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# ARMED FORCES DAY

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At one time, there were separate days set aside to honor the members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. However, in 1949, these were replaced by a single holiday known as Armed Forces Day. It is observed on the third Saturday in May and recognizes the role that the men and women of the Armed Forces have played in the defense of the United States and its citizens over the years. Traditionally, the day is celebrated with air shows and parades. Often, military bases will open their doors to the public and have special “open house” activities.



## ARMED FORCES TRIVIA

*Did you know that:*

- The Armed Forces consist of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the Coast Guard.
- The U.S. Army is the oldest branch of the Armed Forces. It traces its ancestry back to 14 June 1775, the date on which the Continental Congress first created the Continental Army.
- The youngest branch of the Armed Forces is the U.S. Air Force. It started as the Army Air Corps before becoming a separate branch in 1947.



## ARMED FORCES TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces?
- The principal offices of the Army, Navy, and Air force are located in what famous five-sided building?

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# WORD SEARCH

Try to find and circle the following words in the word search below. They may be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

**United States**  
**Navy**  
**Coast Guard**

**Armed Forces**  
**Air Force**

**Army**  
**Marine Corps**

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Trivia Answers: 1. The President; 2. The Pentagon

