

Viper Military News



NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of May is celebrated as National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM).

It was in 1999, that the late Senator John McCain, through formal legislation, asked that May be the month chosen to celebrate National Military Appreciation. It was passed and since then May has been the month set aside to honor, remember, and recognize all those have served and those who are currently serving in all branches of the military. Here are just a few of the national observances the occur in May for our military:

May 01: Loyalty Day

This day is set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom.

May 01: Silver Star Service Banner Day

This day is set aside to honor those who have been awarded The Silver Star Medal and remembers the sacrifices of our wounded and ill veterans.

May 02-08: Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)

The week is set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world.

May 08: V-E Day

On May 08, 1945, Germans throughout Europe surrendered to the Allies. This marked the end of World War II in Europe.

May 07: Military Souse Appreciation Day (Friday before Mother's Day)

This day is set aside to honor military spouses and recognize the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe.

May 13: Children of Fallen Patriots Day

This day honors and raises awareness of the sacrifices and struggles the children of fallen patriots must endure in the wake of their parents death.

May 15: Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)

This is a day we thank our military member for their patriotic service and support of our country. It honors all serving in the United States Military branches.

May 31: Memorial Day (This is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May)

This day is set aside to commemorate the men and women who died while in the military service. All Americans are encouraged to pause, wherever they are, at 3:00 pm local time for a minute of silence.

Here are a few ways citizens can support our Military and Veterans:

1. Display the American Flag at your home or business
2. Use the hashtag #MilitaryAppreciationMonth on your social media.
3. Thank a service member or veteran with purchasing their coffee, meals, or a dessert if they are in line with you.
4. Reach out to a veteran or military family in need.
5. Businesses can hire a Veteran.



FT. BLISS MWR HAPPENINGS

Click on the link below to access all the details for this month's events:

<https://bliss.armymwr.com/>

May 05, 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Baby Bootcamp)

This one day "Baby Boot Camp" is a VIRTUAL CLASS that provides an overview of what expecting parents (new and experienced) can expect after the baby is born for the first 6 weeks of baby's life. Open to all DoD ID card holders only.

For more information, call 915-568-9129

May 06, 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Employment Readiness: Hiring Fair Prep Class)

This virtual class on MS Teams will cover resume writing, interview skills and MORE! Open to DOD ID cardholders 18+. For more information, call 915-569-5838

May 07, 2021, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (Drive-By Parade: Military Spouse Appreciation)

Help us celebrate Fort Bliss Military Spouses with our Military Spouse Appreciation Day Drive-By Parade! Join us on Friday, May 7th from 11am-1pm for pizza, a tasty treat and crafts! Make sure to smile for our photo booth! Parade route starts behind the SOS Building, at the corner of Sheridan Rd. & Meiggs Rd., and travels down Club Rd. to the Family Resilience Center, 250 Club Rd. This event is open to Military Spouses (be sure to bring your FREE ticket & Spouse ID) For more information, call 915-569-5500

May 09, 2021, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (Mother's Day Brunch)

Give Mom the royal treatment and celebrate Mother's Day with an elegant champagne brunch at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center! The brunch offerings include a spectacular served buffet of breakfast classics and a never-ending selection of lunch favorites highlighted by a carving station. An assortment of vegetables & side dishes, salad bar, dessert table and ice-cream bar will round out the meal! The buffet also features complimentary champagne, wine or mimosas!

Reservations are required and can be done by calling, 915-744-8427.

May Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
01	Loyalty Day & Silver Star Service Banner Day
02-08	Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)
07	VDF Report Cards Issued
07	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
08	V-E Day
09	Mother's Day
11	3rd - 6th Grade Math STAAR
12	3rd - 6th Grade Reading STAAR
13	5th Grade Science STAAR
13	Children of Fallen Patriots Day
14	Make-up Day for STAAR testers who missed any test
15	Armed Forces Day
31	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)

References

<https://militarybenefits.info/national-military-appreciation-month/>

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