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## How To Observe Memorial Day

"...gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime...let us in the solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,--the soldier's widow and orphan."  
--General John Logan, General Order No. 11, 5 May 1868

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us. We could remember our ancestors, family members, loved ones, neighbors, and friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice;

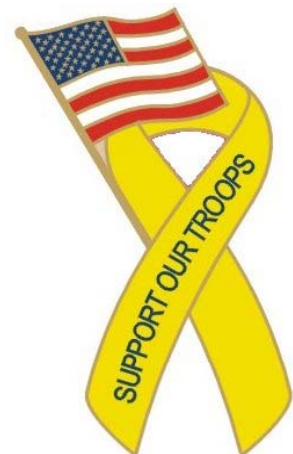
- by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.
- by visiting memorials.
- by flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon.
- by flying the 'POW/MIA Flag' as well (Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act).
- by taking time to pray and reflect upon the true meaning of the day.
- by renewing a pledge to aid widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to the disabled veterans.

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PLEASE CONTINUE  
TO PRAY FOR  
OUR MILITARY,  
THEIR FAMILIES,  
AND OUR  
LEADERS



# From the Boardroom...

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I've always been a fan of The News. Not the really nosy, gossipy things about people. But, I've just always wanted to know what was going on in the world. But, I became even more of a fan of the news in the aftermath of the events of 911. So much so that it had almost become an addiction of sorts I suppose.

As you may recall, I awakened that eventful morning a long way from home, in a motel room in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I had traveled the previous evening in order to attend a trade show on behalf of a client from Atlanta. After seeing the news that morning I, along with pretty much everyone else in Las Vegas, wanted to get home. And I wanted to know what else was happening.

Since the airlines were then immediately shut down, I had lots of time driving back across the country in a rental car, isolated with my own thoughts and with no option but to wonder exactly what was going on in the world. Wondering if some other, even more dastardly and despicable, injury had been inflicted upon our country by those madmen that had attacked the World Trade Center in New York. There was suddenly a new-found urgency to my desire to know.

It was a long, long, very tiring trip. Driving alone, as many hours as I could stand, anxiously speeding along the interstate beside countless others from the eastern part of the country trying to get back home as best they could. Traveling from the radio dead spot on the outskirts of the city I had just left to the outskirts of yet another city where I was finally able to get radio station reception...again.

I remember thinking at the time that it would be really great to be able to receive the news, audio and video, by satellite. Uninterruptedly. Constantly. On my time, when I was ready, and no matter where I was at the time.

When I purchased the truck I'm riding in now it came from the factory with satellite radio already installed. Like most everyone else these days, I sprang for the extra bucks to get an annual XM

Radio subscription. I now have six news and weather channels pre-tuned to dedicated buttons on the thing and so I can get the news just about any time, on my time. Well, the audio part anyway.

And I was right. It is fantastic. Or I should really say "was." It's true. I thoroughly enjoyed it. For just about two or three weeks. After that short time, I found all the things they had to tell me on the "fair and balanced, round the clock, up to the minute, news and weather" reports began to sound very much like the "fair and balanced, round the clock, up to the minute, news and weather" information I had heard just the previous moment, the previous day, and the day before that.

The news was constantly changing, but all the news I could hear still had that old familiar, unsettling ring to it. People were doing bad things. And other people had made it their life's work to tell the world about it. I don't know who was making the decisions as to whose bad acts to report upon. But just as soon as one network would commit to a story, another would blindly follow and then the rest would fall in line.

And the stories they all seem to cover now are the kind of things we used to only see on the front cover of those pulp magazines in the racks along the grocery store checkout line. You know the kind of thing I'm talking about. And don't pretend you haven't looked at them while standing in line.

You're probably like me, you wouldn't pick up one of those magazines at all, but you just can't help seeing the headlines as you wait your turn. "Three-headed space alien discovered working as a plumber in Idaho." The supermarket checkout stand news is often pretty weird stuff.

The television and radio news of late has been pretty weird too. Every night we are regaled with the latest developments of the Michael Jackson child molestation trial. Every night we hear even more that we never wanted to know about some guy in Georgia and his cold-footed fiancée with a criminal record for shoplifting.

Every night we hear from more and more people with an axe to grind, people who wish to justify their beliefs and their lifestyles, and in so doing they feel absolutely driven to compel the rest of us to agree with

them. No matter how perverted their position may be, their desire is to have all the rest of us consider only their belief system normal. That, of course, renders the belief systems of the rest of us less so.

It appears we now live in a world where to oppose rampant immoral activity, to oppose murdering unborn babies, to favor decisive and appropriate action in dealing with criminals is to be considered “activist”, “extreme”, “intolerant”, and something less than an acceptable human being. At least someone to be considered of lesser value than those talking heads on the television and radio (by those talking heads on the television and radio) with all the answers and an ever present willingness to share them publicly.

The views and positions espoused by these people are often so completely foreign to most of us, and I believe foreign to most of the people in this entire country as well, as to make me wonder just what world these folks may have come from, and why they chose to come here.

When we examine the positions set forth by many of these folks we quickly realize their position really isn't anything new. On the evening news programs you can hear the same rhetoric that was set forth by, and proven inadequate to the survival of, every failed form of society and government that has ever existed.

From Sodom and Gomorrah, to the ancient Roman Empire, to Nazi Germany, and on and on, virtually every people on earth that have similarly proclaimed tolerance for aberrant lifestyles, that have registered a disdain for the rule of law, that have sheltered and protected criminals, that have displayed a total disregard for human life, that have chosen to sacrifice their unborn children to the gods of their own convenience, these people have seen their societies and their governments ultimately and totally fail. They are no more.

Those societies and those governments have failed, and will always fail, when the good, wholesome, law-abiding, honest, hard-working, morally decent, God-fearing citizens of those societies and governments have finally had enough, have simply decided they no longer wanted to continue to be forced to raise their children in such a world.

Historically, when good people have finally reached the limit of their patience, when good people have finally reached the limits of their tolerance, when good people have finally decided enough is enough, the good people

have frequently simply abandoned the former society to their own devices and have moved on to other shores, created other countries, other societies, and other governments.

Every society is always composed of both *contributors* and *consumers*. When the *contributors* of a society, those hard-working, good people of which we speak, eventually stopped providing the funds, the goods, and the services, etc. that those with time on their hands and inclination in their hearts toward evil deeds, those *consumers*, must have provided to them in order for them to survive, the society inevitably failed.

I've heard it said, “The only thing certain, is change.” Someone else once said, “The more things change, the more they stay the same!” There it is. The whole of philosophy embodied within two short, opposing yet somehow strangely complimentary sentences. Who would have thought!

Even more today, we are a people at a cross-roads. We are free to choose, but only if we do so now. There looms a day, as there has in every historically recorded instance, in which the opportunity of choice will no longer be available.

What then?

C. Wayne Roberts



# SAFETY FIRST

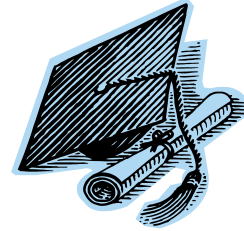
# FAMILY APPEAL

CONGRATULATIONS !!

## Wesley Hunt

Wesley Hunt is the son of Lynn and Vicki Choate. Wesley is graduating from George County High School in Lucedale, Mississippi.

Wesley's awards include National Honor Roll for 2004 Fall Semester, Vice President of FBLA, Show Choir, and Audience Choice for Campus Beau for 2005.



## Brandon Lee Thomas

Brandon Thomas graduated from Ms. Mary's 4-year preschool this month. He is ready for Kindergarten!!



## Jordan Elizabeth Thomas

Jordan Thomas is the daughter of Wesley and Lisa Thomas. She is the niece of Barry and Suzanne Thomas.

Jordan is a Senior, graduating from Kirk Academy in Grenada. She will be attending the University of Mississippi this fall where she plans to major in Physical Therapy.

Jordan was recently selected for the Ole Miss Chancellor's Leadership Class. Her other awards include the Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, National Honor Society, Senior Class President, Yearbook Editor, and Head Cheerleader.

# SPORTS CONNECTION



## ATHLETIC AWARDS

Ethan Howell (aka Big E) was awarded Best Defensive Player in Junior Varsity Basketball and Best Offense in Football for the Kirk Academy Raiders !!!!!

Emily Bush's Softball team THE STINGERS went undefeated in the Frankie Bailey Tournament!!!

**GREAT JOB GIRLS!!!**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## Hire Date Anniversaries

Jimmy Black	1 Year
Johnny Bledsoe	16 Years
Lynn Choate	1 Year
Steve Dungan	5 Years
Will Hemmingway	8 Years
Bobby Hickman	8 Years
Alvin Tarleton	1 Year



## WACO Birthdays

Steve Dungan	May 11
Leon Fluker	May 29
Patricia Roberts	May 29

# WELCOME

## New Hires

Pat Baker  
Derrick Few  
Torrey Moore  
Phillip Pratt  
Amber Roberts

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.



#### **EXTENSION CORD SAFETY**

The color for the month of  
May is  
**YELLOW**

#### **Safety Scorecard**

All extension cords are to be inspected each month. Each month has a different color tape. Be sure your extension cords are inspected.

Your *Safety* is very important to us. Keep up the good work!!!



#### **WACO Employees Worked**

2,637 Days  
864,933 Hours

Without a Lost Time Accident

Since our last lost time accident on  
October 5, 2004  
WACO Employees have safely worked

208 Days  
55,086 Hours

Remember.....Safety First!!



## SAFETY AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

Eye protection is essential when you work in the construction industry. Each year, thousands of workers suffer eye injuries on the job and some lose their sight as a result. Fortunately, you can prevent eye injuries by selecting and wearing the proper eye protection.

As a construction worker, you need to make a habit of wearing eye protection on the job. You never know when a stray spark, some sawdust, a piece of wire, or a sliver will fly at the your face, so you should always be prepared. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 70% of eye injuries are caused by flying particles or objects. Forty percent of these injured workers were wearing some form of eye protection. The problem is that these workers were probably wearing improper eye protection such as sunglasses or eyewear without side shields.

When selecting eye protection, you need to think about the kind of work you are going to so that you pick the correct type of eye protection for the job:

- Will the work create flying objects or fragments that could cause impact injuries? If so, you need to wear either spectacles with side shields, goggles, a face shield, or a combination of the three.
- Will you be working with chemicals that can splash or spray in your face? Then you'll need chemical goggles designed to form a protective seal around your eyes to prevent chemicals from making contact with your eyes. You might also need a face shield.
- Will you be involved in tasks that produce intense heat or optical radiation like welding, brazing, or working neat lasers? In this case, you should wear goggles or safety spectacles with special-purpose lenses and eye shields, and possibly a face shield depending on how intense the heat or radiation is.

If you are unsure or have questions about the right kind of eye protection to use, ask your supervisor director. Once you've chosen your eye protection, **wear it!** It won't protect you if it's in your pocket or lunch bucket.

Remember that eye protection comes in different sizes and styles. Find the right to protect yourself from hazards you face around a jobsite. Make sure your eye protection fits correctly and is comfortable to wear. Protect your eyes. You only get one pair during this lifetime!

**SAFETY REMINDER.....Sunglasses are not safety glasses unless they are manufactured to ANSI Z.87 specifications.**

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