nation against terrorist attacks, and conflicts that would cause us to engage in military warfare.

This Memorial Day, take time to show your gratitude to those who have served, and are still serving this country. Many men and women are safeguarding our nation from the air, sea and land.

The National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress in 2000, is a one-minute-long pause, meant to raise awareness of, and commemorate those who served. As the clock strikes 3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2021, say a prayer for peace and offer your thanksgiving to all veterans.



(*Error on line 3 of poem. "Servants" is the correct spelling of this word.)

On Memorial Day, let's find ways to safely celebrate and honor veterans. Here are a few activities that we can do:

- Fly the USA flag.
- Pray for peace in the United States and abroad.
- Remember veterans with flowers.
- Thank veterans for their service.
- Pay tribute to veterans on Social Media by posting thoughtful messages.
- Give a veteran a special food basket, patriot cupcakes or gift bag.
- Watch a documentary about veterans or history.
- Donate to a non-profit that supports and assists veterans.
- Spread kind gestures to family and friends who are missing their loved ones.
- Listen to veterans share stories of faith and courage with others.
- Display pictures, awards, certificates and other honorary documents of those who served our nation.
- Read books about veteran heroes that made significant accomplishments to serve in the Armed Forces.



As we continue to meet the challenging times ahead, we all can strive to spend time honoring our veterans.

Remember our brave and fallen heroes with dignity and respect. We proudly salute our veterans who served in our Armed Forces to preserve our freedoms during peace and wartimes.



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