

Newsletter

May, 2008

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month—a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Zealand, Hawaiian Midway Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Polynesia and Easter commemorative Heritage Month congressional bill. In Frank Horton of New Mineta of California resolution that called proclaim the first ten Asian/Pacific Heritage month, senators Spark Matsunaga bill in the Senate. October 5, 1978, Carter signed a Joint designating the Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

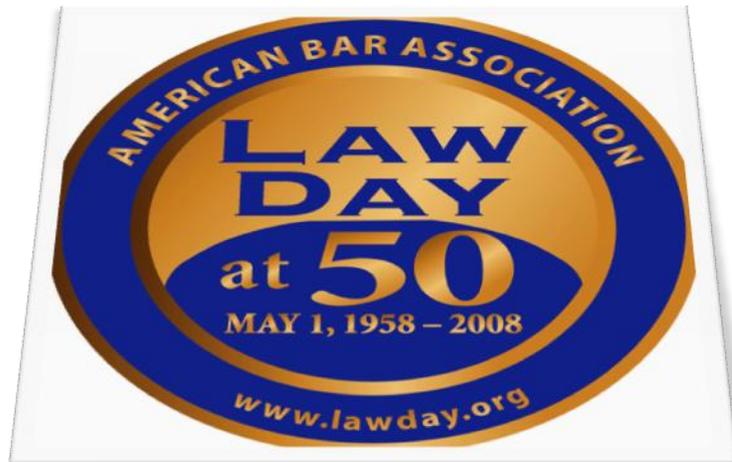


LAW DAY

May, 1

America's legal system is central to protecting the constitutional principles on which our Nation was founded. As we observe Law Day, we celebrate our heritage of freedom, justice, and equality under the law. Throughout our Nation's history, we have been reminded repeatedly of the wisdom of the Framers' design. Our system of separation of powers has safeguarded our liberties and helped ensure that we remain a government of

laws. Law Day is an occasion for us to celebrate our Constitution and to honor those in the judiciary and legal profession who work to uphold and serve its principles.



At the American Corner:

Presentation:

“Introduction to the United States Law”

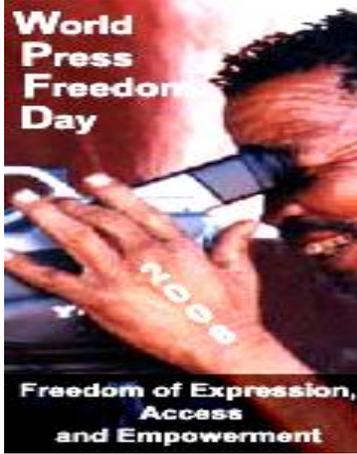
May, 12 at 18:00 o`clock

<http://iec.state.gov/home/iec/law-day>

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WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

MAY, 3



Freedom of Expression, Access and Empowerment

Freedom of Expression is a fundamental human right as stated in Article 19 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. This is especially worth recalling as we mark the 60th anniversary of that declaration.

At this year's World Press Freedom Day celebration, UNESCO would like to explore how media freedom and access to information feed into the wider development objective of empowering people. Empowerment is a multi-dimensional social and political process that helps people gain control over their own lives. This can only be achieved through access to accurate, fair and unbiased information, representing a plurality of opinions, and the means to actively communicate vertically and horizontally, thereby participating in the active life of the community.

At the American Corner:

HANDOUTS: THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

For further reading visit:
<http://portal.unesco.org/>

WORLD RED CROSS DAY

May, 8



Celebrated each year since 1948, World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day falls on the birthday of Henry Dunant of Switzerland, the founder of the Red Cross.

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Memorial Day May, 26



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in American nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

<http://images.google.com/images?gbv=2&hl=en&q=memorial+day>
<http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>

New Titles at the American Corner Tetovo

- ❖ *Corkscrew* by **Ted Wood**
- ❖ *Spy Catcher* by **Peter Wright**
- ❖ *Country Brides* by **Debbie Macomber**
- ❖ *B is for Burglar* by **Sue Grafton**
- ❖ *The Horse Whisperer* by **Nicholas Evans**
- ❖ *Colorado* by **Dana Fuller Ross**
- ❖ *The Prodigal Daughter* by **Jeffrey Archer**
- ❖ *Chicken Soup for the Woman`s Soul*
- ❖ *The Book of Lists*

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MAY CALENDAR

MONTHLY PROGRAM 2008

Saturday May 3, 2008

Handouts: The First Amendment and Freedom of the Press

Tuesday May 6, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana and Melissa- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday May 7, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Video Showing – Series "About America" – by Ken Burns`. Episode 6 "Huey Long"

Thursday May 8, 2008, at 13:00 o`clock

Children Hour- with PCV Caitlin Steele

Monday May 12, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

**Presentation by Ryan Quinn, Peace Corps Volunteer
" Introduction to United States Law"**

Tuesday May 13, 2008, at 16:00 o`clock

**Presentation by Myra M. Brown, Information Resource Officer at American
Embassy in Rome
"The History of Black Music"**

Tuesday May 13, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana and Melissa- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday May 14, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Video Showing – Series "About America" – by Ken Burns`. Episode 7 "The Shakers"

Tuesday May 20, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana and Melissa- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday May 21, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Video Showing – "America 1900"- part 1



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Thursday May 22, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock
Presentation by Fulbright Student, Erin Traeger
"E-commerce: Buying and Selling Online"

Tuesday May 27, 2008, at 18:30 o`clock
Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana and Melissa- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday May 28, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock
Video Showing "America 1900"- part 2

Thursday May 29, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock
Presentation by Amy Storrow, Assistant Public Affairs Officer and Gazmend Ilazi,
Educational Affairs Assistant at the American Embassy- Skopje
"The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program"

Every Wednesdays at 10:00 and Saturdays at 11:00 o`clock:
English Courses for Children with Avni Tahiri and Islam Alia

Please Note: American Corner Tetovo will be closed
on Thursday May 1, in observance Labor Day;
on Saturday May 24, in observance of Saint Cyril and Methodius Day and
on Monday May 26, in observance of Memorial Day