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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE
TO THE ARMED FORCES

Memorial Day is a traditional time for Americans to remember with pride and appreciation the more than one million fellow citizens who have died in the defense of our country. As we pay tribute to our military dead, we must do more than applaud their legendary courage; we must rededicate ourselves to the heritage of freedom for which they gave their lives. By acting in a way that reflects credit on their patriotism, we can honor their memory and extend that heritage to future generations.

On this Memorial Day our defenses are strong, and we are more determined than ever to keep them strong; not strong for the sake of war -- but strong for the sake of peace. A grateful nation, rejoicing in two hundred years of freedom and independence, we salute our Armed Forces -- past and present -- and acknowledge their inspiring contribution to our national security and way of life.

Gerald R. Ford



May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB LINDER

Could I please 50 copies of the attached Memorial Day Message to the Armed Forces.

FYI, the same message was signed and dispatched to DOD for distribution, but I now find that we will need copies to send out from the White House for requests the President receives for events.

Thank you very much.

Eliska Hasek

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