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Happy Memorial Day!

barbecue, here are some facts about everybody's favorite summer kick-off holiday. It was initially called Decoration Day To honor the soldiers who had given their lives for our country, comrades would decorate graves with flowers, flags, and wreaths.

Memorial Day isn't just an excuse to take a long weekend and loaf around

love the holiday. So before you head out to your backyard and start up the

eating grilled meats—although those are certainly among the reasons to

It wasn't always celebrated the last Monday of May

Remembrance

the fallen.

After the Civil War, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for a holiday commemorating fallen soldiers to be observed every May 30. But due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in 1971, Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May to ensure long weekends. It is legally required to observe a National Moment of

In December 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor

Hence Decoration Day. Although Memorial Day became its title in the

1880s, the holiday wouldn't legally become Memorial Day until 1967.

- James A. Garfield delivered a rather lengthy speech at the first Memorial Day ceremony
- people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. "If silence is ever golden," Garfield said, "it must be beside the graves of 15,000 men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung." Waterloo, New York is considered the birthplace of Memorial Day According to the town's <u>website</u>, in 1966, Congress unanimously

passed a resolution to recognize Waterloo as the birthplace of the

holiday officially. However, it remains a contentious debate, with other towns, like Boalsburg, Pa., claiming the title of "Birthplace of Memorial

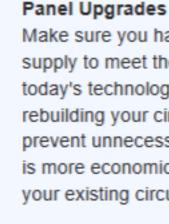
Of course, then it was still called Decoration Day, and at the time,

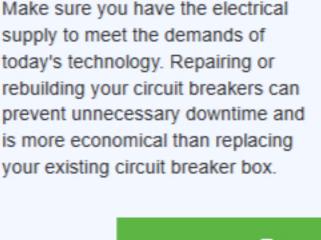
Garfield was a Civil War General and Republican Congressman, not

yet a President. On May 30, 1868, he addressed the several thousand

Day" as well. From the Superior Service Electric family to yours, have a safe and healthy Memorial Day.

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