

## CONFLICT & MEMORY

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### SOMETIMES COMING IN LAST IS BEST

On May 29th, in 1790, fearing reprisals from the other 12 ratifying states and the threats of secession from Providence, Bristol and Newport, Rhode Island (#13) ratifies the Constitution.

One of the core concerns was the fear that the Constitution did not adequately protect Religious Freedom. Being the last state to ratify, allowed for greater clarity.

Debate and discussion progressed, moving into a vote of 34-YEAS and 32-NEAS, providing encouragement for the creation of a Declaration of Rights, an early version of the Bill of Rights. Later they went so far as to clarify their earlier version with the Bill of Rights and Amendments, 1790. **Of special note, read what they said about Gun Rights within their Bill of Rights.**

### GREEDY FOR BEAVER

On May 29th, in 1848, Wisconsin becomes a State (#30). While native Americans were early inhabitants, by the mid 1600's French explorers arrived looking for a passage to China and instead recognized the abundance of natural resources including beavers for the fur trade.

By 1754 the British and French were in a war. The British prevailed and then 20 years later the United States prevailed at the end of the Revolutionary War becoming a part of the Northwest Territory.

Yet the British tried to maintain some influence in the region, which was finally settled at the conclusion of the War of 1812.



### LET'S ALL 'DECORATE' FOR MEMORIAL DAY

On May 30th we celebrate Memorial Day (3:30), originally known as Decoration Day (2:16). But first, before we read more, take time to watch and remember (1:10).

The origins of this holiday, were due to the early desires to commemorate the deceased from the Civil war. Both the Union and Confederacy had sacrificed much in the defense of their beliefs.

**General John A. Morgan** is credited with having initiated General Order #11, calling for a **National Day of Remembrance for the Civil War dead**.