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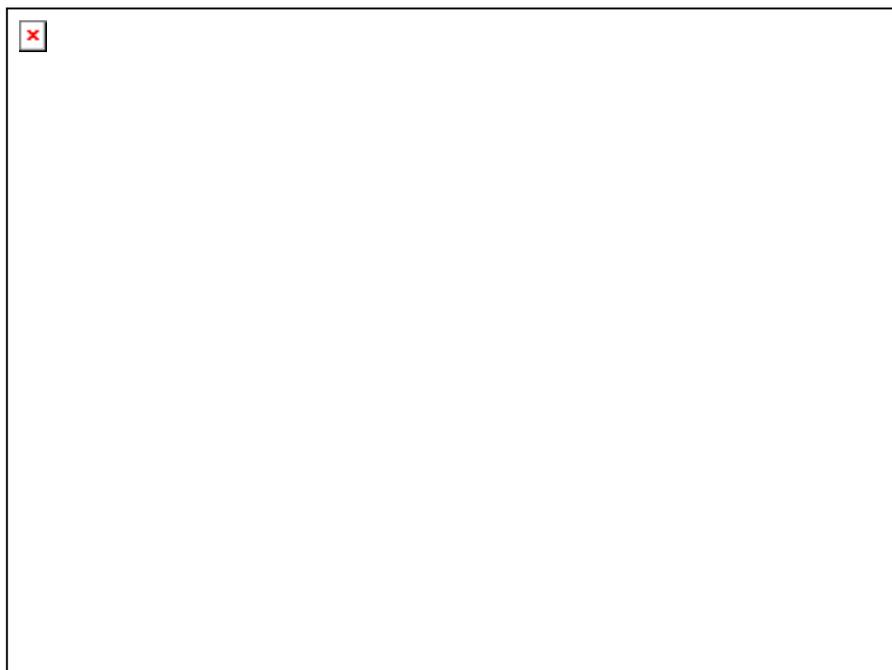
The Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery near Ruidoso, N.M.

Colleagues,

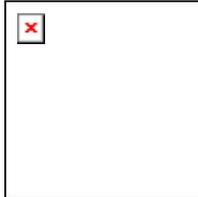
Good morning, and welcome to a special Memorial Day edition of Connecting. Amid picnics, parades, cookouts, travel and gatherings with family or friends, take a moment today to remember the men and women who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

Retired Associated Press counsel **Dave Tomlin** has an [extremely well-done piece](#) today on his blog "Heading West" about a little known cemetery in southeastern New Mexico where his wife's late father is buried. Dave recently volunteered to help maintain the dusty patch of wind-blown wild grass and worn, wooden crosses, thinking he would likely be picking up weeds and trash. His assignment turned out to be far more labor-intensive than he had expected, but, as he discovered, immensely rewarding. It is well worth a read and sharing.

When her eldest son was a baby, former AP Washington chief of bureau **Sandy Johnson** reports she would "often tuck him into a stroller and walk through the quietude of Arlington National Cemetery." Recently, when her son was home for husband Chuck Raasch's 60th birthday, they walked it again. "It is a wondrous place - acres of rolling hills with ancient trees standing vigil over 300,000 graves of those who fought for their country," Sandy writes on her gardening blog, [Grassroots & Gardening](#).



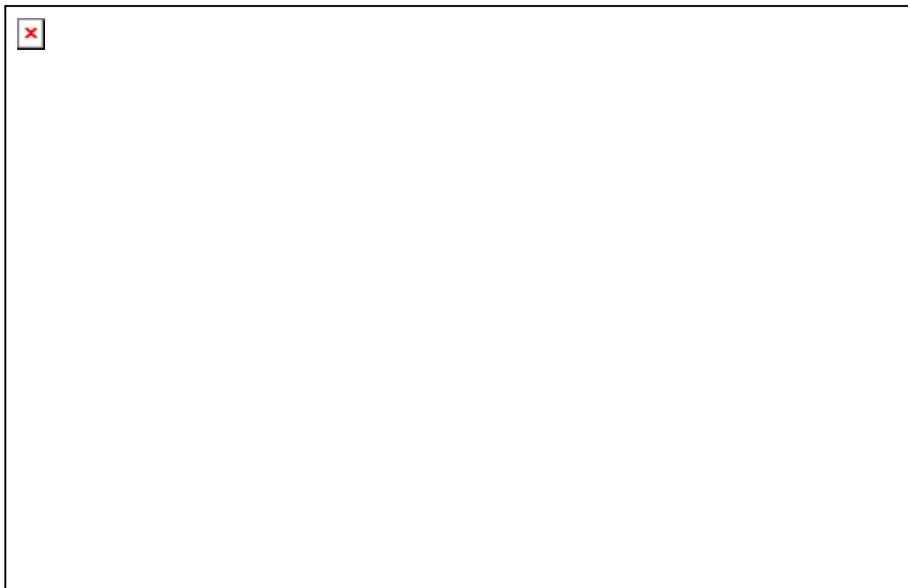
Connecting colleague **Will Lester** posted a photo on his Facebook page of tourists wandering by the newly-reopened Washington Monument on Sunday evening ahead of Memorial Day.



Kent Flanagan

Meanwhile, former AP chief of bureau **Kent Flanagan** changed his Facebook profile photo to show him wearing a "fairly new acquisition," a Vietnam Veteran cap. "I've avoided labels most of my life as a journalist trying not to become part of the stories I covered," Kent explains. "But I have been wearing this cap this past couple of weeks to honor my fellow veterans who gave their all. And when someone thanks me for my service after all these years, I accept it on behalf of every American who has answered the call to duty and given full measure. Thank you for remembering."

AP News



John Daniszewski (foreground, right) meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

AP's vice president and senior managing editor for international news, **John Daniszewski**, was among senior representatives of international news agencies who met with Russian President Vladimir Putin Saturday in St. Petersburg, Russia. During the meeting, Putin [accused the West](#) of ignoring Russia's interests in Ukraine, in particular by leaving open the possibility that Ukraine could one day join NATO.

Mailbag

The note in Saturday's Connecting about the late **Marty Lederhandler's** work within a block of what was then AP's headquarters in Rockefeller Center to



capture two iconic photos the morning of the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks -- the Empire State Building in the foreground with the twin World Trade Center towers burning in the distance, and terrified onlookers at St. Patrick's Cathedral looking down Fifth Avenue at the burning towers -- generated a request for the St. Patrick's photo. Both images are among hundreds, many from AP photographers, displayed at the new National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City.

Welcome to Connecting



[Bill Kronholm](#). Bill retired in 2006 in Helena, Mont., as AP's Western regional editor after 33 years with the company with stops in Columbus, Nashville and Washington.

Stories of Interest

['Journalist' Michael Kinsley argues that publishing decisions ultimately should be made by government](#) (Shared by Carol Ann Riha via Facebook)

Glenn Greenwald spends the last third of his excellent new book, "No Place to Hide: **Edward Snowden**, the NSA, and the US Surveillance State," exposing the mentality and function of pseudo-journalists like **David Gregory**, who are in fact better understood as courtiers to power. So it was kind of **Michael Kinsley** to offer himself up today as living proof of Greenwald's arguments.

[Dardarian settling in as new managing editor at Star-Tribune](#)

There's probably no such thing as the "perfect resume," but in print journalism, new Star Tribune managing editor **Suki Dardarian's** comes close. Over a career spanning three and a half decades, Dardarian has been a reporter at a small daily, then edited a mid-size metro, finally graduating to a managing editor slot at The Seattle Times, one of the country's most respected regional papers. Dardarian has national

leadership cred, as former president of the Associated Press Media Editors. She's earned a Pulitzer, as leader of a team covering a high-profile crime story.

[Remix: Put the lessons of the New York Times innovation report into practice](#)

Anyone associated with journalism education who doesn't read this report is a fool. Whether you're an instructor, student or funder, you pass on this one at your own peril.

[Egypt's media freedom at all-time low?](#) (Latrice Davis via Facebook)

Ahead of Egyptian elections, the country faces some of the worst media curtailment in decades.

[Pro-Israel group uses Abramson firing to press its case that the New York Times is unfair](#) (Bob Daugherty)

The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America has long maintained that the New York Times's coverage is biased against Israel. Among the platforms for delivering the message has been a three-story sign posted on building in Times Square near the Times newsroom. The group recently changed the message with a banner taking advantage of the dismissal of **Jill Abramson**.



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