

VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# Activity Book

## Volume 7

STAY ACTIVE, STAY BUSY, AND  
STAY WELL WHILE STAYING HOME



# About Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2020 occurs on Monday, May 25. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War. The day became an official federal holiday in 1971.



## History of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history. It required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860's, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding spring-time tributes to the countless fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance to be held on the 30th of May, 1868. He called the day Decoration Day. The date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But the United States found itself embroiled in other major conflicts, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War I and II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo, which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866, was chosen because it hosted a community-wide annual event in which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30th, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

## Memorial Day Traditions

Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war, a tradition that began with a World War I poem.

(Source History.com)

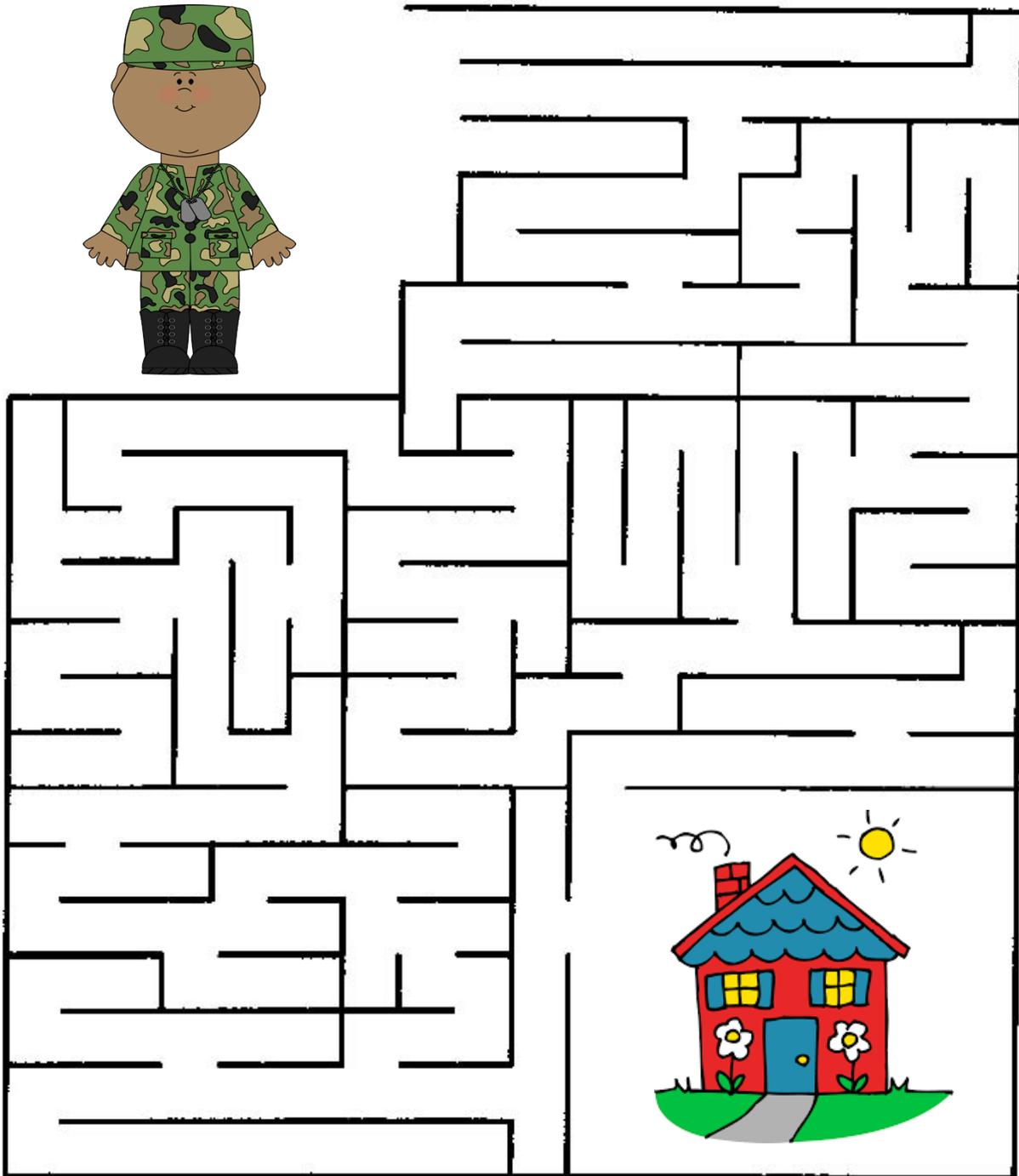


# Color!



# Maze

Help the soldier get back home.  
The solution can be found at the end of this book.



# Word Search

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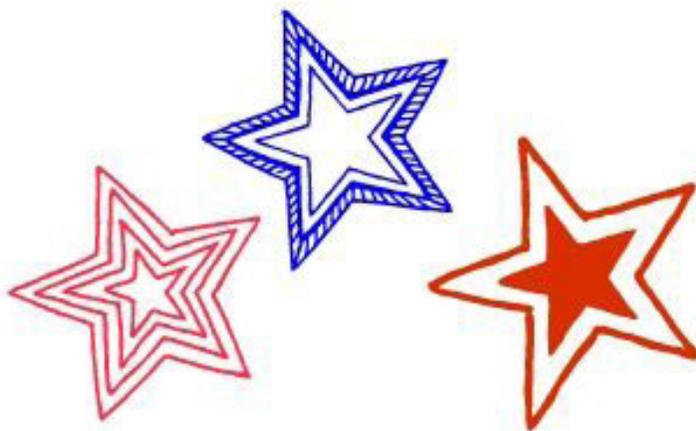


## MEMORIAL DAY FUN



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BRAVERY  
COUNTRY  
FUN  
HERO  
HONOR  
PICNICS  
SACRIFICE  
SOLDIER  
SUMMER  
SWIMMING



# Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find the words.  
The solution can be found at the end of this book.

BREVA \_\_\_\_\_

REIDP \_\_\_\_\_

GLAF \_\_\_\_\_

ECAPE \_\_\_\_\_

SETUAL \_\_\_\_\_

ROWLD \_\_\_\_\_

YUTD \_\_\_\_\_

DRSIOEL \_\_\_\_\_

TYBIREL \_\_\_\_\_

NOHRO \_\_\_\_\_

MAYR \_\_\_\_\_

FREIG \_\_\_\_\_

DAGUR \_\_\_\_\_

EPRADA \_\_\_\_\_

REYMOM \_\_\_\_\_

VIESL \_\_\_\_\_



# Cooking with Kids Recipe

## Chocolate Dipped Wafers

### Ingredients:

- Sugar wafer cookies
- 1 pound chocolate candy melts
- 1/2 Tablespoon shortening
- Sprinkles
- Wax paper

### How to make:

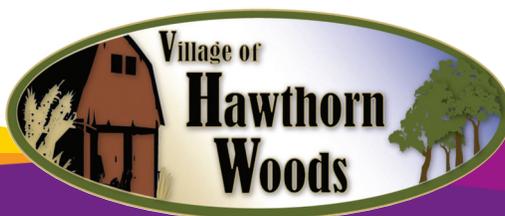
- Melt candy melts and shortening together in the microwave per package directions. Directions are typically to heat in 30 second intervals with stirring between each interval.
- Dip 3/4 of a sugar wafer cookie in the chocolate coating. Let excess coating drip off back into the container.
- Immediately sprinkle with sprinkles.
- Place on wax paper and let stand.
- Repeat with remaining sugar wafers.
- Refrigerate for 2 hours to harden chocolate.
- Store at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.



### Notes:

- You can use white, milk or dark chocolate.
- 1 pound of chocolate will cover approximately 40 wafers.

(Source: [thekitchenismyplayground.com](http://thekitchenismyplayground.com))



# Craft Corner

## Patriotic Windsock

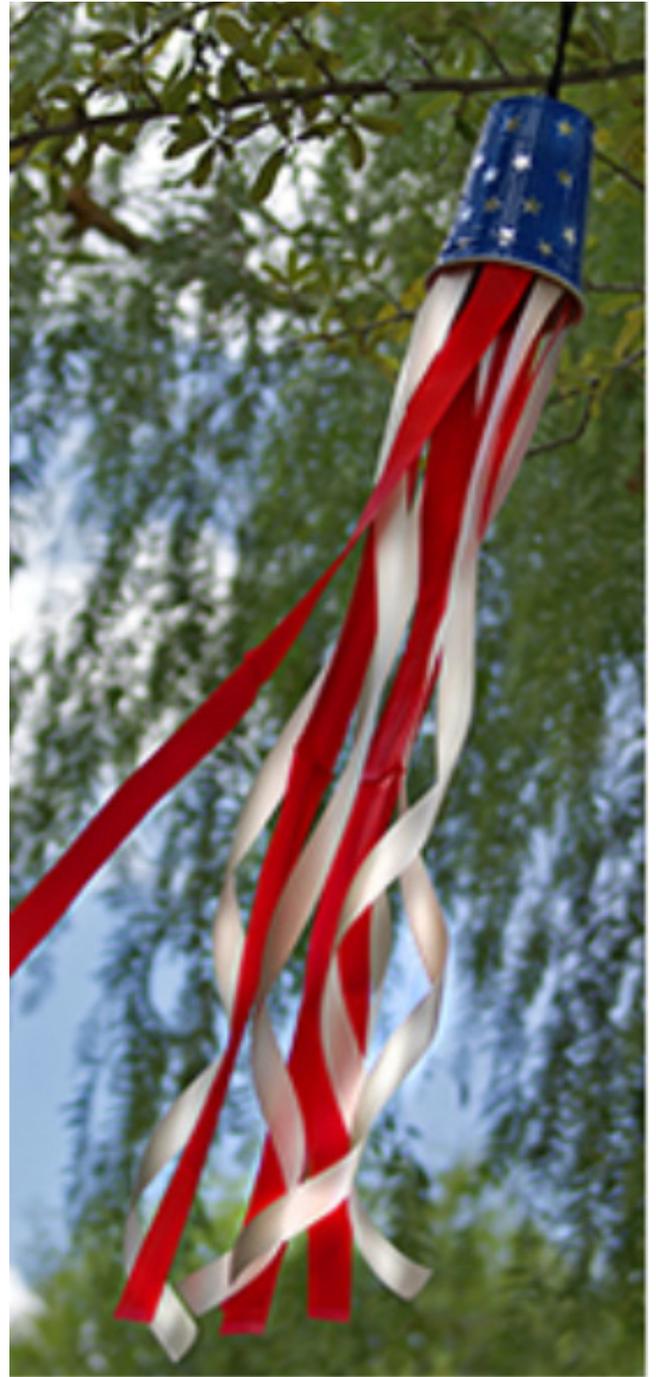
What you will need:

- Red and white ribbon or streamers
- 18 oz. blue plastic cup
- Silver or white star stickers
- Scissors
- String
- Tape

How to make:

- Poke a small hole in the top of the cup.
- Cut a piece of string about two feet long and poke both ends of the string through the hole towards the inside of the cup. Place your hand inside the cup and pull the string ends almost all the way through. Tie the two ends together to make a big knot. Pull the string back out of the cup. The knot should keep the string from coming all the way through.
- Stick the star stickers all over the outside of the cup.
- Cut red and white ribbon into 3-foot pieces. Tape them to the inside of the cup, alternating colors.

(Source: daniellesplace.com)



# Float Your Own Boat

What you will need:

- Craft materials you have around the house
- Items in your recycling bin

How to make:

Build your own boat with popsicle sticks, plastic bottles, paper, milk jugs, or whatever else you have around the house. Once your boat is constructed, sail it in a small body of water or in your bathtub.



# Sprinkler Playtime

What you will need:

- Sprinkler
- Hose
- Squirt toys

How to play:

Cool off as the weather gets warmer by going outside and having some fun with water. You can set up a sprinkler and play in the water, or break out the squirt toys and have a water fight around the yard.



# Bean Bag Lawn Darts

What you will need:

- Plates
- Sharpies
- Bean bags
- Metal stakes
- Stick

How to play:

- Number the plates for points using the sharpies.
- Place the plates in a line evenly apart on the grass.
- Use metal stakes to help hold the plates down in case of wind.
- Place a stick to use as the throw line.
- One player at a time, a player stands behind the throw line and tosses bean bags. Bean bag must be touching the plate to score points.



# Backyard Picnic

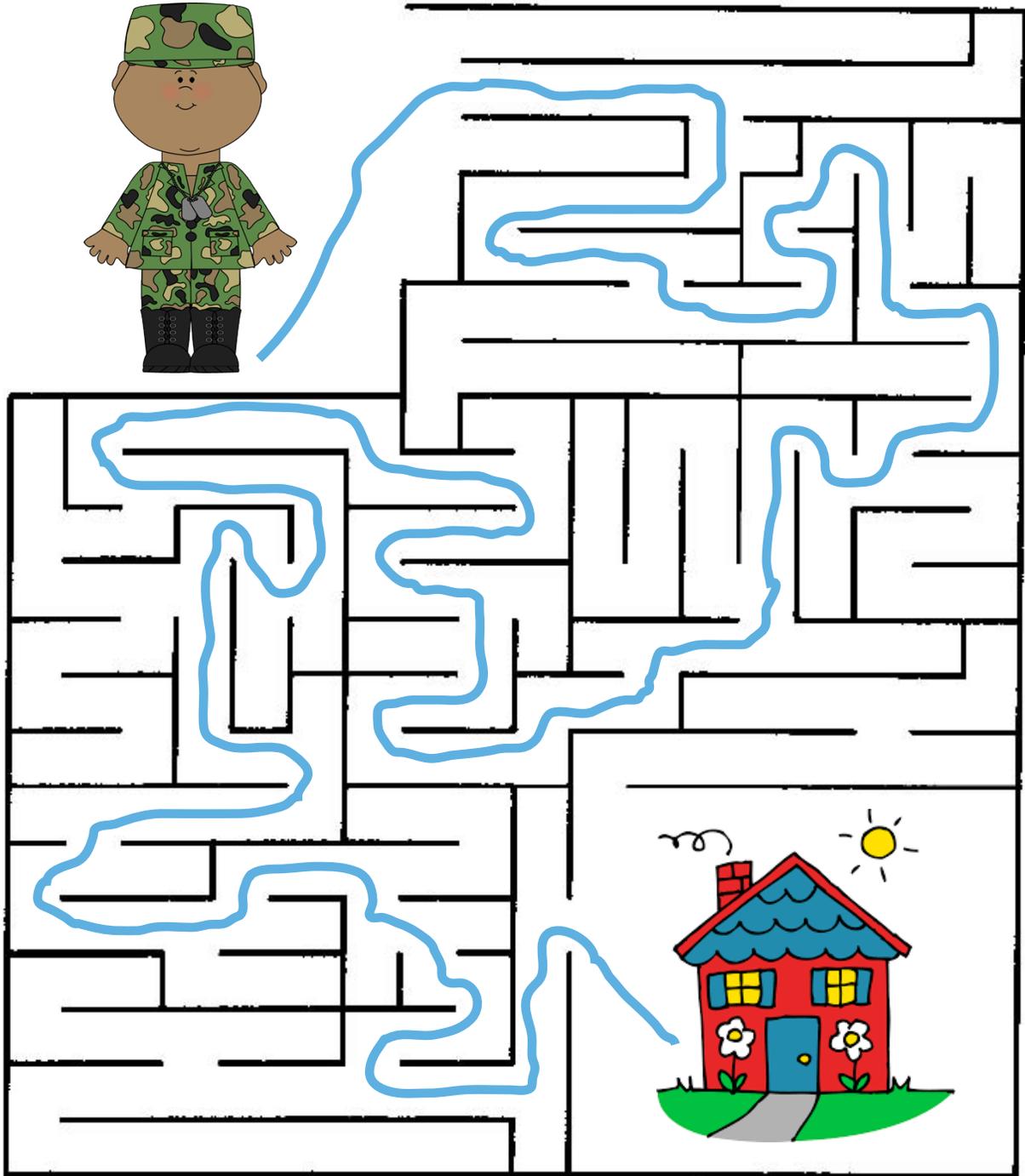
What you will need:

- Blanket
- Lunch

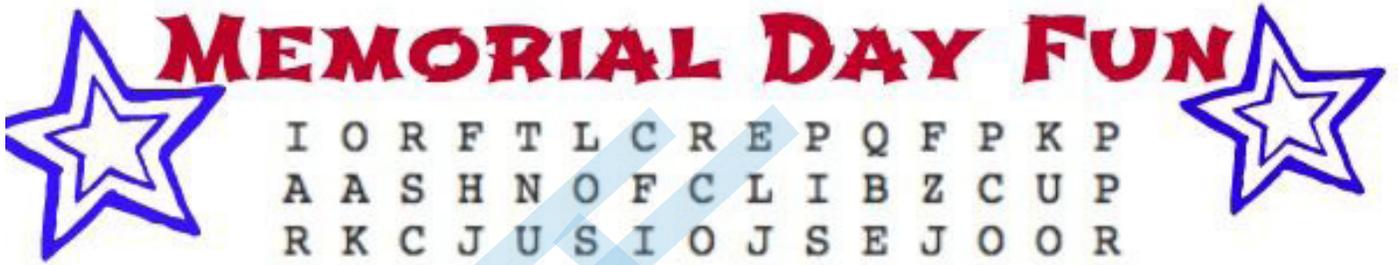
Head out to your backyard and spend some time in the sun while enjoying your lunch. It's finally warm out so what better way to celebrate great weather.



# Maze Solution



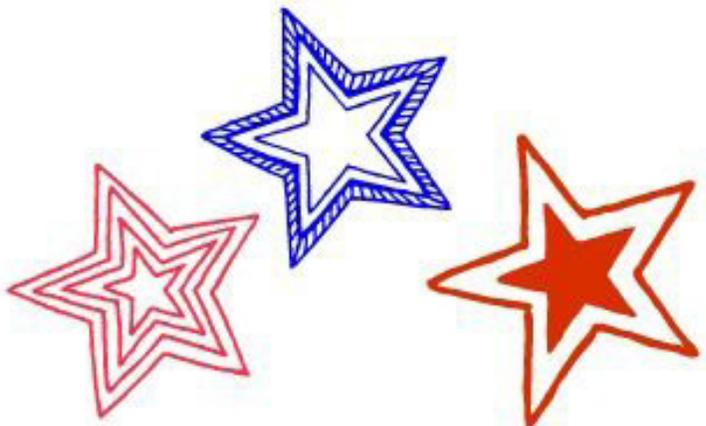
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brave  
flag  
salute  
duty  
liberty  
army  
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parade  
memory  
lives  
pride  
peace  
world  
soldier  
honor  
grief

