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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME? - Tiger Woods played the Masters for the first time as an amateur in 1995, scoring 72-72-77-72, giving him a tie for 41st. Bryson DeChambeau played the Masters for the first time as an amateur in 2016, scoring 72-72-77-72, giving him a tie for 21st (source: PGA).

MORE THAN TWICE WHAT WE PRODUCE - The United States consumed an average of 19.4 million barrels of petroleum products a day in 2015 (source: Department of Energy).

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May Newsletter

As we observe Memorial Day, our armed forces continue to battle around the world to defend and preserve freedom.

On this solemn occasion, please join me in taking a moment to pay tribute to those who make it possible for us to live as we choose. Many courageous men and women have paid for our freedoms with their lives, and many more put themselves in harm's way every day to ensure that we all continue to enjoy the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness asserted by the Declaration of Independence.

I have enclosed a poem that I feel embodies the spirit of Memorial Day. At your barbecue or neighborhood party or just before a family dinner, take a second and read this poem to remind everyone what Memorial Day is really about.

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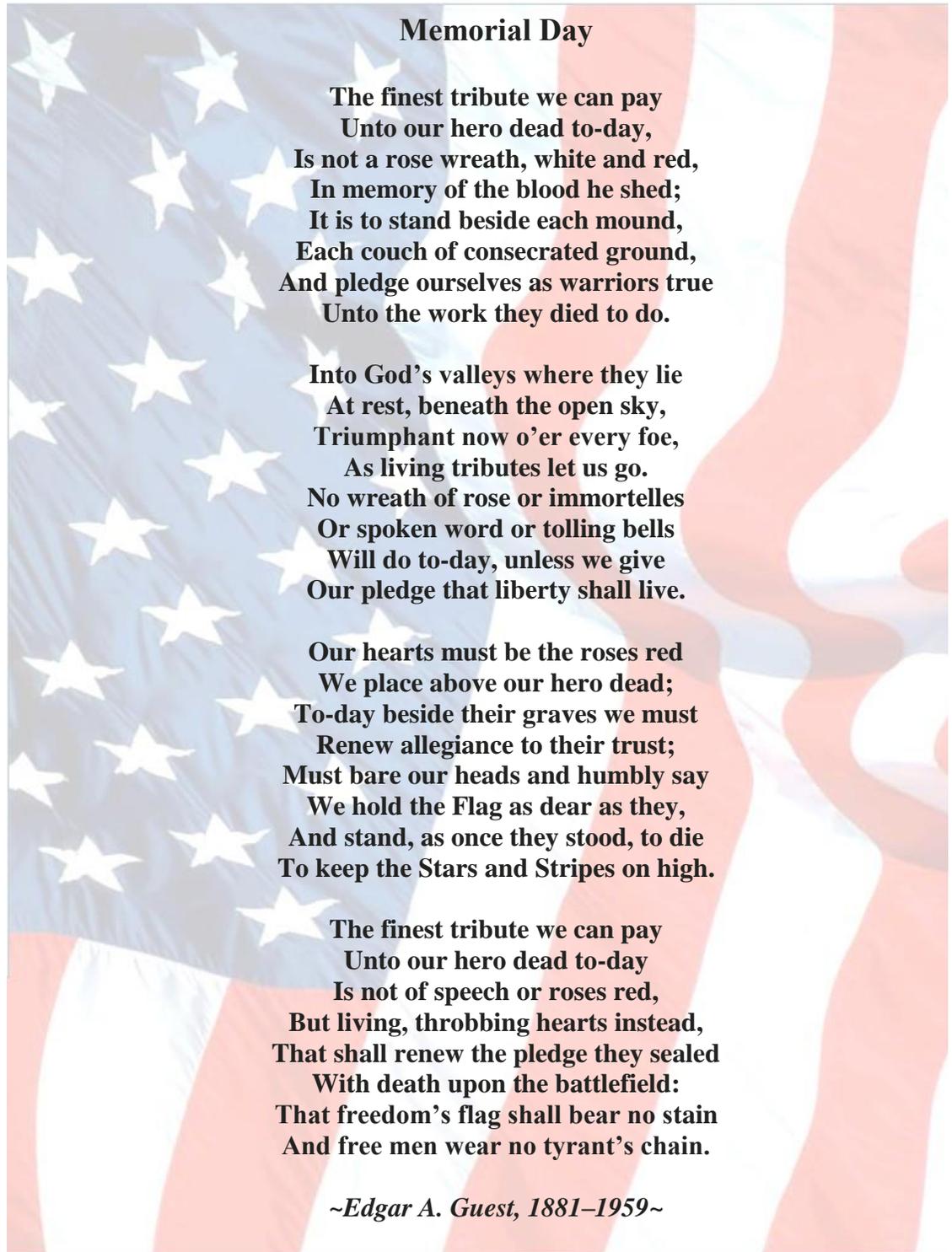
Memorial Day Poem

JUST STAND THERE

- Major League baseball player Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals reached first base 7 times in their game against the Chicago Cubs on Sunday 5/08/16. Harper walked 6 times (3 intentionally) and was hit-by-a-pitch in a 13-inning loss to the Cubs. In his 7 plate appearances, Harper did not swing at any of the 27 pitches thrown to him (source: Major League Baseball).

CALL MY CELL PHONE - 48% of the 118 million households in the USA have only wireless phones, i.e., they do not maintain a landline telephone (source: National Center for Health Statistics).

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Memorial Day

The finest tribute we can pay
Unto our hero dead to-day,
Is not a rose wreath, white and red,
In memory of the blood he shed;
It is to stand beside each mound,
Each couch of consecrated ground,
And pledge ourselves as warriors true
Unto the work they died to do.

Into God's valleys where they lie
At rest, beneath the open sky,
Triumphant now o'er every foe,
As living tributes let us go.
No wreath of rose or immortelles
Or spoken word or tolling bells
Will do to-day, unless we give
Our pledge that liberty shall live.

Our hearts must be the roses red
We place above our hero dead;
To-day beside their graves we must
Renew allegiance to their trust;
Must bare our heads and humbly say
We hold the Flag as dear as they,
And stand, as once they stood, to die
To keep the Stars and Stripes on high.

The finest tribute we can pay
Unto our hero dead to-day
Is not of speech or roses red,
But living, throbbing hearts instead,
That shall renew the pledge they sealed
With death upon the battlefield:
That freedom's flag shall bear no stain
And free men wear no tyrant's chain.

~Edgar A. Guest, 1881-1959~

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