

Memorial Day 2026: Classic Miss Mountain West and Army Veteran

Delegate for Miss United Crown of America Pays Tribute at Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery



Boulder City, Nevada May 24, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - A solemn Memorial Day observance in Southern Nevada was marked by Classic Miss Mountain West, Benne Sykes, delegate for Miss United Crown Of America and Army veteran, as she visits the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery to pay tribute to all deceased veterans. The visit underscores a shared commitment to remembrance, community service, and national unity in celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

During the visit, the delegate photographed flags on veterans' final resting places, observed a moment of silence, then spoke on the importance of honoring those who gave their lives in service and giving prayer to being grateful to those that came before us. The event aligns with her #America250 platform, highlighting the enduring ideals of liberty, citizenship, and shared responsibility that define the United States citizenship.

“Memorial Day provides a meaningful moment to recognize the courage and sacrifice of every service

member,” said Benne Sykes, 2026 Classic Miss Mountain West and Army veteran. “As we remember our fallen heroes, we also renew our commitment to support veterans, their families, and communities, and to celebrate the enduring values that unite our country as we approach America’s 250th anniversary.”

“We live as long as the last person to remember us,” said Classic Miss Mountain West “that is why it is important to leave a positive memory with everyone we meet, wishing the best and hoping every interaction sparks positive change.

The delegation’s visit is part of a broader effort to connect veteran remembrance with civic education and public engagement. Local veteran organizations, cemetery staff, and community volunteers took part in placing over 30,000 flags, reinforcing the strong ties between current and former service members across generations.

About the Miss United Crown Of America program:

Miss United Crown Of America honors women of all ages for leadership, community involvement, and advocacy across diverse platforms. The Classic Miss Mountain West title represents a regional division within the organization, offering opportunities for service, mentorship, and public engagement. Benne will be competing for the title of 2026 Classic Miss United America alongside talented women from across the country during the Miss United Crown Of America Pageant in September 2026.

About the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery:

The Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery is a state and national memorial site dedicated to honoring fallen service members and supporting veterans and their families through programs, resources, and educational outreach.

About #America250:

America250 is the national commemoration celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. 2026 Classic Miss Mountain West #America250 platform emphasizes unity, national service and civic engagement across communities nationwide. #A250

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