



# The Mini Page

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Memorial Day Is May 25

## Overseas Memorials

Have you ever been to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia? Just outside Washington, D.C., Arlington is the final resting place for more than 300,000 service members and their family members. Service men and women from every American war are buried there.



photo credit U.S. Army

The outdoor auditorium at Arlington National Cemetery is decorated for Memorial Day.

But Arlington is not the only cemetery where American soldiers, airmen and sailors lie at rest. In fact, all across the world, American cemeteries, memorials, monuments and markers honor military members who have fought for their country.

This week, The Mini Page explores some of these faraway tributes.



photo courtesy American Battle Monuments Commission

The Reflecting Pool at Normandy American Cemetery in France.

The cemetery contains the graves of more than 9,000 military dead, many of whom lost their lives on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

The cemetery was dedicated in July 1956. Two sons of President Theodore Roosevelt, Theodore Jr. and Quentin, are buried at Normandy.

### World War II: Normandy American Cemetery in France

A complicated plan to invade German-occupied parts of France in 1944 was called Operation Overlord. It involved U.S., British and Canadian paratroopers dropping from planes during the night to conquer and secure as many areas as possible. Then, at dawn, soldiers stormed five different beaches along the coast of Normandy, France.

On the first day alone, at least 10,000 Allied troops were lost.



photo courtesy National Archives

On D-Day in June 1944, soldiers from the U.S. 1st Infantry Division leave a Coast Guard landing craft to reach Omaha Beach in France.

### Honoring fallen Americans all around the world

The American Battle Monuments Commission, or ABMC, operates and maintains 25 American military cemeteries and 26 other monuments

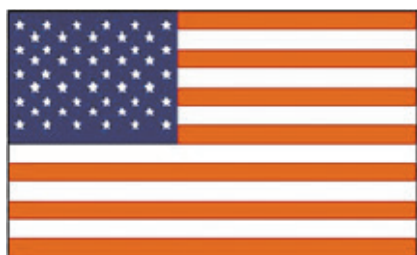
or memorials outside the U.S.

More than 200,000 war dead from World War I and World War II are buried or memorialized at these sites.

In addition, more than 10,000 missing in action are memorialized from the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

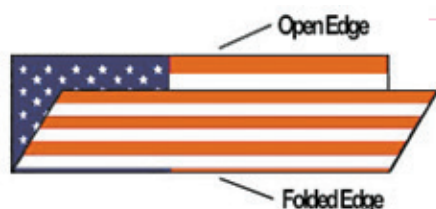
# How to Fold a Flag

## Start with a U.S. flag



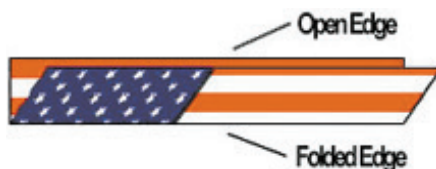
### Step 1

Fold the lower striped section of the flag over the blue field.



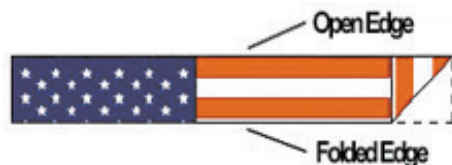
### Step 2

The folded edge is then folded over to meet the open edge.



### Step 3

A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.



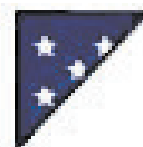
### Step 4

The outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.



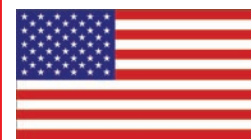
### Step 5

Triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in the triangular shape, with only the blue field visible.



**Completed**

## Why fold the flag?

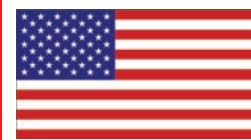


The way the United States flag is folded has meaning. As it is folded, the

red and white stripes are covered by the star-covered blue field. This represents the light of day disappearing into the darkness of night.



When the flag is completely folded, its triangle shape will also be in the shape of a Colonial hat. This is to remind us of the soldiers and sailors who served during the Revolutionary War. Today it also reminds us of all those who have served since then.



The U.S. flag is folded in this special way at ceremonial occasions when the flag is presented to the family of a veteran who has died.

## Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

### On the Web:

- [youtu.be/B7yMakv5Dwg](https://youtu.be/B7yMakv5Dwg)
- [1.usa.gov/1IjdB9Y](https://1.usa.gov/1IjdB9Y)
- [youtu.be/JqNy91cJgEw](https://youtu.be/JqNy91cJgEw)

### At the library:

- "Arlington: The Story of Our Nation's Cemetery" by Chris Demarest



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## Memorial Day

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Words that remind us of Memorial Day are hidden in the block above. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: BELGIUM, CAMBRIDGE, CEMETERY, CEREMONY, CRYPT, D-DAY, ENGLAND, FIELD, FLAG, FLANDERS, FOLD, HEADSTONE, KOREA, MEMORIAL, MEXICO, MILITARY, NORMANDY, ROOSEVELT, SERVE, VETERAN.



# Mini Spy

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting a military cemetery in Normandy, France. See if you can find:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> puppy    | <input type="checkbox"/> bell   | <input type="checkbox"/> lima bean       | <input type="checkbox"/> number 7         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> bird     | <input type="checkbox"/> heart  | <input type="checkbox"/> olive           | <input type="checkbox"/> question mark    |



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# Rookie Cookie's Recipe Brown Rice Casserole

## You'll need:

- 2 1/2 to 3 cups cooked instant brown rice
- 1 (15-ounce) can sweet peas, drained
- 8 ounces processed cheese, cubed (reduced-fat optional)
- 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces, drained
- cooking spray
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds

## What to do:

1. Cook instant rice according to directions.
  2. In a large bowl, combine rice, sweet peas, cubed cheese and mushrooms.
  3. Spray a 1 1/2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Transfer combined ingredients to baking dish.
  4. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.
  5. During the last 5 minutes of baking, sprinkle almonds on top. Serves 6-8.
- You will need an adult's help with this recipe.*

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# Meet Keith Munslow



photo by Pamela Murray

Keith Munslow is a songwriter, singer and storyteller. His newest album is "Tiny Destroyer."

He and his wife, Melissa, produce a variety show in Providence, Rhode Island. He is also in a New Orleans blues band and in a duo with Bill Harley.

Keith learned to play the piano when he was a young child. In high school, he composed his own music and played the drums in several bands with his friends.

Keith went to a college of design. He worked as an illustrator and toured with a puppet company. He holds workshops for students on story writing, illustrating, songwriting and theater. He developed a program that brought inner-city students to work with local artists.

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**Goldie  
Goodsport's  
Supersport**



**Height: 5-0  
Age: 23  
Hometown:  
Frederick,  
Maryland**

# Kytra Hunter

University of Florida gymnast Kytra Hunter had some extra luggage on the trip home from the 2015 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth, Texas — three new trophies.

Kytra, a senior, first captured a share of the all-around national title, tying with UCLA's Samantha Peszek after scoring a 39.600 in the four women's events: vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. The next day, she helped her Florida Gators win the school's third straight NCAA team championship. Finally, she sprang, spun and flipped her way to the individual gold medal in the floor exercise with a score of 9.9625.

The new trophies will be a nice addition to Kytra's collection. Earlier this season, she was named the Southeastern Conference's Gymnast of the Year. And at the 2012 NAAs as a freshman, she won both the all-around (39.725) and vault (9.875) titles.

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**Mighty  
Funny's**

# Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Ted:** Why do fish play tennis so poorly?

**Terri:** They try to avoid getting close to the net!



**Tim:** Why is tennis considered a noisy sport?

**Tom:** Because the players are always raising a racket!

**Tess:** Why do waiters excel at tennis?

**Tula:** Because they are good at serving!



# American Cemeteries

## Mexican-American War: Mexico City National Cemetery

In 1847, as Mexico and the United States fought over territory, American forces moved toward Mexico City. Finally, Mexico surrendered, and the war ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The United States won the territories of New Mexico and Alta California.

The remains of 750 unidentified Americans are buried together. The remains of 813 Americans who served in the Mexican-American War and the Spanish-American War are also buried in wall **crypts**, or vaults, in the cemetery.

Burial vaults at the Mexico City National Cemetery.



White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama, with Belgian King Philippe and Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, tours Flanders Field American Cemetery.

## World War I: Flanders Field in Belgium

In 1918, just before World War I ended, the U.S. 91st Division fought a battle where Flanders Field American Cemetery is now. With 368 service members buried there, it is the only American cemetery in Belgium.

The famous poem “In Flanders Fields” was written by John McCrae in 1915 after an earlier battle there.

## Korean War: U.S. Monument at U.N. Memorial Cemetery in South Korea

The United Nations Memorial Cemetery in South Korea contains the graves of 2,300 service members from 11 countries. Thirty-six Americans are buried there. The U.S. monument reads “Honor, Freedom, Peace.”



photos courtesy American Battle Monuments Commission

## World War II: Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in England

The land for the Cambridge cemetery was donated by Cambridge University in 1943. The permanent cemetery was dedicated in 1956. More than 3,800 service members are buried at Cambridge, and the memorial honors more than 5,000 missing. Many of the dead served in air combat and in battles in the Atlantic Ocean.

Lines of headstones at Cambridge American Cemetery.



Look through your newspaper for Memorial Day events coming up in your area. Will you honor family or friends who have passed away?

Next week, The Mini Page gives you some great ideas for summer reading!

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