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**MAY 30 IS MEMORIAL DAY**

***American Heritage Girls Trailblazers honor fallen veterans by laying wreaths on graves in Virginia***

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**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — In honor of America’s veterans — those brave men and women who defended our nation — *American Heritage Girls* (AHG, [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org)) serves and remembers soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice from the Civil War to present-day conflicts in many beautiful ways.

Parents across America already know that *American Heritage Girls* is the premier faith-based, scout-type leadership development program for girls ages five to 18, offering hands-on badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and more.

Two *AHG* Trailblazer Explorers and Tenderhearts joined with other *AHG* Troops across the country in serving and honoring veterans by laying wreaths at graves in Cold Harbor National Cemetery in Mechanicsville, VA. By posturing themselves reverently in this act of service, these young ladies gained a better understanding of the magnitude of sacrifice given by many to protect our God-given liberty.

*Says AHG’s Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay, “American Heritage Girls endeavors to help our Troops to serve, honor, remember and learn about those who have sacrificed their lives for our country so we can embrace what they have done for us and prayerfully consider the freedom we as Americans experience every day. This is in line with our mission to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.*

*“Patriotism is fundamental to AHG programs and we regularly encourage patriotism among our members, as well as a deep respect for those who have made immense sacrifices for the U.S.A. Through our badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, outdoor adventures, virtual connections, and more, AHG stresses Christian values and family participation across our many programs for girls,” Garibay concludes. “Like the patriots before them, American Heritage Girls must understand their heritage to improve the future.”*

Among *AHG*’s many specially designed offerings is the “Free to Honor” program initiative, which shares the importance of honoring America and the sacrifices made by others — including those made by scores of American veterans — to bring America to where it is today.

Girls can earn a special “Free to Honor” patch reflecting the nation’s history, discovering service opportunities, and learning the characteristics of a respectful citizen by completing specific requirements.

*American Heritage Girls* was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At *AHG*, girls ages five to 18 meet together as [a single Troop](#) at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives *AHG* girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. *AHG* Troops are located in [local communities](#) across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the *AHG* Program to their own area. An *American Heritage Girls* Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form [a new Troop](#). To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, [click here](#).

Today, there are [Troops](#) in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a [Trailblazer](#) and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as [Charter Organizations](#) for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

The “*Raising Godly Girls*” radio feature and [Raising Godly Girls blog](#) shares guidance and biblically based advice on many key topics affecting girls today—from bullying and identity to anxiety and body image issues. It gives parents, educators, and faith community leaders a set of tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to assist in raising girls after God’s own heart. The “[Raising Godly Girls Minute](#)” with Patti Garibay airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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