



RED WHITE & BLUE
shaving cream sensory play



MEMORIAL DAY EXPERIENCE PACK

Hello! I am so excited to share this special experience pack with you. Included in this pack you will find info about Memorial Day, Poppies, Service Agencies for Delaware County Veterans, & 5 experiences.

This pack's experiences include:

Outside Experience:

Shaving Cream Sensory Play

Inside Experience:

Send a Card to a Deployed Soldier

Craft Experience:

Make Your Own Poppy

Food Experience:

Red White & Blue Trail Mix

Surprise Experience:

Flag Hunt



I've selected these activities based on the season, upcoming holidays, and the age of the registered participants for this month's experience pack. Please share photos of your experiences with us by tagging us on Facebook & Instagram @cityofpowelloh & @powellparksandrec or using the handle #powellexperiencepack.

Did you know the Recreation Department offers monthly Experience Packs? You can register for these either online at recreation.cityofpowell.us or in person at the Municipal Building — 47 Hall Street — Powell, OH 43065.

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance please reach out to me via e-mail.

Hope you enjoy all of the experiences!

~Miss Gina



MEMORIAL DAY?

WHEN?

Memorial Day is designated as the last Monday in May, this year that's Monday, May 31st.

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May. Several southern states, however, officially commemorate an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead, sometimes referred to as a Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas; third Monday in Jan. in Arkansas; fourth Monday in Apr. in Alabama and Mississippi; April 26 in Florida and Georgia; May 10 in North and South Carolina; last Monday in May in Virginia; and June 3 in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

WHAT?

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.





MEMORIAL DAY?

WHY?

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War.

In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday.

After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

WHERE?

The [Memorial Day Parade](#) will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31 in downtown Powell. A special ceremony will be held immediately following the parade at the [Greater Powell Veterans Memorial, 47 Hall Street](#). The parade route will be lined with safe distancing markers and guests will be expected to wear a mask. The parade and ceremony will be streamed live to the [city's Facebook page](#). Advanced registration for the parade and ceremony is encouraged here.

Thanks to www.pbs.org for their research & the [City of Powell](#) for their celebration opportunities.





SERVICE AGENCIES FOR DELAWARE COUNTY VETERANS



AMERICAN LEGION

Post #457

Legion.org

P.O.Box 173

Sunbury, OH 43074

(740) 965-2112

Meetings 4th Thursday @ 7:30pm

Post #115

alohio115.org

P.O.Box 432

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 417-3586

Meeting 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm

Post #518

Legion.org

8008 Ashley Rd.

Ashley, OH 43003

(740) 815-5176

Meeting 1st Monday @ 7:00pm

AMERICAN VETERANS

Post #102

Amvets.org

485 Park Ave.

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 363-8316

Meeting 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Post #104

Amvets.org

419 London Rd.

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 990-0429

Meeting 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

DELAWARE COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

DCVA.vet

P.O. Box 173

Sunbury, OH 43074

(740) 965-2111

Meeting Please call for dates and times

DISABLED AMERICAN VETS

Chapter #79

DAV.org

1675 Lawrence Rd

Delaware, OH 43015

(614) 619-6214

Meeting 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm

MILITARY ORDER OF PURPLE HEART

PurpleHeart.org

1680 Hanover Rd.

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 369-0652

Meeting 2nd Tuesday @ 2:00pm

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Det #1437

Mclnational.org

118 Silverline Dr.

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 417-9112

Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm AMVETS Post# 102

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Post #3297

VFW.org

481 S. Sandusky St.

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 369-9984

Meeting 1st Monday @ 7:00pm

Post #8736

VFW.org

P.O. Box 268

Sunbury, OH 43074

(740) 965-2804

Meeting 1st Thursday @ 7:00pm

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Chap. #1095

www.vva.org

P.O.Box 283

Delaware, OH 43015

(740) 815-0929

Meeting 3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm call location



WHY POPPIES?

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day ® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the **Friday before Memorial Day**, as **National Poppy Day**.

On May 28, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

Thanks to [The American Legion](#) for sharing The Poppy Story & In Flanders Fields.





THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NATIONAL POPPY DAY®

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

December 8, 1915 | John McCrae

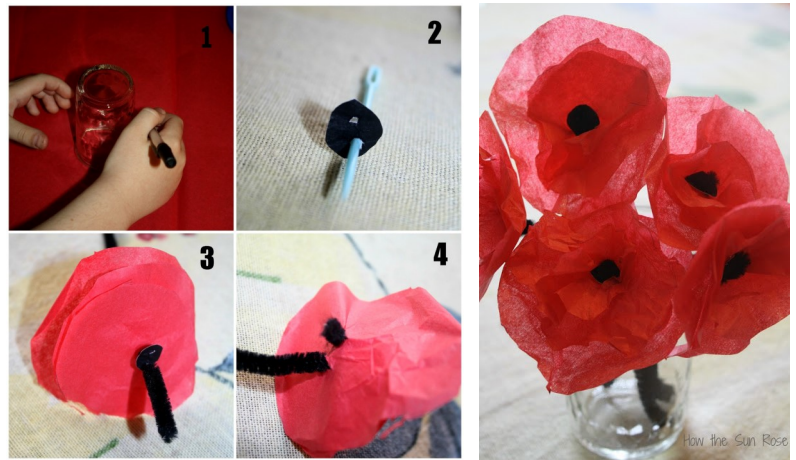
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MAKE YOUR OWN POPPY

Supplies:

- Glass Jars—3 different sizes
- Red Tissue Paper
- Black Pipe Cleaner
- Black Coloring Utensil
- Cardstock



Directions:

1. Trace 3 different sized circles on to red tissue paper - for little hands it is easiest to use 3 different sized jars or glasses - and cut them out
2. On a 3x5 card color a small black circle and cut it out. This will be the center of the flower and will help it keep its shape. Poke 2 holes through the black circle.
3. Stack the 3 red circles with the largest on bottom and smallest on top & poke a hole through them with a pipe cleaner then thread on the black circle.
4. Pull the pipe cleaner through about one inch then thread it back through the black circle and the red tissue paper and twist the end of the pipe cleaner around the stem.
5. You can wear your poppy in a button hole, around your wrist, in your hair, or pin it to your lapel to show that you remember and honor the those who gave their lives.

Thanks to [How the Sun Rose](#) for this activity.



SEND A CARD TO A DEPLOYED SOLDIER

Supplies:

- Card
- Envelope
- Writing Utensil
- Postage Stamp



Directions:

1. This is the way you can communicate your support and thanks to the troops. It is not possible to write directly to or be a direct pen pal with a deployed soldier. You send them to Support Our Troops and they send them forward.
2. It's time to have fun! Here are some writing tips:
 - Be positive. They are meant to uplift and encourage.
 - Be thankful. Be sure to communicate your appreciation for the soldiers' sacrifices and dedication to us and our country.
 - Be respectful. These women and men have earned it more than most of us!
 - Be kind. Remember most of us have never and probably never have to endure the difficulties that these soldiers have experienced.
 - Be encouraging.
 - DO NOT include your contact info (ex. e-mail or mailing address).
 - DO NOT use your last name.
 - Leave them unsealed for inspection or they won't go.
3. Send them to:
Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613
4. Support Our Troops will send them to deployed Soldiers Sailors, Marines & Airmen.

For more information visit supportourtroops.org.



SHAVING CREAM SENSORY PLAY

Supplies:

- Shaving Cream
(if worried about it being eaten can substitute whipped cream)
- Food Coloring—Red & Blue
- Shallow Container (ex. 13x9 pan or a tray)
- Something to stir with (ex. popsicle stick or plastic spoon)
- Toys (ex. Plastic soldiers, cars, etc.)



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I recommend staying away from using anything you use to cook or eat with when doing craft projects.

Directions:

1. Gather supplies and head outside.
2. Fill your container with shaving cream in 3 lines.
3. Add a few drops of red & blue food coloring to different lines. Recommend you keep the middle line as white.
4. Mix the food coloring and shaving cream together.
5. Let children play, after playing with just the shaving cream you can add in toys.
6. Clean up is relatively simple, hot water melts away the shaving cream and you're good to go.





RED WHITE & BLUE TRAIL MIX

Supplies:

- 1-10oz package M&Ms Red White & Blue Mix (plain or peanut)
- 1 cup Mini Marshmallows
- 3 cups Graham Cracker Cereal
- 1 cup Mini Pretzel Twists
- Mixing bowl
- Spoon/Spatula

Directions:

1. Add all of the ingredients into a bowl and mix together.
2. Add to small cups to serve or place in baggies to take on the go.





FLAG HUNT

Directions:

1. Print this flag in color.
2. Display in a window of your home facing the street.
3. Then count how many American flags you can find on your street and in your neighborhood.

