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Well, it's one day until Memorial Day. Do yourself a favor. If you want to take a few minutes to REALLY think about the day, and what it represents, visit my website Zeitlangers.com. Scroll down that monthly index on the right alllllll the way to October, 2001. Look at 1/

Kris Stonesifer and Jonn Edwards. They were US Army Rangers. They died October 19, 2001, just 5 weeks after 9/11, in a helicopter crash in Pakistan. They were on a mission to capture or kill bin Laden. Kris's mom contacted me a few years later, when she came across my 2/

website. She wanted me to use the picture that is on the site now instead of the one I'd gotten from a newspaper report. She told me about a group she had organized called Pennsylvania Hometown Heroes - a group of Gold Star Mothers who arranged to get a street in the fallen 3/

serviceperson's home town named for them. Moms with sons or daughters who they'd raised and loved and been proud as could be of, who'd gotten them back in a box. They got a street named. They still feel that emptiness. I contacted his mom the day they finally got bin Laden 4/

ten years later, not all that far from where Kris died. I told her I was thinking of her . She told me how much that meant, to know somebody else was thinking about Kris at that time.

Ok, then scroll thru the months, look at the totals, visit one or two of the monthly pages. 5/

Visit your state page if you want. Or the all-woman page. Or a particular branch of service. These 6999 people, with few exceptions, left a hole in someone's heart. Moms, Dads, wives, husbands, children. there are actually more on the site than that total. I have included 6/

several when contacted by someone requesting it. A couple of them were PTSD patients with no family whose therapists asked me to put them when they finally gave up the fight.

Memorial Day is more than just saluting the flag in a parade. It is about patriots who gave their 7/

lives in service of this country. You don't have to approve the mission to honor the person willing to die for our way of life. And it is about the people they left behind. That young mother , widow of the soldier killed in Niger, once the publicity blew over, has to soldier 8/

on, raising kids without a dad, missing him every day.

Every. Day.

Kris's mom - 17 years later and I guarantee she misses that smile.

One woman contacted me to use a better pic. I got her address when she mailed the photo. My website analytics showed repeat visits to 9/

his monthly page from her town, sometimes at 3 AM. That is what Memorial Day is.

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