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MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS, CITY MGR

LABOR &
COMMUNITY

I'M DENNIS ULMER

I ASKED TO SPEAK TO YOU

TODAY ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY,

WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

MEMORIAL DAY BEGAN NOT LONG AFTER
THE CIVIL WAR AND ORIGINALLY WAS
CALLED "DECORATION DAY" WHEN GRAVES
OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS WERE DECORATED
WITH FLOWERS TO REMEMBER THOSE
KILLED IN THAT WAR.

AFTER WORLD WAR I IT BECAME
MEMORIAL DAY TO HONOR ALL ~~THE~~ OF THE
BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED
DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM.

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AS TIME HAS GONE ON, MEMORIAL DAY BECAME ONE OF THE MONDAY HOLIDAYS. CELEBRATED ON ~~THE DAY~~ ~~OF MAY~~ ~~THE DAY~~ ~~THE~~ THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY. GIVE AMERICANS A ~~FIVE~~ ^{THREE} DAY WEEK-END. IT HAS ALSO SERVED AS THE UNOFFICIAL START TO SUMMER IN SOME AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY WITH SWIMMING POOLS ETC. OPENING ON THAT ~~DAY~~ DAY.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT MEMORIAL DAY WILL NOT JUST BE ANOTHER MONDAY HOLIDAY. FOR THE MARKERS IN CEMETERIES SUCH AS ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY SERVE AS A PERMANENT REMINDER THAT ~~OUR~~ FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.

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IN 2007 I WENT TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WITH A GROUP OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES.

A GOLD STAR FAMILY MEANS THAT A LOVED ONE WAS KILLED WHILE SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

THE WAR DEATHS FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN THAT ARE BURIED IN ARLINGTON HAVE BEEN LAIN TO REST IN SECTION 60.

I HAVE BEEN THERE FOUR TIMES. NOW THE HEADSTONES ARE NOT JUST MARKERS - I MET THESE SOLDIER HERO'S MOTHERS & FATHERS & WIDOWS.

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I now know some of the
Fallens names - MITCHELL,
TRAVIS, DOWARD, THOMAS -
For you see in many of the
Cemeteries across America and
in foreign lands are graves
of Americans who fought and
died to keep us free. They
payed the ultimate price - giving
us that cast full measure
of devotion.

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~~THE~~
~~THEIR~~ MOTHERS AND FATHERS, SISTERS
AND BROTHERS, AND SPOUSES PAYED

A PRICE TOO - FOREVER THEY NO
LONGER HAVE THEIR LOVED ONE
WHO DIED FOR ALL OF US.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT ~~WE~~
WILL ~~REMEMBER~~ HOW ~~THEIR~~
SACRIFICE BY REMEMBERING
THEM EVERY DAY AND ESPECIALLY ON
MEMORIAL DAY AND THAT ^{EVERYONE} ~~WE~~ WILL
ATTEND ONE OF THE SERVICES TO
REMEMBER THEM ON MEMORIAL DAY
~~ON~~ MONDAY MAY 26TH.



IN FORT LAUDOWALE THERE IS
A SERVICE AT LAUDOWALE MEMORIAL
PARK ^{CENTURY} AND AT THE SANDY MILINGOR
STATUE ALONG THE RIVERWALK BY
THE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

TO HONOR OUR FALLEN WAR
HERO'S FOR THEIR SACRIFICE
IS A TESTIMATE TO OUR NATIONS
MANY FREEDOMS AND THEIR FAMILIES
DESERVE OUR LOVE AND SUPPORT TO
ALWAYS REASSURE THEM THAT THEIR
LOVED ONE DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.

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MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA -
OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS
AND ALL WHO SERVE TO
PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR GREAT
NATION
~~COUNTRY~~ -

AND MAY OUR GOLD STAR
FAMILIES FOREVER KNOW THAT
WE TRULY CARE AND WILL ALWAYS
STRIVE TO ASSIST THEM AND HONOR
THEIR LOSS WITH HONOR AND RESPECT.

MAY MEMORIAL DAY BE REMEMBERED
FOR WHAT IT WAS ~~ALWAYS~~ INTENDED. STOP
A NATIONAL HOLIDAY TO BE -
A REMEMBRANCE OF OUR WAR
DEAD WHO BRAVELY SERVED

AND GAVE UP THEIR
TOMMOROWS FOR OUR
TODAYS.

REMEMBER THEM - FOR THEY
FOREVER DESERVE OUR HONOR
AND RESPECT FOR THEIR
GREAT SACRIFICE FOR
OUR FREEDOM.

Thank you -