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MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5, 1868. The day was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo, NY the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966. It became a federal holiday in 1971, and is now observed on the last Monday in May.

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By order of procession through the Grace Cemetery

Legend for each entry:

Plot No. Birth date Death date

Conflict name Branch of service Rank Additional information known

E30 Thomas Nelson Jr.

December 26, 1738 – January 4, 1789

Revolutionary War Virginia Militia Brigadier General

Signer of the Declaration of Independence; Governor of Virginia;

Battle at Yorktown, Virginia.

E35 William Nelson IV

April 25, 1845 – September 10, 1877

Civil War VMI Cadet Battle of New Market

lawyer; this is a memorial stone as he was buried in Austin, Texas

E24 Corbin Waller Mercer

April 2, 1845 – November 20, 1910

Civil War Member of Colonel John S. Mosby's Rangers,

member of R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans.

E14 George Read

November 25, 1608 – October 1674

Pre-Revolutionary War Colonel

E05 Thomas Newman

1843 – June 25, 1902

Civil War Confederate States of America; Mason, two-term Treasurer
of York County.

E08 Frederick Cosby Newman

June 30, 1834 – December 12, 1882

Civil War Confederates States of America Enlisted Virginia 5th Cavalry
Regiment Company H, Sons of the American Revolution member

CB39 Frederick F. Kaiser

August 28, 1920 - January 20, 2010

World War II Army Air Corps VMI 1941 Graduate, Served in Italy and North Africa; retired as Director of Nuclear Training from Newport News Shipbuilding after 35-year career.

CB6 Paul Burbank Jr.

March 15, 1928 - June 29, 2018

Korean War United States Army LT Medical Corps (Dentist); DMZ official observer at Panmunjom Armistice Talks

CB7 Alan Reynolds Kidd Jr.

September 20, 1933 - September 14, 2012

Vietnam United States Air Force Pilot in Vietnam, 3 tours - C123 Aircraft Commander "Ranch Hands", Distinguished Flying Cross, "Air Medal"; twenty years at the Newport News Shipyard, Design Engineer

D22 Helmut H. Herdey

March 24, 1940 - January 12, 2019

United States Air Force Map Maker, served at Shaw AFB, SC and Langley AFB, VA; Educator

AU03 Walter Milliner

July 31, 1922 - November 6, 2014

World War II United States Army Air Corps; Colonel European Theater, 25 Combat Missions in B24 Liberator DFC w/ V-Valor, Air Medal with clusters; U.S. Civil Service

AU19 Howard Clayton

April 14, 1930 - August 16, 2017

Korean War United States Navy LTJG

AU20 Ervin Robert "Bob" Thomas

August 29, 1946 - February 1, 2005

United States Navy

AU20 Edward Joseph Raymond

March 13, 1924 - June 28, 2014

WWII United States Navy

MG02 Curtis Durward Estridge

January 11, 1939 - November 7, 2010

United States Air Force; Newport News Firefighter for 36 years, retired in 1999; chosen as the Firefighter of the year in 1977. Lt. Estridge took his "last ride" on Engine #13 to Grace Church where his ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden.

AU32 William David King

September 13, 1949 - November 5, 2019

United States Navy; two tours Vietnam; Corpsman with US Marines and Riverine Patrol Boat. Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Commendation Medal, SP Warfare GP-2, USS Eisenhower, CV-69
UNSA

MG Francis H. Lansinger

January 30, 1932 - October 5, 2018

United States Navy Reserve Petty Officer 2 Electronics/Radar Operator NAVSTA Pensacola, NAVSTA Norfolk

AU23 Eugene L. Liberati

April 27, 1922 - November 1, 2011

World War II United States Army Air Corps Lt. Col Pacific Theater, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal

AU07 George J. Trombley Jr.

December 20, 1934 - January 29, 2014

Vietnam United States Air Force MSGT, C130 Air Crew "Air Medal," 20 years' service, and 22 years working at NASA Langley

AU25 Anthony Blow

September 16, 1933 - November 14, 2009

World War II United States Army, Germany Army of Occupation

AU25 John M. Blow

October 21, 1939 - June 2, 2011

World War II United States Army, Germany Army of Occupation

AU08 Clifton Wells Loveland

July 20, 1924 - December 14, 2002

World War II United States Army Air Corps, worked 46 years at Newport News Shipyard, John F. Kennedy Aircraft Carrier designer.

Retired 1986

AU11 Peter B. Westby-Gibson

January 9, 1943 - March 31, 2013

Vietnam United States Navy Captain Fighter pilot, three tours in Vietnam, Commander of Fighter Squadron 45 (NAS Boca Chica), 15 Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.

A04 Edward Theron Johnson

October 9, 1930 - February 26, 1999

Korea War-era United States Navy Seaman Photographer served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt - Mediterranean Cruise.

A10 Donald Washburn

February 10, 1938 - June 2, 2016

Vietnam United States Army SFC (E-7) Air Medal (W/6 OLC), Parachutist Badge, Aircraft Crewman Badge, 1 AirCav & 101st ABN, 23 years' service (Vietnam-two tours) Fort Eustis OCS Course Instructor (DA Civilian) 20 years' service; multiple awards, including Instructor of the Year

D01 Martha Powell Lovett

June 5, 1955 - June 15, 2018

Cold War United States Army, E-4 Medical Corps; served in Frankfurt and Heidelberg, Germany

D02 Thomas C. Armstrong Jr.

October 3, 1929 – February 8, 2009

Korean War United States Army LT, Virginia Military Institute graduate in 1954 and class president for all four years; Retired from Newport News Shipbuilding in 1993.

D08 George Eisele Fisher Jr.

September 8, 1931 – January 4, 1985

United States Army Colonel

D11 George Kenneth Garrison

February 15, 1921 – October 22, 2010

World War II United States Navy Chief Warrant Officer; served in WWII from 1941 to 1945 in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres. In 1941 he served aboard a minesweeper, sweeping mines off the coast of Newfoundland for the historic meeting of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

D15 August Frederick Penzold Jr.

February 18, 1913 – December 16, 1980

World War II United States Marine Corps Colonel 1936–1966 service years. In WWII, four years on the Pacific Islands of Palmyra Island (when Pearl Harbor was attacked), Johnston and Okinawa with only one month leave. Received the Bronze Star, Gold Star in Lieu of Second Bronze Star, and Navy Commendation Medal. Virginia Military Institute graduate.

D32 John Daingerfield Alfriend

April 25, 1927 – May 22, 2018

World War II United States Navy Post WWII; former Rector of Grace Church

D43 Otis Carroll Ingebritsen

January 14, 1918 - August 12, 2009

World War II United States Air Force Awards include an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and a Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster; 8th Air Force, Stationed at Knettshall (UK), flew B-17 and worked at NASA; he was decorated for extraordinary achievement on 25 heavy bombardment missions.

D42 James William Speegle

November 23, 1926 - July 15, 2016

United States Army

D38 John Anthony Porter

July 21, 1921 - August 23, 2001

World War II United States Army Air Corps Major Pacific Theater. Flew C-46 & C-47 transport aircraft in joint services Air Transportation Air Group. Shot down two times over Iwo Jima. Rescued by US Submarine and then from contested air strip on Iwo Jima during the battle.

D30 Floyd Edward Lindsay

April 18, 1920 - September 9, 1995

World War II United States Navy; drafted in May 1944 and served until January 1946 and was in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

GU-03 Robert D. Powell Jr.

March 9, 1923 - August 6, 2018

World War II/Cold War United States Navy/USN Reserves
Commander WWII Anti-Submarine Patrols NASA/US Army TRECOM

GU01 Weimer "Presto" Joseph Tuovila Jr.

September 1, 1919 D-April 30, 2004

World War II United States Army Air Corps Tech Sergeant Communications Chief, maintained aircraft radios, did trouble shooting. Served 13 months in the Pacific Theater of Operations-Air Offensive Japan, Eastern Mandates and Western Pacific. Received Theater Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Also, received 3 Battle Stars. Service dates: June 27, 1943 to Jan 6, 1946.

G02 Willets Henry 'Bill' Bowditch

December 26, 1913 - April 12, 1994

World War II United States Navy LCDR Okinawa, Aide to Admiral Jerauld Wright, Fifth Amphibious Group

G08 Charles Eldridge Hatch Jr.

June 28, 1913 - February 2, 1982

World War II United States Army Private Enlisted from 1944-1946, author and scholar on Yorktown and Virginia history.

G10 Nathaniel Waldo Harrison

April 26, 1913 - June 17, 1987

World War II United States Army Air Corps United States Army 2nd Lieutenant

G12 Herbert Millard Dickinson Jr.

February 2, 1896 - August 19, 1955

United States Army 2nd Lieutenant, 5th Providence Training Regiment

G15 George Adgate

April 15, 1906 - January 12, 1974

World War II United States Navy Reserve LCDR, Missouri

G16 Thomas Kobezak III

July 5, 1947 - November 16, 2011

United States Air Force Staff Sergeant 1969-1973 Lackland AFB, TX; Charleston AFB, SC; and Anchorage, Alaska

G17 Joseph Schmidt

January 15, 1896 - January 20, 1978

World War I United States Marine Corps

G18 Nathaniel Waldo Harrison Jr.

July 17, 1947 - March 17, 2006

G26 Paul Whittington Crockett

July 15, 1899 D - June 23, 1970

United States Marine Corps US Naval Academy-1916, served in the Pacific, lived in Yorktown. Also served with Lt-Gen "Chesty" Puller.

G18 John "Jack" Henry Burcher

October 14, 1916 - February 1, 2014

World War II United States Navy Officer; served on sub-chasers in Alaska and South Pacific theaters.

G36 Rodney Esten Cook

August 13, 1898 - March 3, 1979

WWII United States Army Captain; served in the Philippines until 1945. He was a sanitation engineer.

G43 George Frederick Emery Sr.

December 17, 1911 - January 15, 1996

World War II United States Navy LCDR; served as assistant superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park from 1953 until 1966. He retired from the Park Service in 1978.

G45 Henry "Hank" Elksnin

June 24, 1919 - September 24, 2007

World War II United States Army Air Corps; Stationed at NACA, Langley, VA - Mechanical Aeronautical Engineer. Northeastern University. Forty years at NACA/NASA Langley, Hampton, Va.

G47 Burnett Graves White

May 29, 1893 - August 11, 1983
World War I United States Army

G51 Earl Herndon Jenkins

March 27, 1894 - April 24, 1963
World War I United States Marine Corps Colonel US Naval Academy -
1916, Pacific, and resident in Yorktown

G67a Winborne Terry Jenkins

November 25, 1899 - December 29, 1973
World War I United States Army Private; enlisted as student with other
University of Virginia students. UVA graduate.

G65 Thomas Witt Hix

March 11, 1928 - December 14, 1992
World War II United States Army Military Police

G61 John Peter Stack

September 29, 1933 - March 15, 2011
Cuban Conflict United States Marine Corps Twentynine Palms,
California; NACA/NASA (1955-1994)

G59 John E. Sim

August 17, 1926 - April 21, 2016
World War II United States Army PFC Truck Driver, Ft. Ord, CA, Good
Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, Grace Church Trustee

G72 James Henry Viccellio Jr.

July 18, 1921 - May 18, 2007
World War II United States Army Air Corps

G75 George William Jones Jr.

May 31, 1923 - April 6, 2007
NASA

J01 Donald Lohse Kuchenbuch

July 29, 1927 - March 4, 2015

Army of Occupation - Germany; United States Army Air Corps,
enlisted and served 1945-1947

J05 Richard Burnett Stacpoole

April 11, 1942 - December 20, 2013

United Kingdom Forces; Naturalized U.S. Citizen

AJ07 James Condrey Dunavant

April 3, 1925 - September 19, 1997

World War II United States Navy Lieutenant Active duty with the Navy
from 1943 to 1947 and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1967.

J09 Annie Laurie Crawford

February 16, 1904 - January 27, 1995

World War II Nurse

J10 Sadie Crawford Mullen

June 2, 1906 - February 7, 1988

World War II

J15 Diana Wren Koehly

July 26, 1934 - November 24, 2011

Royal Auxiliary Air Force British Civil Service at FAF Station Manston,
Kent, Fighter Plotter L.A.C.W. Naturalized US citizen

J24 Willis Edward Beachem Jr.

October 6, 1915 - June 9, 2011

Vietnam United States Air Force Lt. Col. United States Coast Guard
Auxiliary - Division Captain with Flotillas in Newport News,
Williamsburg, Gloucester, Topping, Hampton and Poquoson; retired in
2006 after serving 28 years; member of Mason Lodge in Moses Lake,
Washington; worked at the Pentagon as a PEM for the USAF in
support of the Vietnamese Air Force.

J19 John Ewing Canady Jr.

February 16, 1921 - October 15, 1992

WWII United States Navy; four years on the Pacific Islands.
Mechanical/Aeronautical Engineer 37 yrs. at NACA/NASA; UVA
graduate

J16 Howard Garland Gouger Sr.

February 15, 1926 - October 5, 2012

World War II United States Navy; served in the Pacific Theater aboard
an LST. Virginia Tech Electrical Engineer. Was at the US Naval
Weapons Station from 1951-1982.

JU02 Bernice Thurlow "BT" Clarke

January 23, 1925 - June 16, 2007

World War II United States Navy; he served the Navy in the South
Pacific and European Theater.

JU03 Philip Stockton Boykin Sr.

July 29, 1922 - August 13, 2004

World War II United States Army Battle of the Bulge at Elsenborn. He
was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry
Medal.

J28 John Henry Householder

May 19, 1921 - March 12, 1999

United States Navy research aeronautics technician at NACA-NASA.
Member of American Legion Post 273, Poquoson.

J40 George Kimball Miller Jr.

April 15, 1937 - February 6, 1982

United States Air Force, NASA

J46 Edward Allen Mackenzie

April 11, 1926 - August 6, 1985

World War II-Korean War United States Navy CPO WWII (China shore
duty), Korean War (afloat), Heath technician for 25 years of service.

J32 Wesley Randolph Cofer Jr.

October 10, 1920 - September 16, 1998

World War II United States Army Judge Advocate General; Majored in engineering from Drexel University. In 1941 volunteered and entered the Army Air Corps at Maxwell Field, St. Joseph, Mo.; survived three airplane crashes and honorably discharged in 1945.

J34 Steve Zalumas

April 25, 1926 - March 13, 2003

Korean Conflict United States Army; Teacher, Historian

J35 Robert G. Gregorie

September 29, 1932 - November 9, 2017

Newport News Shipbuilding; United States Marine Corps; 35 years
Grace Choir

AH03 George W. Hammontree

April 24, 1879 D-July 15, 1957

Philippine War/Insurgency United States Army Enlisted

H05 George Hunter Fletcher

December 8, 1917 D-March 15, 2009

World War II United States Navy; served in both the European and Pacific theatres; postmaster at Fort Eustis from 1948 to 1954.

H06 Catherine B. Fletcher

April 22, 1919 - August 11, 1968

World War II United States Navy

A27 Ernest Mahlon Hoover Sr.

December 1, 1924 - August 14, 2006

World War II United States Army Sergeant; train engineer landed in France just after D-Day and Battle of the Bulge.

H35 James David Carter Jr.

October 25, 1893 - September 11, 1976

World War II United States Army

H12 John Phillips Scotton

December 12, 1925 - Dec 24, 2012

World War II United States Army Tech Sergeant; served at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Total service: Jan. 26, 1945 - Aug. 31, 1946.

H26 Julian Thomas Darden Jr.

November 24, 1920 - July 14, 2006

United States Marine Corps

H27 James Malcolm O'Hara

November 24, 1920 - July 14, 2006

World War II United States Army Captain; served in the Philippines.

I03 Leslie Richard O'Hara Jr.

March 2, 1915 - December 5, 1979

World War II

IU21 Herbert "Red" R. Moore Sr.

August 14, 1916 - October 28, 1995

World War II United States Army Tech Sergeant CBI Combat Engineer, 373rd Engineer Special Services Regiment, China Burma Campaign

IU22 John Talbot Manley

January 26, 1911 - October 10, 1961

World War II United States Navy LCDR

IO9 Jacob Warren Dunston

December 25, 1916 - October 11, 2003

World War II United States Army

IU26 John Tyler Terrell

July 17, 1926 - May 19, 1996

World War II United States Navy RM3C; served in the Asiatic Pacific from March 20, 1944 - June 16, 1946. Received a Star. He was aboard the USS Kinlaer when he took the message that Japan had surrendered.

G83 Floyd Holloway Jr.

November 21, 1928 – June 24, 2013

Korea & Vietnam Wars United States Navy Commander; born in Yorktown, U. S. Naval Academy Graduate in 1951. Submarine Service, His last duty station was Pearl Harbor and retired in 1972.

IU27 Dana King Law

May 28, 1915 – December 15, 2012

World War II United States Navy Lieutenant USNR, Pacific Theater, Minesweepers, CO/XO AMC 102, YMS 216, AM 122.

IU28 Reinhold Beuer-Tajovsky

March 9, 1928 – March 15, 2015

Post-World War II – Germany United States Army Enlisted Gentle survivor of the Holocaust, Army Corps of Engineer Civilian

IU12 John Prince

April 18, 1919 – January 5, 2009

World War II United States Army Lieutenant Airborne, last man in company to survive fighting, good singer

IU11 Wallace Donald Clift

April 22, 1934 – July 7, 1992

Korean War/Vietnam United States Army CWO2
Medic, Recruiter, Marine (Army) Deck Officer, Instructor in the US Army Transportation School; served from 1952 to 1975. He received the National Defense Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, UN Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (4th award), Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Medic Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. A navigational and seamanship instructor at Fort Eustis then retired from the Army. Member of Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of Stars and Bars; a merchant marine captain, captain of a VIMS research vessel.

IU07 Eric Peter "Stork" Hamel

November 8, 1944 - January 23, 2020

Vietnam United States Army Major; served as a helicopter pilot (Received a battlefield commission) Also, served in Germany and at Fort Eustis. Grace Eucharistic Minister and a choir member.

IU08 Alfred Charles Crane Sr.

October 26, 1910 - February 14, 1992

World War II United States Army Staff Sergeant ETO Artillery, 774th Field Artillery Battalion. Battle of the Bulge.

IU03 George Bramwell Colonna Jr.

August 10, 1921 - November 20, 1997

World War II United States Marine Corps Captain, 1944 VMI graduate

IU01 Rupert Larry Selman

May 1, 1920 - October 26, 2003

World War II United States Air Force Colonel; retired in 1970 after 30 years of dedicated service

IU02 John Joseph Nettles Sr.

September 17, 1919 D-April 23, 2012

World War II United States Navy; served in the South Pacific. Retired from NASA in 1972 as the Chief Transportation Officer with 28 years of service.

C15 Wylmer L. Scott

December 9, 1898 - May 26, 1978

World War I United States Army Honorable discharge December 20, 1918 ; SATC University of Cincinnati, Ohio

GRACE CHURCH HISTORICAL NOTES

York-Hampton Parish dates back to the first settlements made at Chiskiack (sometimes popularly called "Cheesecake") about 1630 and at York, which became a parish in 1632.

Chiskiack had its own parson in 1635 and was made a parish by Act of Assembly in 1640. Its bounds included the settlement at Middle Plantation, which later became Williamsburg.

Chiskiack was renamed Hampton Parish in 1643 and combined with York Parish in 1706, to form York-Hampton Parish.

Yorktown was established by Act of Assembly in 1691 and became the county seat. In 1696 Governor Nicholson subscribed 20 pounds toward the erection of a church at Yorktown. The present Grace Church was erected about 1697 and in colonial times was known as York-Hampton, York and Yorktown Church.

The unconventionality and rugged simplicity of Grace Church make it appealing to architects and historians. Built of marl slabs taken from the York River shore, it stands on a bluff overlooking the water. The building was originally rectangular and was enlarged in colonial times by the addition of a north wing. After being burned accidentally in 1814 with much of the town, the church lay in ruins until its reconstruction in 1848, when only the original portion was rebuilt within its standing walls. In the same year it was rededicated, then as Grace Church.

Grace Church has been occupied by the military twice. During the American Revolution, Lord Cornwallis used it as a powder magazine, causing an estimated damage of 150 pounds. In the Civil War, the belfry was used as a lookout tower while the building proper became a hospital.

The bell in the steeple was cast in 1725 and was carried off during the Civil War. Its fragments were later recovered in Philadelphia and it was recast in its original form out of the same metal and restored to duty in 1889.

The church's old communion silver was presented to Hampton Parish in 1649 and is one of the oldest services in use in an American church.

Within the quiet cemetery, in use as early as 1701, you will find the tombs of General Thomas Nelson Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence, and of Colonel George Read and his wife. Read was a direct descendent of Edward II and ancestor of George Washington, Robert E. Lee, and Elizabeth I of Great Britain. He served as acting governor of the Colony and as a member of the House of Burgesses. Read married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Martiau, who in the early 1630s was the first to own and settle on the site of Yorktown, some 60 years before the town was established.

Grace Church today is a vibrant, active parish that testifies to the living presence of Christ in this welcoming and inclusive community of faith.