Americanism 2022-2023
#AuxiliaryPatriotism

Month of the Military Caregiver	Month of May
National Military Appreciation Month	Month of May
Silver Star Service Banner Day	May 1
Loyalty Day	May 1
VE Day	May 8
Military Spouse Appreciation Day	Friday before Mother's Day
Children of Fallen Patriots Day	May 13
Armed Forces Day	Third Saturday in May
Memorial Day	May 29

As you can see, there are several patriotic days in the month of May. I would like to focus on two: Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Do you know the difference between them?

Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force. The day honors all people **currently serving** in the U.S. armed forces. This includes the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve components.

Memorial Day will be celebrated Monday, May 29, 2023. It is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May and commemorates the men and women **who died while in military service**. You can pay tribute to the U.S. men and women who died during military service by observing a national moment of remembrance with a minute of silence at 3:00 PM local time.

While not a holiday in May, it's important to include and understand the difference in Veterans Day from the above two. Veterans Day honors **the living** who once served in the Armed Forces.

May is such a beautiful month and while we are out and abut enjoying the blessings that our service members have secured for us, let's not forget to honor them on the special days that have been designated for that purpose!

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*When displaying the American Flag and the 6 service branches' flags, what is the correct order of placement? Send me the correct answer for entry to the monthly drawing.