HONORING OUR VETERANS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR AMERICAN FREEDOMS | MEMORIAL DAY 2022

Wearing a red poppy in observance of Memorial Day was inspired by a WWI poem.

In spring 1915, bright red flowers emerged in the battle-ravaged land across northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium). The sight of the red flowers against the dreary backdrop of war inspired Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae, a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, to pen the poem ***In Flanders Field***, in which he honored soldiers who had been killed in battle and lay buried beneath the poppy covered grounds. Later that year, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker, Moina Michael, read the poem in ***Ladies' Home Journal*** and wrote her own poem, ***We Shall Keep the Faith,*** to begin a campaign to popularize the poppy as a tribute to all who died in war. The "Buddy Poppy" remains a symbol of remembrance to this day.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. From your friends at Fire-pi, the Midwest's only veteran-owned and staffed forensic fire and explosion investigation firm.