

May Facts

May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also from the Latin word maiores, "elders", who were celebrated during this month.

Stone = Emerald Flower = Lilly-of-the-Valley

In 1842, the Presidential salute was formally established at 21 guns. In 1890, regulations designated the "national salute" as 21 guns and redesignated the traditional Independence Day salute, the "Salute to the Union," equal to the number of states. Fifty guns are also fired on all military installations equipped to do so at the close of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect.

Today the national salute of 21 guns is fired in honor of a national flag, the sovereign or chief of state of a foreign nation, a member of a reigning royal family, and the President, ex-President and President-elect of the United States. It is also fired at noon of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect.

Gun salutes are also rendered to other military and civilian leaders of this and other nations. The number of guns is based on their protocol rank. These salutes are always in odd numbers.

Source: Headquarters, Military District of Washington, FACT SHEET: GUN SALUTES, May 1969.



Waterloo, New York says it started the Memorial Day practice of decorating graves back in 1866. But, Boalsburg, PA claims it was doing it 2 years sooner, 1864. Rumor has it that both towns got the idea from a newspaper article featuring two women in Columbus, MS who spread flowers on the graves of BOTH Confederate and Union soldiers as act of friendship and understanding between the North and the South. But decorating graves goes way way back and still remains as rituals in countries today in Europe, China, Japan

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The use of gun salutes for military occasions is traced to early warriors who demonstrated their peaceful intentions by placing their weapons in a position that rendered them ineffective. Apparently this custom was universal, with the specific act varying with time and place, depending on the weapons being used. A North African tribe, for example, trailed the points of their spears on the ground to indicate that they did not mean to be hostile.

The tradition of rendering a salute by cannon originated in the 14th century as firearms and cannons came into use. Since these early devices contained only one projectile, discharging them once rendered them ineffective. Originally warships fired seven-gun salutes--the number seven probably selected because of its astrological and Biblical significance. Seven planets had been identified and the phases of the moon changed every seven days. The Bible states that God rested on the seventh day after Creation, that every seventh year was sabbatical and that the seven times seventh year ushered in the Jubilee year.

Land batteries, having a greater supply of gunpowder, were able to fire three guns for every shot fired afloat, hence the salute by shore batteries was 21 guns. The multiple of three probably was chosen because of the mystical significance of the number three in many ancient civilizations. Early gunpowder, composed mainly of sodium nitrate, spoiled easily at sea, but could be kept cooler and drier in land magazines. When potassium nitrate improved the quality of gunpowder, ships at sea adopted the salute of 21 guns.















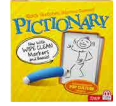














The 21-gun salute became the highest honor a nation rendered. Varying customs among the maritime powers led to confusion in saluting and return of salutes. Great Britain, the world's preeminent seapower in the 18th and 19th centuries, compelled weaker nations to salute first, and for a time monarchies received more guns than did republics. Eventually, by agreement, the international salute was established at 21 guns, although the United States did not agree on this procedure until August 1875.

The gun salute system of the United States has changed considerably over the years. In 1810, the "national salute" was defined by the War Department as equal to the number of states in the Union--at that time 17. This salute was fired by all U.S. military installations at 1:00 p.m. (later at noon) on Independence Day. The President also received a salute equal to the number of states whenever he visited a military installation.

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Year Round Activities

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>3:00-5:00 Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts</p>  | <p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 12:00-3:00 Mahjong/Card Rm 5:00 Mixed Bridge M&W/Card Rm 6:30 Texas Hold'em/AR</p> | <p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only) 12:45-4:00 Mahjong/Card Rm 2:30-6:30 Ladder Tournament/Cts 6:15 Hand and Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/AR 7:00 Shuffleboard/Cts</p> | <p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 8:30 Ladies Golf 8:30 Nifty Niners/GC 9:00-5:00 Bocce/CT 12:30-4:00 Ladies Bridge/Card Rm For Beginner One Stroke Lessons, please contact Mo Keary @ 239-826-3673</p> | <p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 9:00-12:00 Mixed Bridge/Card Rm 8:30 Men's Golf</p> | <p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis 12:00-4:30 Pinochle/Card Rm</p> | <p>Reception Hours: 9:30am til 3:00pm Monday - Friday</p> <p>Changes made up till the 25th of each month.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">MAY</h1> <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">2026</h1> | |  |  | <p style="text-align: center;">P.L. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>BR - Ballroom</td> <td>GC - Golf Course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDS - Billiards</td> <td>P - Patio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR - Crafts Room</td> <td>LF - Lake Fairways</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FS - Fitness Studio</td> <td>LR - Living Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K - Kitchen</td> <td>LL - Library/Loft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AR - Activity Room</td> <td>DR - Driving Range</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card Room</td> <td>F - Foyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M & W - Men & Women</td> </tr> </table> | BR - Ballroom | GC - Golf Course | BDS - Billiards | P - Patio | CR - Crafts Room | LF - Lake Fairways | FS - Fitness Studio | LR - Living Room | K - Kitchen | LL - Library/Loft | AR - Activity Room | DR - Driving Range | Card Room | F - Foyer | | M & W - Men & Women | <p>PLEASE NOTE: When making reservations for the use of the clubhouse or any of its rooms more than six months in advance, please submit your request in writing to eliminate misunderstandings.</p> <p>Also, when reserving a room please be sure to clean up after each use.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a.m. regular • p.m. bold</p> | <p>1</p> <p>8:00-4:00 Management/LR 8:00-9:00 Yoga/BR 7:45 Set-up 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>5:00pm Women's Club Presents A Night At The Races/All Rooms Doors open at 4:30</p>  |
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| <p>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR 1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR 7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR 10:30-11:40 Beginner Line Dancing/BR 11:45-1:00 Line Dancing/BR 12:00-3:00 Quilting/LFCH-MH 1:00-3:00 Ceramics/CR 1:15-3:30 End of Season Veterans Group Meeting/BR/AR 2:00-3:00 Mingling Singles/LR 3:00-5:00 Corn Hole/BR 4:00-5:00 Gardening/CR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p> | <p>5</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR 12:00-2:00 90's Luncheon/LFCH</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR 11:00-1:00 Steering Comm/LR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>8:00-9:00 Yoga/BR 7:45 Set-up 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>1:00 Mother's Day Luncheon/BR Doors Open 12:30</p>  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR 1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR 7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</p>  | <p>11</p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR 10:30-11:40 Beg Line Dancing/BR 11:45-1:00 Int Line Dancing/BR 12:00-3:00 Quilting/LFCH-MH 1:00-3:00 Ceramics/CR 3:00-5:00 Corn Hole/BR 4:00-5:00 Gardening/CR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p> | <p>12</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR 11:00-1:00 Mixed Media Art/CR 10:30 Set-up</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR 2:00-4:00 Liaison Meeting/LR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</p>  | <p>14</p> <p>8:00-9:00 Yoga/BR 7:45 Set-up 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">ARMED FORCES DAY</p>  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</p>  | <p>17</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR 1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR 7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up 7:00 HOAll Bd Mtg/BR</p>  | <p>18</p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR 10:30-11:40 Beg Line Dancing/BR 11:45-1:00 Int Line Dancing/BR 12:00-3:00 Quilting/LFCH-MH 1:00-3:00 Ceramics/CR 2:00-4:00 PLGA Bd Mtg/LR 3:00-5:00 Corn Hole/BR 4:00-5:00 Gardening/CR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p> | <p>19</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It</p>  | <p>20</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</p>  | <p>21</p> <p>8:00-9:00 Yoga/ BR 7:45 setup 11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.</p>  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</p>  | <p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED ALL ELS OFFICES CLOSED</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR 1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR 6:30 Book Club/LR 7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>9:30-12:00 Watercolor-Paint for Fun/CR 10:30-11:40 Beg Line Dancing/BR 11:45-1:00 Int Line Dancing/BR 12:00-3:00 Quilting/LFCH-MH 1:00-3:00 Ceramics/CR 3:00-5:00 Corn Hole/BR 4:00-5:00 Gardening/CR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm 6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</p> | <p>26</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR 11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR 3:00-5:00 Women's Club Bd Meeting/LR 6:00-9:00 Billiards Practice/BDS 6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</p>  | <p>28</p> <p>8:00-4:00 Management/LR 8:00-9:00 Yoga/ BR 7:45 setup 11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">With Honor & Gratitude We Remember</p>  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |