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remember they gave their lives

Memorial Day — for many people, the holiday means nothing more than the beginning of the summer season. After all, “Memorial Day Weekend” is a three-day holiday of retail sales, marks the date when many of our favorite swimming pools open, and — for Great Aunt Betty — means that white shoes may be taken out of the closet and worn (until Labor Day).

This year, though, we’re asking you to be one of the people who recognizes what Memorial Day is all about: a time to remember the soldiers who lost their lives defending our country.

Memorial Day was originally called “Decoration Day” because it grew out of the tradition of decorating the graves of Civil War soldiers. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, in Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

National cemeteries serve veterans of the armed forces and their spouses (and death in combat is not a prerequisite for burial). The St. Louis area is privileged to host Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, which is located on the Missouri bluffs overlooking



Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery is located in South St. Louis County. From I-270, take the Telegraph exit, travel north and turn right on Sheridan Road. The cemetery will be on your right. Open daily, dawn to dusk.

the Mississippi River. It is one of 146 national cemeteries, and on Memorial Day the graves of each soldier (representing veterans of every American War, including three from the Revolutionary War) are decorated with flags

by local Boy Scout troops.

Even as you contemplate a summer by the pool, take some time on Memorial Day to remember the men and women who fought for the freedom of all of us.

style your mom was cool?

If you're a teenager now (and frankly, if you are reading this, we can assume that you are) your parents likely were teenagers sometime in the 1980s or the 1990s.

What do you know about those "olden days" long before you were born? Why not ask your parents and find out! (Oh, and maybe don't call your parents' teen years "the olden days" if you really want to have a good conversation. Our bad.)

A great place to start the discussion is to ask your parents if you can look at their old high-school yearbooks. Find pictures of your parents and then ask yourself, "Is this what I would look like with giant hair?" Yes, yes you would. And you would have been super cool, too.



Wow, from the pop-up collar to the floral print dress, not to mention that big feathery hair, these ladies are definitely rockin' the 80s look.

Other great questions about your mom or dad's secret life as a teenager include:

- *What do you mean, your phone was attached to a wall by a cord? How did you text?*
- *Were you there when "Gameboy" was invented? What is a "Gameboy" anyway?*
- *Madonna from the Superbowl — how old is she?*
- *Did you complain about the "high price of gas" when it was about \$1.20 per gallon?*
- *What is a mullet?*
- *Did you listen to Poison or Hall & Oats, or were you a younger, hipper Nirvana fan?*

And when you're done sharing a laugh over the life and times of your parents, ask yourself a few more questions:

What will be cool in 20 years? And what will I look back on and laugh at from the 2010s?



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