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MEMORIAL DAY "NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE"

The Secretary of Defense announced today that the Presidentially directed "National Moment of Remembrance" will be included in future Department of Defense sponsored Memorial Day activities around the world.

In a memorandum to heads of executive departments and agencies, President Clinton asked all Americans to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. (in each local time zone) on Memorial Day, to "remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all."

Complete text of the president's memorandum is online at

<http://clinton6.nara.gov/2000/05/2000-05-02-memorandum-on-national-moment-of-remembrance.html>

Each year the military Services provide musical, ceremonial, and program support for national, regional, and local Memorial Day events. The "National Moment of Remembrance" will be included in these activities where feasible. Where the planned military programs and support for Memorial Day 2000 events do not allow for meeting this time requirement, the inclusion of a "National Moment of Remembrance" in currently scheduled activities and community events, even though scheduled for other times during the day, will meet the intent of this White House initiative.

For more information visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/remembrance> or contact Maj. Tim Blair at (703) 697-5133.