



# MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

Date: May 27, 2021  
To: All ITC Employees  
From: Seneca Mullins, President



Memorial Day commemorates our natural human desire for unity. While it's easy to get caught up in making plans for the long weekend, especially after being under COVID-19 restrictions for more than a year, it's important to remind ourselves Memorial Day was created as a **Day of Remembrance**. It's the day we give thanks and pay homage to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom – their life.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day are both patriotic holidays honoring the military. However, there is a very significant difference between the two: **Memorial Day**, which falls on the last Monday in May, honors those who died while actively serving in the military. Veterans Day, observed every November 11, recognizes all who have served in the Armed Forces, living or deceased.

This Memorial Day, I am pleased to announce the “**Hall of Heroes**” – a new way for us to connect with ITC and AFL employees who have lost a patriot. Whether the loss was a family member, friend, comrade or mentor, these are our nation's heroes. This year you have an opportunity to share a picture of someone dear to you who gave their life in service to our country. You will be asked only to provide your name, their name, and their branch of service. If you would like to share more, you will have an opportunity to do so.

“Hall of Heroes” will be a permanent memorial under the new Veterans section of ITC's website, designed to serve as an expression of gratitude to these great Americans and their families. I hope you will take just a few minutes to watch the powerful video posted on ITC's website, <http://www.callitc.com/hall-of-heroes/#> and consider submitting your very own hero. Maybe your hero is a father, grandfather or comrade in combat. Perhaps your hero is your sister, friend, neighbor or even your child. It will be our honor to remember them with you this Memorial Day.

If you haven't had the chance to visit one of our country's more than 155 national cemeteries, it's sure to be an experience you will likely never forget, and one worth considering this Memorial Day. To find a national cemetery near you, see this resource: [US National Cemeteries](#). And with just a few points of data, you can locate anyone buried in a national cemetery by going here: [National Cemetery Locator](#).

Please remember this Memorial Day that many of our living veterans still struggle with the loss of their comrades. Finally, remember with reverence the more than 83,204 American service personnel missing in action, who have no grave to be tended. Thank you for joining me in respectful observance of Memorial Day.

*“Your freedom is the most expensive thing you own, even if you didn't pay for it yourself.”*