

Happy Memorial Day Weekend Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, where has the time gone this spring? Memorial Day weekend will be a little odd for me. Usually we go to Fort Bayard National Cemetery before Memorial Day to help place flags on the gravesites, then we attend the memorial services and stop by my father-in-law's gravesite for moments of reflection. Many years I would take my Girl Scout troop to the services to handout programs and America Legion poppies, as I am also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and then my troop would assist with the flag ceremony. One year, Serina, my daughter was asked to give a patriotic speech, which she was honored to give to thank all the veterans and their families who came to the ceremonies.

This year, however, the governor is allowing no services and sadly, her orders did not even allow volunteers to place flags on the grave sites at all. I can't imagine how odd it must look for Memorial Day weekend not to see the flags flying over the gravesites. I even had a chamber member call me and ask if there was any way we could raise at least one flag on the grounds, as apparently the one main flag on the flagpole is not flying either. Working on that... Interesting times...

In any case, I will spend time in reflection this weekend and in appreciation of the sacrifices made for our County and our way of life. I will hug my mom extra big and enjoy my family-time God has given me. I will think of each of you, my OES family, and send my loving prayers your way. May your weekend be filled with love, honor, and reflection about the things that are truly important.

I would like to close with this thought: Audrey Hepburn said, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'" I am possible because of the great deeds and price paid by those who served and who serve. I am possible because of the great country in which I live, defended by those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. I am possible because of friends and family who give me strength through their love to work each day to make the world hopefully a better place ... and I honor each of you. Happy

Memorial Day weekend. Be Safe.

Star Love,
Sabrina-Your Grand Conductress

