

Updates . . .



Safety —Back to Work

The COVID-19 outbreak is unlike anything we have seen before. With the whole world practically shutdown, one had to wonder how long is this going to last. With the governor's stay at home order in Idaho, Pacific Press management suddenly had many challenges to face and decisions to make. While we were affected by the governor's order, some activities still needed to take place at Pacific Press requiring a presence for building security as well as maintain fire and electrical safety.

It is good to be back to work, but life is not completely back to normal yet. Some people are still working from home and those of us who are working at Pacific Press have safety protocols to follow. Management has done a great job keeping us informed week by week as reopening has progressed with statements to employees that includes safety measures for each area of work. Following the guidelines and using PPE responsibly is appreciated and important to help keep us safe and production going.

While areas are being cleaned more, masks worn, hands washed or sanitized often to lessen possibilities of spreading the virus, some areas of work require the use of gloves as well. Please keep in mind that wearing gloves does not prevent the spread of virus or protect you from high touch surfaces. Washing or sanitizing hands including the outside of gloves should be performed often.

These are challenging times for all of us and each can help meet the challenge by following the COVID-19 safety related measures. Thank you to everyone for your help and diligence.
—Mike Fifer, Safety Director.



Dateline . . .

May

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PAYDAY

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MEMORIAL DAY, PPPA Holiday

Why Red Poppies?



Memorial Day, which falls on the last Monday of May, commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the American military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it began as a day of remembrance for those who fell during the Civil War, but later became a day to honor all those who have died in our nation's service.

What about those red poppies some people wear? The tradition of wearing The Flanders Fields Red Poppy as a symbol of remembrance originated with an American teacher, Miss Moina Belle Michael.

In 1915, while volunteering in the WMCA War Secretaries organization, she was inspired by the poem [In Flanders Fields](#) and Moina replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

Moina Michael was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers, with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. It became her mission in life. As a result of her tireless campaigning, the red field poppy has become an internationally-recognized symbol of remembrance and welfare for war veterans.

You can read more at:

<http://www.greatwar.co.uk/people/moina-belle-michael-biography.htm>