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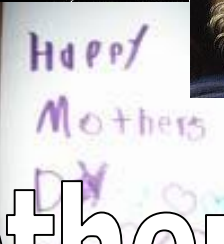
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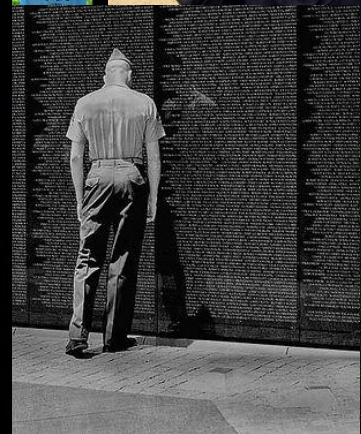
## 9/11/01 Where Were You? Remember and Never Forget!



Happy Mother's Day!



# mother's day memorial day





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**ALL EMPLOYEES ARE  
REQUIRED TO WORK ONE SHIFT ON BLACKOUT DAYS!!**

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  - Sandra Daniel 5/31**
- happy birthday to you!!!

Ben Atkinson

I recently came across the news of this True American Hero and thought I would pass it along. It is men like this that truly give meaning to the term, "Freedom is not Free".

On Sept. 29, 2006, Navy Seal Michael Monsoor was working a sniper patrol in Iraq when an insurgent threw a grenade onto the roof where he and others were stationed.

The grenade hit Monsoor in the chest and bounced to the floor. Mr. Monsoor could have easily jumped out a door to safety but instead threw himself onto the grenade, shielding his teammates from the blast, thereby saving their lives. The following is a quote from one of his his teammates:

"He never took his eye off the grenade, his only movement was down toward it," said a 28-year-old lieutenant who sustained shrapnel wounds to both legs that day. "He undoubtedly saved mine and the other SEALs' lives, and we owe him."

For this heroic action Michael Monsoor was recently the Congressional Medal of Honor (Posthumously).

Jerry Dienes

article to my attention this week. Claudia Koerner with the Arizona Republic wrote a brief column on snakebites. Jerry was savvy enough to share this information with the rest of us. The number of snakebites are increasing as the weather warms and the snakes come out of hibernation. Dr. Frank Loecchio at banner Good Samaritan Hospital stated "Bites are more common between now and September as nighttime temperatures hover in the 80s and 90s.

[Lovecchio] called this time of year "rattlesnake season" and said it's important for people to be aware when outside."

I did some additional research on how to avoid rattlesnake bites, and found the following information.

"People need to realize that a snake bite is a preventable event. More than half of the people we deal with saw the snake, recognized the danger and decided to take actions that put them at greater risk for a bite."

If you come across a rattlesnake, give it a wide berth. Rattlesnakes will not chase or attack things they cannot swallow and will bite only when threatened, or as a last resort.

When someone is bitten, calm and reassure them, decrease movement of the bite area and go immediately to the nearest hospital or medical facility.

Do not use ice, cold packs or a tight tourniquet; do not give the victim alcohol or any drugs; do not wait to see if symptoms develop.

We work many outdoor accounts, so please be aware of your environment to keep yourself and others safe.

Thanks for the info Jerry -Clear

sources:

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# Elizabeth Gill

Greetings everyone,  
 The past month has been incredibly busy, and I really want to take a minute to acknowledge the incredible performances so many of you have put forth. This past month truly ran the gamut from STO changes to Special Events to Concerts and Shows. I have received consistent positive feedback from the latter clients and Ashleigh has been hearing great things from the STO clients. On a regular basis you guys are taking care of each other, from simple things like sharing information and giving timely breaks, to simple kindnesses such as brining lots of sunscreen to share with your co-workers. The general image of professionalism has increased, as has moral and conduct. Specifically, I would like to mention all the guards who worked out at Jobing.com. You truly impressed not only me, but the staff there. I received a veritable TON of accolades on the manner in which you conducted yourselves, and the way you treated the patrons. Those of you who were senior guards there did very well at teaching and training some of the newer guards. Every time you teach someone else what you know and give them constructive criticism, along with the tools to do their job, it strengthens all of us. Country Thunder guards. The event was chaotic at best, and it was awesome to meet with the liquor board and have them tell me that despite all the citations given, they found no fault with us, they saw consistently doing a thorough and diligent job. For that I applaud you. They were long days and hours, and you did well in spite of Mick being your leader. Dodge Theatre. You have formed

a fantastic and educated core out there, and it is very comforting to know that we are able to send newer guards out there ,and you will take care of them and train them to our standards, and yet show them how to enjoy their jobs and have fun. Each of you has stepped up in some capacity to meet the needs of the client and the show, and it truly shows; from both a safety and patron enjoyment status. From the Concerts at Phoenix Muni, to jazz in Glendale, Gay Pride to Red Mountain Ranch, Feeder's Grain to the USAC garage, City Hall to Chase Field to McDowell Mountain Music Festival, ALL of you have put in a huge amount of time, dedication, and heart. Thank you for taking care of this company, the client, the patrons and each other.

It has been great to see the commendations come in from the last month. Having a peer or supervisor take the time to write down that you did a good job is not only personally rewarding, but is financially beneficial when it comes time for reviews. On the flip side, please see if you can take the time to write something positive about someone else. Periodically everyone needs a pat on the back. (Just ask Frank Herbert-- he got 2 "atta boys" this month, and is still blushing and grinning)

On a different note, you will find several articles in this issue directed towards the upcoming hot season. Please do read each of them. Dehydration, sunstroke, and heat exhaustion are VERY dangerous and yet very preventable. Keep the attitude of caring for each other moving forward, and with an eye to the weather. More frequent breaks, sunscreen and LOT'S of water are preventative aids. (Molly-Red Bull is NOT water) Keep an eye

on the patrons too. Remember that as the heat rises- so do tempers. As such, we will have to work a little harder on our tact and diplomacy, as well as problem solving. Always remember you can ask for a supervisors help, that's what they are there for.

In the month ahead, we again have a lot of stuff going on. (like we ever really don't) And with that comes a push to put a little more into our patron interaction. We get very focused (that's why we are so good at what we do) and some times we all need to be reminded to stop and say hello to someone, acknowledge them as an individual and later, thank them for coming and wish them well. I am working on it too, all of us in the office are.

On a "second to last" note, please feel free to email me if you have any questions on any events. I am always happy to email a map or supplement any information with what I may have. Carolyn and Debra do a great job of getting the information they have out to you, and I am always happy to help them in this regard. I'm hard to reach by phone, but LIVE for email. (just ask Tiffany at Cricket :) -love love chica)

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Also, folks, we are working on making some changes and upgrades to the website, so stop by periodically and check it out. Feedback is always appreciated, as is any help that some of you may be able to offer.

Be safe, stay cool, take care of each other.

-Clear.

# Richard "Taz" Zahn

## -TAZ TOOLBOX

In life many things happen to us throughout a single day that can be measured many times around the world. In case you are wondering how far that actually is, I will give you the definition. The equatorial diameter of the Earth (distance from one side of the Earth to the other at the equator) is about 7,926 miles. With that in mind, we have multiple opportunities to change, comment on, reflect, share and the list continues. Find one that fits you and do it every day! Consistently. You will be amazed of the difference in just a short time.

The story below was written by a teacher. A teacher whew knew quite a bit however on this day the teacher, well, became the student.

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second-grade classroom a few years back.

When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students.

It helps them get over shyness and usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow

stuffed under her sweater.

She holds up a snapshot of an infant. "This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday."

"First, Mom and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mom's stomach, and Luke grew in there.

He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord."

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement.

"Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mom starts saying and going, 'Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!'

Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans. "She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!'

Now this kid is doing a hysterical Duck walk and groaning.

"My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man.

They got my Mom to lie down in bed like this." Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall. "And then, pop! My Mom had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!"

This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!

"Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe.

They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from Mom's play-center, so there must be a lot of toys inside there."

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest.

Ever since then, when it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another "Middle Wife" comes along.

Now figure out what you are going to do, do it and be prepared to accept the changes that come in your life. TAZ

## TAZBOX

Just to be thankful, for one thing, will make a difference.

I AM THANKFUL:

FOR THE WIFE WHO SAYS IT'S HOT DOGS TONIGHT, BECAUSE SHE IS HOME WITH ME, AND NOT OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

FOR THE HUSBAND WHO IS ON THE SOFA BEING A COUCH POTATO, BECAUSE HE IS HOME WITH ME AND NOT OUT AT THE BARS.

FOR THE TEENAGER WHO IS COMPLAINING ABOUT DOING DISHES BECAUSE IT MEANS SHE IS AT HOME, NOT ON THE STREETS.

FOR THE TAXES I PAY BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM EMPLOYED .

FOR THE MESS TO CLEAN AFTER A PARTY BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.

FOR THE CLOTHES THAT FIT A LITTLE TOO SNUG BECAUSE IT MEANS



# POST ORDERS

I HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

FOR MY SHADOW THAT WATCHES ME WORK BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM OUT IN THE SUNSHINE

FOR A LAWN THAT NEEDS MOWING, WINDOWS THAT NEED CLEANING, AND GUTTERS THAT NEED FIXING BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE A HOME .

FOR ALL THE COMPLAINING I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT MEANS WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH. .

FOR THE PARKING SPOT I FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE PARKING LOT BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM CAPABLE OF WALKING AND I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH TRANSPORTATION .

FOR MY HUGE HEATING BILL BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM WARM.

FOR THE LADY BEHIND ME IN CHURCH WHO SINGS OFF KEY BECAUSE IT MEANS I CAN HEAR.

FOR THE PILE OF LAUNDRY AND IRONING BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE CLOTHES TO WEAR.

FOR WEARINESS AND ACHING MUSCLES AT THE END OF THE DAY BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF WORKING HARD.

FOR THE ALARM THAT GOES OFF IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM ALIVE.

AND FINALLY, FOR TOO MUCH E-MAIL BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE THINKING OF ME.

Live well, Laugh often, & Love with all of your heart!

Application: start today!

TAZ

TAZ THOUGHTS

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Vince Lombardi

## Jared Evans

Top 10 Ways to Stay Hydrated  
There's no doubt about it. Water is the best way to rehydrate your body.

As for other sources of hydration, many fruits and other foods contain water. Amazingly, meat contains a high percentage of water -- as much as 60%

1. Hamburger
2. Chicken breast
3. Soup, stew, broth
4. Jell-O
5. Grapefruit
6. Grapes
7. Watermelon
8. Fruit juice
9. Sports drinks or flavored waters
10. Smoothies

Jared

## Jeff Swanson

I only have one thing this month. I wanted to remind all of you that drinking is a privilege, not a right. Driving is also a privilege, not a right. But drinking and driving is neither a privilege or a right! If you drink, even one beer and then get behind the wheel of a car, you have not only put yourself at risk, but you have selfishly put everyone else on the road at risk.

It does not matter if you are "drunk", one drink slows down your reaction time whether you think so or not. We all make decisions everyday. Some good, some not so good. This should be an easy one.

I wish you all the best, stay safe out there,  
Jeff

## Marlies Meinhold

Marlies' Notes

Well it's that time again and you know.... I have my monthly gripe this month will be sign in sheets. I have to start by saying everyone has been doing well with the 619 phone, with the exception of people calling the 619 Phone to schedule.... So I would like to start with a Thank you for doing so well with calling the 619 phone to report to your shifts. Now my monthly gripe, sign in sheets. In the column where it says name you need to print your name neatly. If I can not read you name, or if you go by an alias name, I won't know who to pay. Therefore, you will not get paid. Radio column is for a radio, uniform column is for your shirt number, in and out are for your in time and your out time. If you do not put an out time, guess what, you will not get paid. The hours column is for ME. I appreciate the help with totaling the hours, but please leave this column blank; I will take care of totaling the hours. Then the signature is for your signature. So let's work on this. As always I appreciate everyone's help with this, and thank you. Well enough of my monthly gripe.

As we get into warmer weather I always like to bring up how much our bodies need water. I am no where near the example for drinking water, but I am now working on it too. It is very important with the weather heating up, to drink lots of water so our bodies do not get dehydrated.

Water. Your body is made up of mostly of water. Approximately 85% of your brain, 80% of your blood and 70% of your muscle is water. Every cell in your body needs water to live. You can see how important water is to you.

Water helps remove the dangerous toxins that your body takes in from the air you breathe, the food you eat and the chemicals used in the various products you use on your skin and hair. Other things water does for your body is to cushion your joints. Water carries oxygen and nutrients into all your cells. Water also helps regulate your body temperature.

You need water to keep your metabolism working properly. In order for this to happen, there is a certain level of water in each of our bodies that we need to maintain. If we don't keep that amount, our bodies will start to dehydrate. An easy way to think of it is to think of your car's need for oil. If your oil level gets too low, your engine will start to run rough. If you totally deplete your oil supply in your car, your engine will stop running. Same with your body. Therefore it is easy to see why it is very important to drink six to eight glasses of water a day.

Employee of the quarter  
- 4th Quarter 2007

Manny Leivanos

Supervisor of the Quarter  
-4th Quarter 2007

Ruben Ramirez

Employee of the quarter  
- 1st Quarter 2008

Andrea Salinas

Supervisor of the Quarter  
-1st Quarter 2008

Butch Spicer

Some of the things that may happen to your body if you do not have enough water are that your blood pressure can fall to dangerously low levels. Blood clots may form. Your normal kidney function is impaired. You may get terrible constipation.

Some of the signals your body gives you of a low water level are constipation, terribly dry skin, and increased incidence of urinary tract infections and reoccurring headaches.

There are ways other than ingesting

water that are beneficial to your body. A popular way to reduce fever is to take a bath in cool water. This helps bring down your entire body temperature, thus reducing fever. The use of water in this manner is called hydrotherapy. You will probably find you have used one or the other of these methods at some point.

Many people today swear by hydrotherapy as evidence by the many hydrotherapy spas around the world. Hydrotherapy is the therapeutic use of hot or cold water to alleviate or relieve problems. These therapies include steam inhalation, cold compresses, hot baths, showers, steam baths, and whirlpools. Hydrotherapy is often used for sports injuries.

The use of hot water helps to stimulate the immune system. It also increases your body's circulation. Think of how many times you needed a bath to recuperate from a rough day. You soak for

minutes or even hours. When you get out, your body feels less stressed and more relaxed. What do people do after they've had a hard workout? They take a steam bath or relax in a whirlpool.

Cold water is used to reduce inflammation. For example when you sprain your ankle, you use an ice pack to reduce the swelling. A cold water sitz bath (or regular bath if you can stand it) is used to treat constipation, irregular vaginal discharge, hemorrhoids.

Some treatments using alternating hot and cold water are to relieve

upper respiratory problems, congestions, foot infections, and headaches.

### Signs of Dehydration

To counter dehydration, you need to restore the proper balance of water in your body. First, though, you have to recognize the problem.

Thirst is one indicator of dehydration, but it is not an early warning sign. By the time you feel thirsty, you might already be dehydrated. Other symptoms of dehydration include:

feeling dizzy and lightheaded  
 having a dry or sticky mouth  
 producing less urine and darker urine

As the condition progresses, a person will start to feel much sicker as more body systems (or organs) are affected by the dehydration.

### Preventing Dehydration

The easiest way to avoid dehydration is to drink lots of fluids, especially on hot, dry, windy days. Water is usually the best choice. Drinking water does not add calories to your diet and can be great for your health.

The amount that people need to drink will depend on factors like how much water they're getting from foods and other liquids and how much they're sweating from physical exertion.

When you're going to be outside on a warm day, dress appropriately for your activity. Wear loose-fitting clothes and a hat if you can. That will keep you cooler and cut down on sweating. If you do find yourself feeling parched or dizzy, take a break for a few minutes. Sit in the shade or someplace cool and drink water.

If you're participating in sports or strenuous activities, drink some fluids before the activity begins. You should also drink at regular intervals (every 20 minutes or so) during the course of the activity and after the activity ends. The best time to train or play sports is in the early morning or late afternoon to avoid the hottest part of the day.

If you have a stomach bug and you're spending too much time getting acquainted with the toilet, you probably don't feel like eating or drinking anything. But you still need fluids. Take lots of tiny sips of fluids. For some people, ice pops may be easier to tolerate.

Caffeine is a diuretic, meaning it causes a person to urinate (pee) more. It's not clear whether this causes dehydration or not, but to be safe, it's probably a good idea to stay away from too much caffeine in hot weather, during long workouts, or in other situations where you might sweat a lot.

So have a great month, and let's stay hydrated.

## Frank Herbert

Hi y' all...  
 Another month has come and gone...it's funny how you don't really notice how fast time flies until you do something like this on a monthly basis. We're now into the Cricket season, Festival season is pretty much over until Autumn, and Summer is right around the corner...

Training...Marlies has helped me put a Training calendar online on our website. Go to <http://teamsecurity.net/training.htm> and click on "Training Calendar". We are working on streamlining the website, so it might change a little, but for now that is where you can

go to see what training classes are coming up.

Now that the heat is on the rise, let's take a minute to discuss heat related illnesses. Here are some excerpts from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) website for you to review. If you would like to see the full article, go to: [www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat\\_guide.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp)

## Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. It is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt contained in sweat. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

### Recognizing Heat Exhaustion

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Seek medical attention immediately if any of the following occurs:

- Symptoms are severe
- The victim has heart problems or high blood pressure





Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour.

What to Do

Cooling measures that may be effective include the following:

- Cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Rest
- Cool shower, bath, or sponge bath
- An air-conditioned environment

Lightweight clothing

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106°F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

Recognizing Heat Stroke

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following:

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion

Unconsciousness What to Do

If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have

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someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Do the following:

- Get the victim to a shady area.
- Cool the victim rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.
- Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F.
- If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.
- Do not give the victim fluids to drink.

Get medical assistance as soon as possible. Let's make sure that we are keeping an eye on each other out there. If you see any of your colleagues out there exhibiting any of these symptoms, notify a supervisor immediately so we can address it.

That is all I have for this month, We'll see y'all next time.

Frank Herbert

you are left not knowing what to do. I know I've heard a lot of people say they want to be roamers but I don't think they realize how much work it involves. You are supposed to be constantly walking around the event, keeping your eyes out on things going on and sometimes walking a radio out to an employee involves a LOT of walking, especially if it's on the other side of the whole event. You are also supposed to give everyone their breaks before you take your own break, which means you have to be selfless in a sense. I like the position because I like being able to take care of the employees and make sure they have everything they need. It also gave me a chance to meet some of the newer employees I've never met before. I enjoyed working with each and every one of you out at the event and hopefully I'll see you some more out in the field.

Remember to keep a positive attitude. It's infectious and can influence others!

Take care,

Ashboo

Ashleigh Gaylord

Hey everyone. Hope everything is going great. I just worked the McDowell Mountain Music Festival at West World this past weekend. It was an interesting crowd and I enjoyed the event. It was a lot of hard work. I was a roamer most of the time, giving breaks to everyone on post. When you are a roamer it's always important to ask the guard you are relieving for a break what their duties are - otherwise



## Mick Hirko

When I first started in the business many years ago, it was as a stagehand. I was working for Armed Forces Radio in Germany, and we got tickets to go to concerts. I was hooked on the atmosphere the very first show. Soon, through a radio connection, I got hooked up with one of the big promoters, and I got hired as a stagehand. It was a little weird at first, being an American with all German stagehands. I became friends with one of the crew chiefs, and soon the fact that I could actually communicate with the tour staff became a big asset. Over the next few years, I did it all, from stagehand, humper (not what you think), loader, rigger, lighting tech, spot operator, show security, production assistant, Production Manager and then finally Stage Manager and Tour Production Manager. It was a life time ago, and I have many great memories. When I moved back here to the U.S., all that did not matter, and I had to start all over. I eventually worked myself into a position as loader again. Loaders have the worst job in the business. You come in first, and leave last. A Loader does just that – unloads and loads the trucks. Every piece has a place, and they are all loaded tight. Of course the heavy cases are all on top. It is backbreaking work, but no one messes with you. If you screw up, you get sent to the loaders. The loaders want nothing to do with guys who screw up, because those are the guys that will get you hurt or killed. If a load shifts on a truck and you are between it and the wall, they can mail your remains to the funeral home in an envelope. It gets very hot in there. There is no air conditioning in the back of trucks. As a matter of fact, there is no air movement. You literally are the first one in, and you do not leave at the end of the night

until the last truck door is closed. Every piece goes in the truck in a particular order, and nothing stays on its wheels, so every piece gets lifted or flipped. Loaders for the most part are a very unfriendly bunch, and don't put up with a lot of crap, except from the truck driver. Everybody else just appreciated them. The reason I mention this, is that we have a group of people that work with us that are not unlike loaders. They are our logistics department. Not only do they come in first, long before any of you do, and show up to tear down after you all have had a long hard day in the sun, but they stay for many hours afterwards, tearing down, packing up and getting everything back. They pack all of the orders before the events, making sure that you all get all the tools you need to do your job, and all the thanks they get is: "Hey, this hand mic doesn't work", from the same guy who was using the mic as a yo-yo. No one ever attaches a note to a broken piece of equipment, but everybody complains when something does not work. How are they supposed to know something is not working, if no one tells them? The pack every uniform, fold it and put it in an air tight bag, to make sure you all get clean, wrinkle free uniforms. They get back a dirty pile. They work very hard to make us all look good. Next time they ask you to give them a hand, help them, or at the very least, thank them for the hard work they do. Without them, we would all look really bad. Jeff, Vinnie, Andrea, Ivan, Ray and Eric – Thank you. You guys rock!

May 11th through the 17th is National Law Enforcement Week. It is the one week where the nearly hundred new names annually are

unveiled at the National Memorial in Washington, DC, and many celebrations are held nationwide to celebrate and honor the work of all Police Officers. I have been to the Memorial in Washington. It is sobering, like the Vietnam Memorial, and even more so, since I know the names of several of the officers who's names are engraved there. The names that are immortalized there are those of the officers who died in the line of duty. It is too many names. We live in an age where there is often little respect for police officers, and where it seems that criminals no longer have the moral hurdle that once made them hesitate before they shot at a police officer. Like our military, police officers are that very thin line between our lives that way we know it, and the enemy taking over. It is a tough and often thankless job. Try to take a minute, and instead of thinking about the last time you got pulled over and got a ticket from a cop, and instead how his or her presence may have prevented you being the victim of a crime, or being out there is keeping your neighborhood safe. Thank a police officer for doing their job with unwavering integrity, honor and pride. Fly a fly ribbon from you car antenna to show your support of the men and women in law enforcement, and try and remember that they do not often get credit for the work they do, and very few people have any idea how much they do each and every day to keep us all safe. Keep the peace, be safe, and I'll see you out there.

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Cars- everyone has there own opinion.on the makers, and I just want to clear things up in a funny way. (no actually derogatory meaning meant by this article).

### The Car Acronyms

-only a few: Because I don't know what all employees drive.

CADILLAC: Crazy And Demented Idiots Like Large American Cars.

CHEVROLET: Can Hear Every Valve Rattle On Long Extended Trips. There are heaps more for those who are interested, second in popularity only to Ford (see below)

CHRYSLER: Can't Have Refund, You're Stuck Leasing Edsel's Replacement. Company Has Recommended You Start Learning Engine Repair!

DODGE: Drips Oil, Drops Grease Everywhere. (I've got one and every word is true!) And how about - Dad's Old Dead Garage Experiment. And - Don't Over Drive Gutless Engines.

FORD: Of all car names, Ford has the most entries; Fix Or Repair Daily; Fast Only Rolling Downhill; First (or Fails) On Race Day; Found On Road Dead; Funding Our Retirement Daily; and perhaps best of all: Driver Returning On Foot (Ford spelled backwards!)

GMC: Greatest Made Chevy

HONDA: Had One Never Did Again; Hold On, 'Nother Dummy Arriving; plus (and this is a true rarity among these acronyms) one that says something positive about the car - Happy Owners Never Drive Anything (else)

HYUNDAI: A bitter one - Hope You Understand Nothing's Driveable And Inexpensive; Hang Your Underwear Anywhere Inside

ISUZU: It Sucks, Unless Zero Used

JEEP: Once again, a bitter one - Junk Engineering Executed Poorly; Just Enough Engine Power

KIA: Kick It Again; Keep It Away; Kill It Anyway, Not bad for a company with a name that sounds like Xena Warrior Princess' battle cry.

MAZDA: Mostly Always Zipping Dangerously Along; Made After Zero Design Analysis. Z's are always hard to work into these things

NISSAN: Needs Imminent Salvage So Abandon Now. You have been warned!

OLDSMOBILE: Someone worked hard on these - Old Ladies Driving Slowly Make Others Behind Infuriatingly Late Everyday; and another - Old Ladies Drive Slow - Mostly Off Bridges Into Lake Erie!

PLYMOUTH: Please Let Your Mother Out Under The Hood!

PONTIAC: People On Narcotics Think It's A Cadillac

SUBARU: Screwed Up Beyond All Repair Usually

SUV: Not a brand, I know, but most places are inundated with them - Selfish Useless Vehicles, SubUrban Vans, Stupid Ugly & Vain

SUZUKI: Space Usually Zero Unless Kids Inside

TOYOTA: The One You Ought To Avoid, They Overcharge You On Their Accessories, and Take Off Your Over-sized Tires Asshole

TRIUMPH: A cry of despair from the heart here - This Really Is Unreliable Man, Please Help; and another - Tried Repairing It Until My Parts Hurt!

VW: Very Weird; Virtually Worthless. Some literary giant has also rummaged through the Roget's Thesaurus and had a go at: VOLKSWAGEN: Vehicle Owners - Losers Knowingly Suffering With All German Engineered Non-sense. Doesn't quite work, but a good effort!

For more go to [http://www.dunkworld.com/car\\_acronyms.htm](http://www.dunkworld.com/car_acronyms.htm).

Try because it's a good one <http://www.hotrodscustomstuff.com/humor-09.html>.

So everyone should stop saying CRAP about the makers. Its probably the driver that messed up the vehicle.

-Samantha Williams

(I drive a FORD

Fabulous Outclass Re-done Dodge)

