



# Quechan Housing News

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## Observing Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of

strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.



The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

In traditional observance, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly low-

ered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.

The "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

# NOTICE

If you missed the first recertifications, QHA scheduled a 2nd event at the below dates to renew your tenant lease!

<b>When:</b> July 21, 2017	<b>When:</b> July 22, 2017
<b>Time:</b> 9:00am-7:00pm	<b>Time:</b> 9:00am-4:00pm
<b>Where:</b> Ironwood Community Center	<b>Where:</b> QHA Office

**\*Bring updated income in order to process lease renewal for everyone over the age of 18 in the household\***

## Reptile Warning!

It's that time of year again where snakes, lizards, and other reptiles are coming out of hibernation. Please be aware of your surroundings while outside.

Just a friendly reminder if you encounter a reptile in your area, please notify Quechan Fish & Game at (760) 572-0544.



