

A Magnificent Memorial

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Around Memorial Day, flowers, flags, ribbons and other decorations are abundant. They are displayed to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

There is some controversy as to when Memorial Day began in the United States. However, memorials are not new. God created the rainbow for a memorial so we would not forget that He will never again destroy the whole world with a flood. We read in Genesis 9:8–17 that all the people and animals, except those God saved in the ark, gave their lives—although unwillingly.

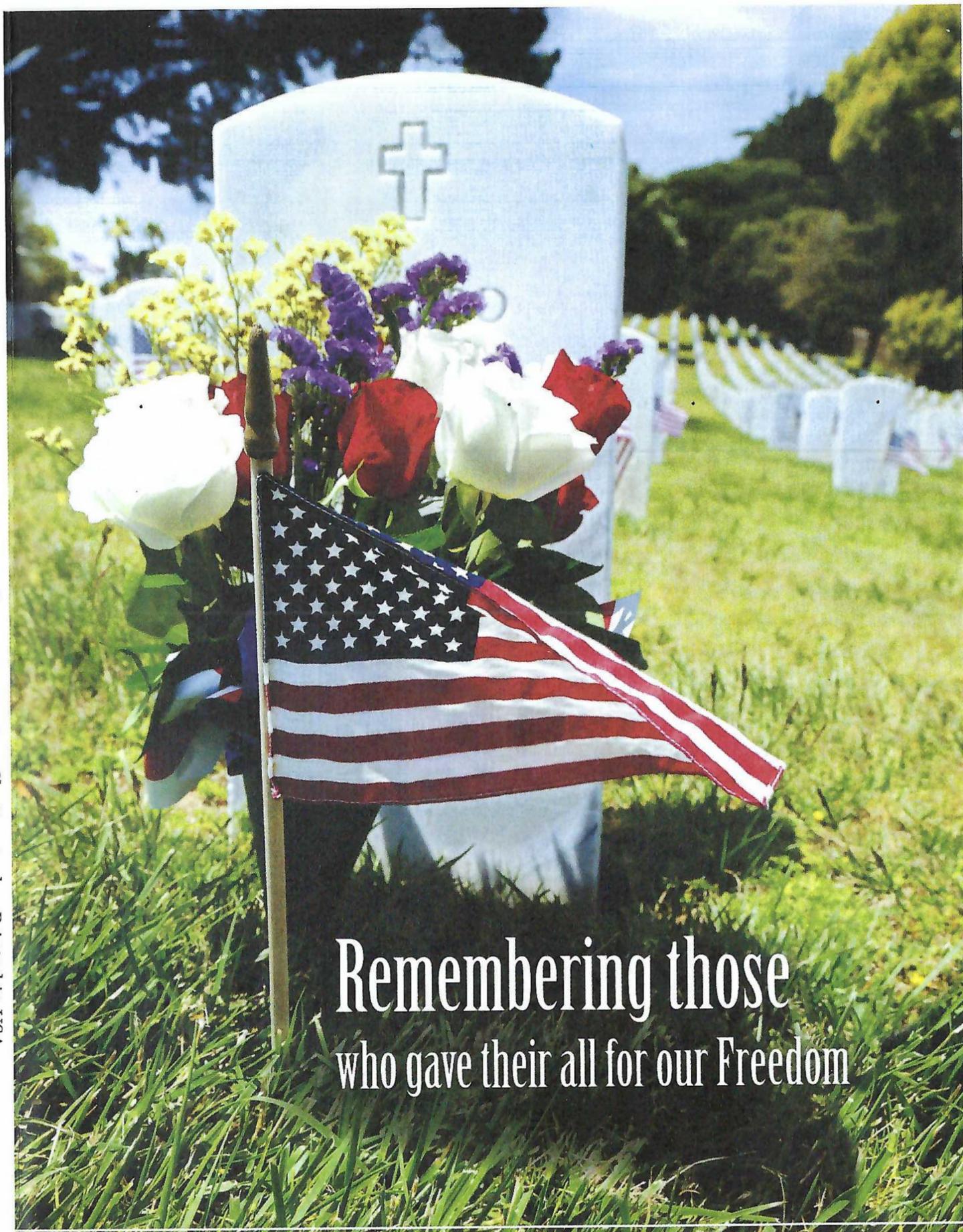
Unlike the heroes we honor today, these died because “GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart” (Genesis 6:5–6).

God’s rainbow memorial should compel us to be good soldiers, as portrayed in 2 Timothy 2:3, against the insidious war of sin, and to “live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:12). This glorious decoration in the sky should also encourage us to remember God’s goodness.

As we humbly honor the brave who laid down their lives for our liberty, let us not forget the One who gave His life for our freedom from punishment for sin—Jesus. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). Let us honor Jesus’ sacrifice by loving Him, keeping his commandments and displaying His love to others (John 14:15).

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Remembering those
who gave their all for our Freedom

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May 30, 2021,

Call to Worship	<i>Sounds of Hope Part 2</i>
Invocation	<i>Don Mauldin</i>
Sing Unto the Lord Hymn #807 My Country Tis' of Thee	<i>Tina Pinkoson</i>
Welcome and Announcements Recognition of Guests Mission Moment Birthdays and Anniversaries	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Worship in Song Hymn # 804 Battle Hymn of the Republic	<i>Tina Pinkoson</i>
Offertory Prayer	<i>Joe Morgan</i>
Offertory	<i>Rose Morgan</i>
Special Music	<i>Sounds of Hope Part 2</i>
Sermon Scripture Joshua 1:1-11 "Keeping a Promise"	<i>Reverend Don Mauldin</i>
Hymn of Benediction God Bless America	

Happy Memorial Day!

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Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor of our dead?
Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave that died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?
Full service needs a greater toll
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

Annette Wynne