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Surprising Memorial Day History

Memorial Day honors those who died serving our country. It was first proclaimed 145 years ago and flowers were laid on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. But the South refused to acknowledge the day until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring those who died fighting the Civil War to honoring Americans who died in any war.

Congress made it a national holiday in 1971, but eight southern states still honor their Confederate war dead on separate days. Red poppies came in 1915 with this poem: “We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.”

“Memorial Day History,” http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html

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