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MAY HAS TWO HOLIDAYS THAT CELEBRATE OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, commemorates men and women who died while in military service. Originally to honor Union soldiers of the Civil War, the name Memorial Day wasn't used for the annual May 30th holiday until 1882. In 1968, in order to create a convenient three-day weekend, the U.S. Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, moving the celebration to the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010).



Hawaii's Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, has repeatedly introduced measures to return Memorial Day to its traditional date.

2,335 veterans are buried in three Maui Nui VA cemeteries:

Maui = 2,141

Molokai = 145

Lanai = 49

~ as of 5/10/2010

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, falling on the 15th this year. The day was created in 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches — the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard — following the consolidation of the military

services in the Department of Defense. Hawaii is home to 118,000 civilian veterans (those who have served, but are not now on active duty). In 2008, 2,059 veterans returning to Hawaii from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan received post-conflict care in at five Vet Centers, including one in Wailuku, Maui.



Five percent of people age 16-64 in Hawaii are in the armed forces, the highest such percentage in the nation.

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