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Metro Blue Liners to Honor the Fallen at Memorial Day Concert

- Blue Liners play at Metro Café on Thursday at noon

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(May 25, 2010) For Metro Copy Center operator Raul Gomez, Memorial Day is more than an extra day off to kick-back and enjoy a barbeque with friends and family.

"I used to think like that," he said, remembering the morning a little more than five years ago when an Army Chaplain delivered the tragic news that his cousin, [U.S. Army Specialist Sergio Gudino](#), had been killed in action on Christmas Day when a roadside bomb detonated next to the tank he was driving during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq.

"Our whole world changed that morning," said Gomez. "We never thought we'd be impacted by what was going on over there. When the news hit, we were devastated and still are. Memorial Day hasn't been the same since and neither have I."

Gudino was married and had a 3-year-old son, Cyrus. He was the son of Victor Gudino, a former SCRTD employee who worked as a revenue mechanic from 1978 through 1984.

In memory of his cousin and all those who've given their lives in service to their country, Gomez and his fellow Metro Blue Liners will present a selection of patriotic music in a lunch-time concert appearance in the Gateway Café, Thursday, May 27 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

"It's the very least we can do," said Gomez. "We just want everyone to take a few moments and remember what sacrifices Sergio and so many others have made on their behalf."



Poster by Raul Gomez