

Action Item I- Consideration of the proposed Memorial Day 2021 event and information webpage

During the January 28, 2021 meeting a subcommittee was created with Chairperson Ferrill and Member Telles to bring back a proposal for Memorial Day 2021.

See attached:

- Memorial Day draft agenda
- Memorial Day draft informational page

PROPOSED MEMORIAL DAY AGENDA

FOR National City

May 2021

GREETINGS/OPENING/WELCOME

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM (?)

INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME BY MAYOR OR CITY REPRESENTATIVE

HISTORY OF NATIONAL CITY MEMORIAL AND WHAT MEMORIAL DAY IS

2-BELL CEREMONY or RECOGNITION OF DECEASED VETERANS

(Could be reading of names that people have submitted; it could be by era e.i. WWII etc. or could include placing a flower or a small flag at the memorial site)

TAPS

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The [Civil War](#), which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations [was organized](#) by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the [Confederacy](#) surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, [New York](#), the official [birthplace of Memorial Day](#).

(Source: History.com)