



SULLY SPOTLIGHT

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Events of Interest for May 2006

- ◆ **May 14:** Mother's Day
- ◆ **May 14-20:** National Police Week
- ◆ **May 15:** Peace Officers Memorial Day
- ◆ **May 16:** Citizens' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
- ◆ **May 20:** Armed Forces Day
- ◆ **May 29:** Memorial Day



National Police Week May 14-20, 2006

Honoring Those Who Gave the Ultimate Sacrifice

Remember all the fallen men, who gave their lives for you. Remember all the sweating, all the work they had to do. Remember all the blood they spilled, all the crying and the pain. Remember all the late nights, in the snow and in the rain. Remember how they kept the peace, in good times and in bad. Remember they protected you, and given all they had. Remember times are changing and people are changing too. Remember all the fallen men and that they died for you.

-A tribute to fallen officers written by the 15-year-old daughter of an Idaho officer.



In Remembrance

Max



*1995-
2006*

Max became a member of the Fairfax County Police Department in 1996. As a police K9, Max assisted in apprehending many criminals as well as searching buildings and backing up other officers in their daily jobs. In July 2004, Max retired from the K9 unit. His handler, Sergeant Joe Welch, was transferred to the police department's firearms range and Max soon took on another role in the department. He became the informal mascot at the range. He was there to greet officers as they came through for classes and certification. He was always happy to be the object of affection.

On April 15, 2006, Max unexpectedly passed away. He will be missed by his police department family. We honor Max for his many years as a fellow officer and for being such a positive addition to the range. His service to the department was one of unselfish dedication. We will miss him dearly.

Volunteers Honored for Their Service to the Police Department

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, volunteers for the Fairfax County Police Department were honored for their service hours and dedication to their community. The ceremony was held at the Fairfax County Government Center. The Sully District Police Station had several volunteers honored at the ceremony.

Auxiliary Police Officers George Ludwig, Laurian Cannon, Thad Palmer and Mike Sharpe were honored for 1000 service hours. Auxiliary Police Officer Alex Squadrini was honored for 5,000 service hours and he also received the President's Call to Service Award.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) John Werderman and Larry Riley were honored for their service to the department. Mr. Werderman, assigned to Sully, was given the bronze Points of Light Award and a Certificate of Commendation for installing over 750 child safety seats. Mr. Riley is assigned to the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy but does volunteer work as well at the Sully District Station, Fair Oaks District Station and the Helicopter Division. He was given the silver Points of Light Award. The Points of Light Award is the President of the United States' Volunteer Service Award.

Chaplain Tommy Kirk was also honored at the ceremony. Chaplain Kirk is assigned to the Sully District Police Station as well as the Department of Public Safety Center, where he is employed as a dispatcher. Chaplain Kirk received a Certificate of Commendation for his service to the department and the community.

We thank them for their many hours of service and congratulate each of them for a job well done.



APOs Alex Squadrini, Laurian Cannon and George Ludwig



VIPs Larry Riley and John Werderman



Chaplain Tommy Kirk



Memorial Day History



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

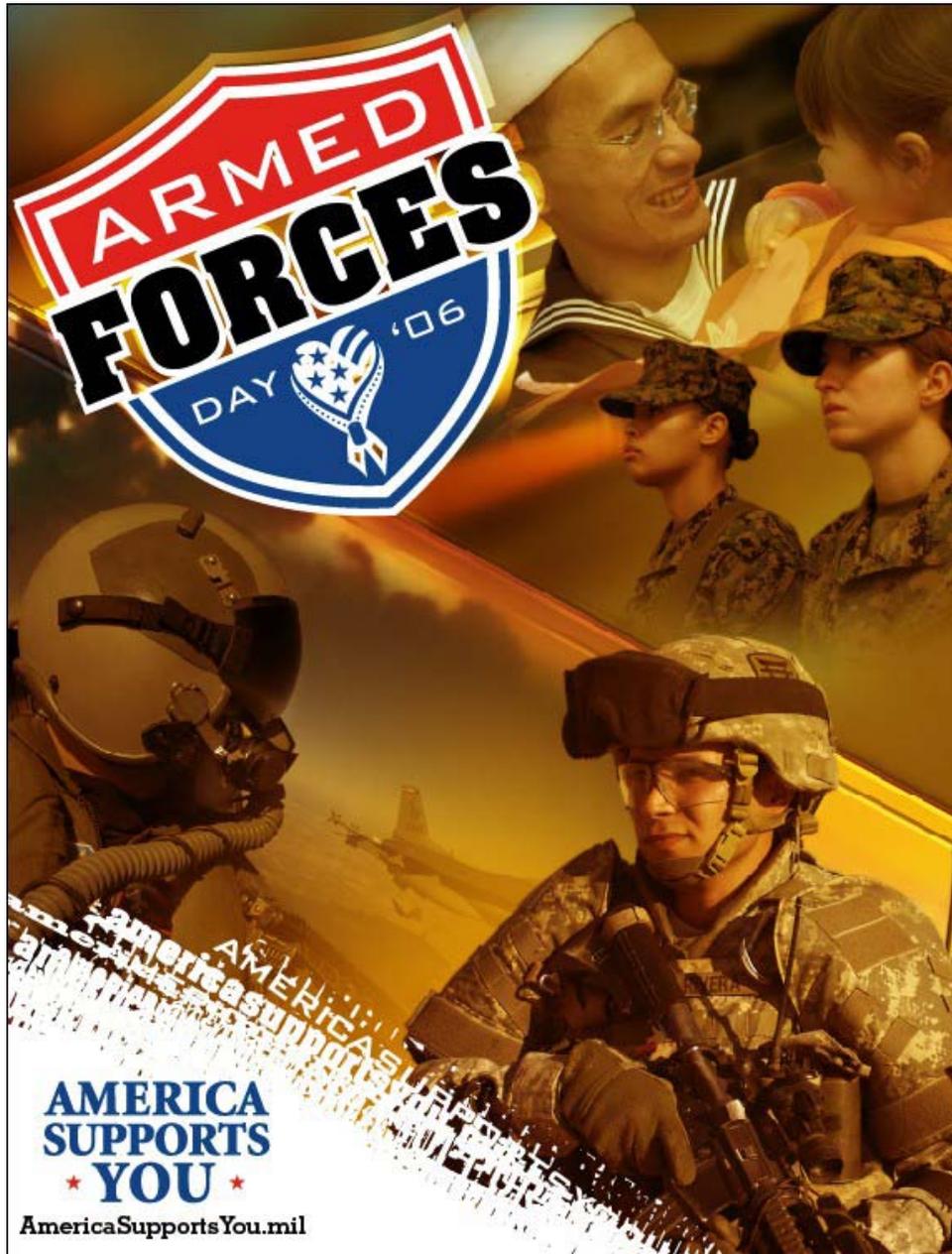
Local Observances Claim To Be First Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.



President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together to thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department—the Department of the Defense.

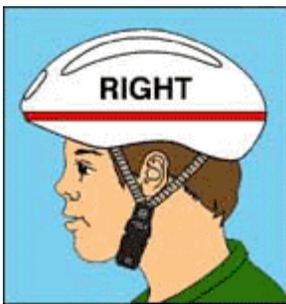
Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense. (President Harry S. Truman, Presidential Proclamation of February 27, 1950)

Information Courtesy of <http://www.defenselink.mil/afd/>

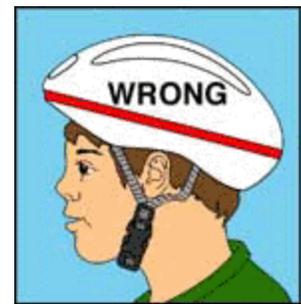
May is Bicycle Safety Month!

Rules of the Road:

- ◆ Obey all applicable traffic regulations, signs, signals and markings. Bicycles are subject to the same rules of vehicular traffic, wherever they apply.
- ◆ Observe all local ordinances pertaining to bike safety. It is your responsibility to know them and abide by them.
- ◆ Keep right: drive with traffic, not against it. Drive single file. Keep as close to the curb as practical.
- ◆ Watch out for drain grates, soft shoulders and other road surface hazards.
- ◆ Watch out for car doors opening or for cars pulling into traffic.
- ◆ Don't carry passengers or packages that interfere with your vision or control.
- ◆ Never hitch a ride on a truck or other vehicle.
- ◆ Be extremely careful at intersections, especially when making a left turn. Most accidents happen at intersections. If traffic is heavy, get off and walk your bike with pedestrian traffic.
- ◆ Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.
- ◆ Protect yourself at night with the required reflectors and lights.
- ◆ Drive a safe bike. Have it inspected.
- ◆ Drive your bike defensively; watch out for the other drivers.



*Stay Safe. Wear a
bicycle helmet
everytime you ride
your bike!*



<http://www.ci.shreveport.la.us/dept/police/HomeSecurity/May%20-%20bikesafe.htm>

http://www.sparky.org/cool_archive/bike_safety.html

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Thursday, May 4, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.
Thursday, May 18, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23, 2006 5 p.m.—9 p.m.



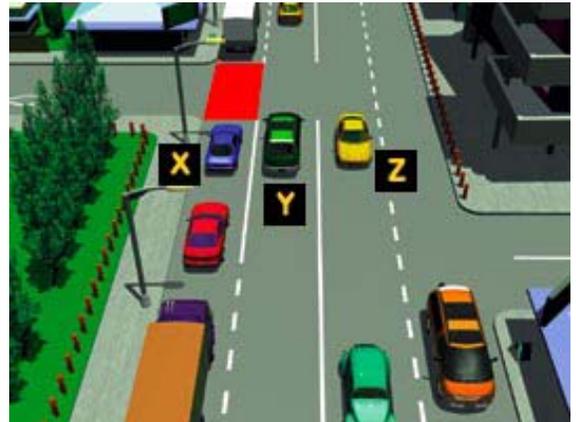
No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

Traffic Trivia

By MPO Vincent DarConte
Source: Land Transport NZ

INTERSECTION BLOCKING RULE

- ◆ When traffic is heavy, vehicles can build up quickly at busy intersections. It is important that you don't block other roads and entrance ways. Always follow the intersection blocking rule.
- ◆ You must not go into, or attempt to cross, the intersection, unless there is space for your car on the other side of the intersection.
- ◆ Vehicle **X** must not go into the intersection because there is no space ahead.
- ◆ Vehicles **Y** and **Z** can go into the intersection because there is enough space ahead.



DON'T BLOCK THE BOX



CAC CORNER

The next Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m., at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. If you live or work in the Sully District, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your voice does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime
Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime
Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat
Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System
(to file reports only)
703-464-4756



Bicycle Theft—How You Can Protect Your Property!

In the past three years since the Sully District Police Station opened its doors, more than 70 bicycles have been found by citizens and turned into the police. Many bikes go unclaimed by their owners every year because owners do not have proper information on their bikes.

With warmer weather here, more people will be riding their bikes—especially children and teenagers. Reports that bicycles were stolen from pools or from front yards are common. There are certain things that you, your children and spouses can do to protect your bicycles from theft. In the event the bicycle is stolen, you will be armed with the information needed to give to the police.

First, copy down the serial number on your bike. If you are unsure of where to locate your serial number, visit <http://www.iape.org/TipsAndTricks/BicycleSerialNumbers/index.html>. Next, place another unique identifier on your bike. Engrave a driver's license number such as VA 1234367 DL on the bike. If it is your child's bike, engrave your driver's license number on the bike. Store these numbers in a location that you will have access to them in the event your bicycle is stolen. Serial numbers allow police to enter the bike into the national system for stolen property.

Know identifiers on your bike such as writing, stickers, special additions and any other item that would make the bike stand out. Register your bike with the Sully District Police Station.

Invest in a good quality lock for your bike. There are many different locks, chains, cables and bicycle locking devices available. Some are much stronger than others. You can tell by comparing the thickness of the cables, thickness of the shackle or the lock and whether the lock is "case" hardened. Buy the best lock you can afford and whatever it is, USE IT. The best lock and chain is useless if you leave it wrapped around the seat post or at home in your garage.

When you have your bike at home, keep it out of sight and secured either in a locked garage or in a locked back yard. Never assume your bike will not be taken because it is lying in your yard. PREVENTION is the key.

Information: <http://www.ci.shreveport.la.us/dept/police/HomeSecurity/May%20-%20bikesafe.htm>