

# A Calm Evening at The Crosses

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**A**t a peaceful Memorial Day event Monday evening, an estimated 250 people gathered at "The Crosses" in Lafayette.

There was live music, and many participants joined in singing songs, some dating back to the Vietnam era, such as "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" Several speakers addressed the crowd, including the hillside's owner, Louise Clark, and Chris Donton, one of the organizers of the Crosses installation.

A heartfelt speech was given by Gold Star mother Nadia McCaffrey, who lost her son Patrick in the conflict on June 22, 2004. She talked about her grief, her fight to try to make sense of her loss and her latest project, a non-profit organization called Veterans Village. Veterans Village provides support services to veterans when they come home (for more information go to <http://veteransvillage.org>).

Moments of silence allowed those at the gathering time to reflect and remember the ultimate sacrifice men and women in the military have made for our country.



Chris Donton addresses the gathering

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Presented by the Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission along with the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and the Lafayette Police Department

**Date:** Tuesday, June 19th, 2007

**Time:** 7:00PM—8:30PM

**Location:** Lafayette Community Center  
500 St. Mary's Road  
Manzanita Room

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