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Happy Memorial Day

The unofficial start of the summer season is upon us. I know that many of you will relax, while others will break out the BBQ grills. Some families may go to the beach, hang out in the park or enjoy other outdoor activities while spending quality time together during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. That is great, and much needed.

However, let us now forget that this holiday is not about the start of summer or a three-day weekend. Please take time out this weekend to focus on the true reason for this holiday. We are to pause and reflect on the men and women in the military who sacrificed their lives while serving this country and protecting our rights as American citizens.

When we reference the veterans of our U.S. Armed Forces, we say that "All gave some, some gave all!" The bible teaches us, in the 15th chapter of the gospel of John, at verse number 13, where it says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down ones' life for one's friends."

Take a moment to honor their sacrifice. If you see a veteran, take a few seconds to say, "Thank you for your service." Together we are stronger because of them. Monroe is one city, with one future!