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Song by Local Musician Remembers Fallen Soldiers

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Crosses on the hillside in Lafayette Photo Jennifer Wake

Lafayette musician and teacher Laura Zucker expresses her emotions through her music. On Memorial Day of 2007, coming back from a folk song festival, she saw the crosses being erected on the hill opposed to BART in Lafayette. Her heart sank, thinking of the soldiers and their mothers and verses started forming in her mind, "We will never lose another child to war. That's not what a mother's tears are for." She wrote the song called "Memorial Day" that she has since sung numerous times at the hillside memorial, for blue and gold star mothers, and in concerts. "Some have tried to politicize this song, but I don't want that," says the musician, who teaches at Lamorinda Music in Lafayette. "We need to remember those young people all the time, not only one day a year, and focus on honoring them." Part of Zucker's album, "A Step Ahead," you can listen to the song on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoLhLv5NGC4>.

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