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## Memorial Day Message from the Honorable Malcolm Ross O'Neill

The Honorable Malcolm Ross O'Neill, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, offered the following message in commemoration of Memorial Day:

*Let no ravages of time testify to the present or the coming generations that we, as a people, have forgotten the cost of a free and undivided Republic.*

“With that solemn promise, Army General John Logan signed the order in May 1868 that established Memorial Day. We have honored his promise ever since, and this year we will do so again.

“On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price to defend the United States and the principles upon which our nation was founded. Every generation realizes the cost of a free and undivided Republic. They know the sacrifice of the Minutemen marching across the misty fields of Yorktown; the infantrymen running up the beach of Normandy amid a blizzard of enemy bullets; the platoon patrolling the murky jungles north of Saigon; and the Soldiers today prevailing in Afghanistan and Iraq and nearly 80 other countries worldwide.

“General George S. Patton, while dedicating an Allied cemetery, reminded us that we should thank God that Soldiers lived, rather than regret that some died. Upon the graves of our war dead rests the pride of valor past, and the hope of a better, more peaceful world.

“Please join me this Memorial Day in remembering the deep and abiding debt we owe to our fallen heroes and their loved ones.”

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