

Nation honors fallen soldiers

■ **HOLIDAY:** Low turnout at ceremonial events has some war veterans commenting on the generation gap

By Madeline Baro
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PLANO, Texas — When the band started playing for Monday's Memorial Day service and the American flag was lowered to half-staff, Navy veteran J.W. "Jim" Harper was overwhelmed.

"You just feel goosebumpy all over," he said.

Harper, who served on an ammunition ship during the Korean War, joined 200 or so people for the ceremony in Plano, one of thousands of observations across the nation.

"Don't think for one minute that we, as Americans, were given prosperity, peace and freedom as a gift from our benevolent Uncle Sam," Army Brig. Gen. Kathryn G. Carlson told the crowd at Plano. "The lives of these we memorialize today remind us that it was hard fought and bloodily won."

Some 3,000 people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery as President Clinton placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, saying he was venerating "those who gave everything on behalf of our common good."

Elsewhere, a more recent hard-fought battle stood in the way of Monday's memorial.

At Grand Forks, N.D., where the Red River forced some 45,000 people from their homes last month, no visitors or observances were allowed at Calvary Cemetery because of flood damage. Some graves had collapsed and the force of the water toppled some large stone memorials.

In Kansas City, Mo., veterans fired a rifle salute during a ceremony at the Liberty Memorial.

"It brings back memories of the things you went through, the people you knew, wondering what became of them," said 76-year-old Leo Beeson, who watched the Kansas City ceremony and remembered his two years in the South Pacific during World War II.

Beeson recalled through tears the first night he spent on a dark beach during combat.

"You heard moaning and crying and shelling, but you were in a foxhole and there was nothing you could do."

Monday's parade in Concord, Mass., drew just a fraction of the thousands who once came every year. An estimated 600 people turned out, compared to the 4,000 who came to the Revolutionary War town's Patriot's Day parade last month.

"I'm appalled everyone doesn't turn out just for one day — one day a year for guys who gave their lives," said World War II veteran Paul Dee, 74. "They forgot what the holiday means."

Navy veterans rode a small boat out into Chesapeake Bay, off Annapolis, Md., to drop a wreath of red and white carnations onto the water in tribute to those who died at sea.

"We experienced the loss of friends. Going through the service, I'm inclined to think of those friends I lost," John Quesenberry, 79, a retired radio man, said on the Chesapeake voyage. "You can't blame the younger generation (for not remembering). You either live through it or you don't."

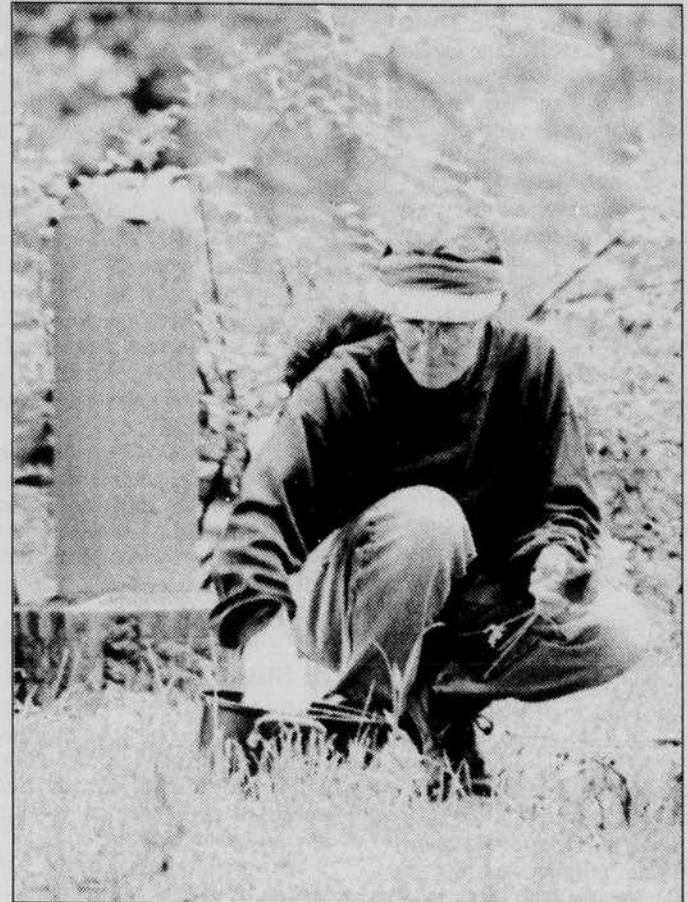
A similar ceremony took place on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, as about 300 World War II submarine veterans, widows and onlookers dropped 52 carnations into the bay, one for each of the subs sunk during the war.

In Dearborn, Mich., a ceremony honored a Vietnam veteran who had been missing since he was shot down on July 12, 1972. The remains of Air Force Capt. James Huard were returned earlier this year.

"It's hard every time," said Neil Huard, Huard's brother. "Every one of these ceremonies is a difficult experience."

And more than 20,000 baseball fans in Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium joined players on the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Chicago Cubs in a moment of silence, as scenes of military burials were played on a scoreboard screen.

In remembrance



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Erica Stein places flowers on graves throughout the Pioneer Cemetery in remembrance of Memorial Day. Her family has no relatives buried in Eugene, so for the past twelve years they have decorated grave stones on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day with flowers from their home.

Memorial Day marks new era of foreign policy, Clinton says

■ **SPEECH:** Clinton wants to honor war veterans by realizing their dream of a peaceful and unified Europe

By Alice Ann Love
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Hours before departing for Europe to sign a historic NATO agreement, President Clinton pledged to honor veterans of World War II by completing their work to secure peace and prosperity.

"Our generation has been given a precious chance to redeem that sacrifice and service, to build an undivided, democratic European continent at peace for the very first time in history," Clinton said

Monday during a Memorial Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

In Paris, Clinton and NATO allies will seal a deal on Tuesday to give Russia a voice, but not a veto, in the military alliance as it expands to include central and eastern European countries. The pact is designed to ease Moscow's anger as NATO envelops former Soviet territory.

"We must create the institutions and the understandings that will advance the security and prosperity of the American people for the next 50 years," Clinton said after laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Clinton's speech opens a week of activity at home and abroad that

aides predict will be critical to his foreign policy record. Up to now, his agenda has largely been forged by crisis — Bosnia, Haiti, Cuba and Somalia.

As the president travels in Europe, mixing ceremony and celebration, he'll outline what he sees as the mission of his generation to head off trouble before it starts. Where his predecessors conquered fascism, rebuilt Europe with the reconstruction aid plan designed by Gen. George Marshall, and fought the Cold War through NATO, Clinton believes the United States must now help forge a lasting peaceful and unified Europe.

"Now at the end of the Cold War, when there appears to be no

looming threat on the horizon, we must rise to Marshall's challenge in our day," Clinton said. "This great endeavor must begin in Europe."

Making the case for U.S. involvement, Clinton urged Americans to think of veterans and ask, "For what did these people fight and die?"

Overseas, Clinton vowed to "challenge the European people to work together with America to complete the work that General Marshall's generation began, extending the reach of security and prosperity to the new democracies in Europe that once were on the other side in the Cold War."

The Paris visit gives Clinton a rare opportunity to promote his

NATO policy just weeks before the alliance is scheduled to invite new member countries — most likely Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Critics say the expansion will be expensive and divisive, and many Americans don't realize U.S. forces would be pledged to defend Warsaw, Budapest and Prague.

In London, Clinton will meet new Prime Minister Tony Blair. Both are baby boomers and Oxford graduates who reach the political summit by driving their parties to the center and away from historic liberal values.

The president will return to Washington Thursday night for a day of rest before delivering a foreign policy address Saturday.

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