



## 2016 Days of Remembrance and Holocaust Remembrance Day Message

Each year, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum leads the Nation in recognizing the Days of Remembrance. The week-long observance, established in 1978, pays respect to the millions of Jewish and non-Jewish victims subjected to Nazi persecution before and during World War II. This year we commemorate the observance from May 1 – May 8, with May 5 officially marking Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The genocide of the Holocaust claimed the lives of millions of innocent people and revealed the extreme danger of tolerating ignorance, hate and aggression. We honor these victims by reflecting on the atrocities and vowing to never again allow these acts of terror.

While the holocaust revealed the darkest side of human nature, it also gave us unforgettable stories of extraordinary human potential in the face of unbelievable hardship. They are stories of sacrifice from those who had little to give and of tremendous bravery in the face of unspeakable evil. It is our responsibility to remember these stories. We must mourn those who were lost and honor those who gave so much to put an end to the senseless violence.

As we take time to remember, we encourage everyone in Eighth Army to participate in the Days of Remembrance events throughout Korea and to remain forever vigilant against acts of hatred and intolerance wherever they occur.

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