




FALLEN HEROES DAY

40th
Anniversary



MAY 2, 2025



Fallen Heroes Day is a tribute to Maryland's police and correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and rescue personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow citizens.

2024 - 2025 FALLEN HEROES



Mstr FF Michael T. Warfel
March 20, 2018
Montgomery Co. Fire & Rescue Service



Deputy Chief William F. Goddard III
September 1, 2021
Prince George's County Fire/EMS Dept.



Lt. Richard E. Blankenship Jr.
December 20, 2021
Howard Co. Dept. of Fire and Rescue Svcs.



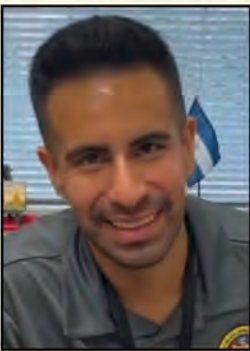
Deputy Sheriff Corey D. McElroy
December 20, 2022
Garrett County Sheriff's Office



Officer Daoud A. Mingo
December 13, 2023
Baltimore Police Department



Chief Kevin E. Morgan
April 13, 2024
Boonsboro Police Department



Agent Davis G. Martinez
May 31, 2024
MD Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Svcs.



Sergeant Brenda J. Lowery
June 4, 2024
Cecil County Sheriff's Office



Lt. Christopher J. Higgins
January 11, 2025
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION



Captain Charles P. Ditch
December 25, 1953
Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department



Lieutenant Joseph A. Stigler
December 25, 1953
Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department



Sergeant Wallace J. Mowbray
August 10, 1975
Maryland State Police



OPENING PROCESSION

<i>THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER</i>	Captain Kirsten Koenig Baltimore County Fire Department
<i>GOD BLESS AMERICA</i>	Hereford High School Chamber Choir David Sobel, Director
INVOCATION	Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr. Maryland State Firefighters Association
WELCOME	Mary Beth Marsden Artist and Local Broadcaster
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Scott Garceau Baltimore Sportscaster
<i>EACH ONE A FIGHTER</i>	Bonnie Kabara and Jon Wikstrom Singers and Songwriters
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	The Honorable Aruna K. Miller Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION	Lieutenant Governor Aruna K. Miller Lynne Parry, President, Concerns of Police Survivors Sean Carroll, Director of Government Relations, NFFF
<i>ON EAGLES WINGS</i>	Hereford High School Chamber Choir
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	The Honorable Katherine A. Klausmeier Baltimore County Executive
<i>A GREAT ONE SUCH AS YOU</i>	Bonnie Kabara and Jon Wikstrom
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	Lynne Parry, President, Concerns of Police Survivors Fallen Hero Survivor, 2002
<i>BE MY ANGEL</i>	Jon Wikstrom Singer and Songwriter
2024 - 2025 FALLEN HEROES	Lieutenant Governor Aruna K. Miller
MARYLAND'S 9/11 ROLLING MEMORIAL	Chuck Ritz
WREATH-LAYING	Lieutenant Governor Aruna K. Miller Children of Fallen Heroes
BENEDICTION	Chief Chaplain John F. Long, Jr.
RIFLE VOLLEY	Maryland State Police
TAPS	Lt. Jeff Shilling, Howard Co. Dept. of Fire and Rescue Svcs. PM Will Kennan, Baltimore County Fire Department
FLYOVER	

"They are ours forever, their deeds woven into our lives forever. Their deaths were part of the life of this state . . .
What they did was profound. It is part of us now, part of the record of a community, part of the history of
this small place on earth we call our home."

Dan Rodricks
Keynote Address, Fallen Heroes Day 1986

FALLEN HEROES BURIED OR ENTOMBED IN DULANEY VALLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS

Paul N. Mitchell 1977
Anne Arundel County Police Department

Edgar J. Rumpf, Jr. 1978
Baltimore Police Department

Robert J. Wacker 1980
Maryland State Police

John W. Burch 1981
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company

Gary L. Wade 1982
Maryland State Police

Robert Guary 1983
Maryland State Police

Samuel Snyder 1983
Baltimore County Police Department

Walter J. Bawroski 1984
Baltimore County Fire Department

Henry W. Rayner, Jr. 1984
Baltimore County Fire Department

James A. Kimbel 1984
Baltimore County Fire Department

Marcellus Ward 1984
Baltimore Police Department

Robert Alexander, Jr. 1986
Baltimore Police Department

Robert W. Zimmerman 1986
Baltimore County Police Department

Albert C. Howard 1988
Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company

William J. Martin 1989
Baltimore Police Department

Theodore D. Wolf 1990
Maryland State Police

John N. Plummer 1991
Baltimore City Fire Department

Eddie Arthur 1991
Baltimore City Fire Department

Herbert B. Campbell 1992
Middle River Volunteer Fire Company

Mark Patrick Groner 1992
Maryland State Police

Herman A. Jones 1993
Baltimore Police Department

Gerald Michael Armiger 1994
Baltimore Police Department

Alton Glento Warren 1994
Baltimore City Fire Department

Eric Dorian Schaefer 1995
Baltimore City Fire Department

Owen Eugene Sweeney, Jr. 1997
Baltimore Police Department

Clarence Nalley, Jr. 1998
Baltimore City Fire Department

Harold J. Carey 1998
Baltimore Police Department

Barry W. Wood 1998
Baltimore Police Department

Bruce A. Prothero 2000
Baltimore County Police Department

Jamie A. Roussey 2000
Baltimore Police Department

Kevon M. Gavin 2000
Baltimore Police Department

John D. Platt 2000
Baltimore Police Department

Kevin J. McCarthy 2000
Baltimore Police Department

John W. Stem, Sr. 2000
Baltimore County Police Department

Edward M. Toatley 2000
Maryland State Police

Jason C. Schwenz 2001
Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office

Michael J. Cowdery, Jr. 2001
Baltimore Police Department

Raymond S. Bosley 2001
Baltimore County Fire Department

Mark F. Parry 2002
Baltimore County Police Department

Crystal D. Sheffield 2002
Baltimore Police Department

Walter A. Taylor, Jr. 2003
Baltimore Police Department

Thomas F. Brown 2003
Baltimore County Fire Department

Anthony Jones 2004
Maryland State Police

Connie C. Bornman 2004
*Middle River Volunteer Ambulance
Rescue Company*

Brian D. Winder 2004
Baltimore Police Department

Jack C. Zoppo 2004
Baltimore City Fire Department

Grant F. Turner 2005
Maryland Transportation Authority Police

Anthony A. Byrd 2006
Baltimore Police Department

Robert T. Krauss 2006
Maryland Transportation Authority Police

Allan M. Roberts 2006
Baltimore City Fire Department

William H. Beebe, Jr. 2006
Harford County Sheriff's Office

Troy L. Chesley, Sr. 2007
Baltimore Police Department

Scott A. Wheeler 2007
Howard County Police Department

Courtney G. Brooks 2008
Maryland Transportation Authority Police

Michael P. Howe 2008
Baltimore County Police Department

Mickey C. Lippy 2008
Maryland State Police

Tonya M. Mallard 2008
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department

Brian D. Neville 2008
Baltimore County Fire Department

Samuel Hicks 2008
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Thomas E. Rice, Sr. 2009
Baltimore County Fire Department

Hector I. Ayala 2010
Montgomery County Police Department

James E. Fowler, III 2010
Baltimore Police Department

Thomas R. Portz, Jr. 2010
Baltimore Police Department

Mark G. Falkenhan 2011
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company

Shaft S. Hunter 2011
Maryland State Police

Gene M. Kirchner 2013
Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Company

Jason L. Schneider 2013
Baltimore County Police Department

James E. Bethea 2014
Baltimore City Fire Department

Robert W. Fogle, III 2014
Baltimore County Fire Department

Mark F. Logsdon 2016
Harford County Sheriff's Office

Sean M. Suiter 2017
Baltimore Police Department

Amy S. Caprio 2018
Baltimore County Police Department

Nathan E. Flynn 2018
*Howard County Department
of Fire & Rescue*

Robert A. Jones 2022
Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company

Paul R. Butrim 2022
Baltimore City Fire Department

Kelsey R. Sadler 2022
Baltimore City Fire Department

Kenneth A. Lacayo 2022
Baltimore City Fire Department

Wayne V. Fisher 2022
*Harford County Volunteer
Fire & EMS Foundation*

Rodney W. Pitts, III 2023
Baltimore City Fire Department

Dillon J. Rinaldo 2023
Baltimore City Fire Department

Davis G. Martinez 2024
*Maryland Department of
Public Safety and Correctional Services*

Today is the 40th annual Fallen Heroes Day in Maryland. The Fallen Heroes Day Memorial Service and Healing Hearts Reception have been made possible by the goodwill and the support of the following: Fallen Hero survivors; police, fire and rescue, and emergency medical departments statewide; firefighters associations and unions; FOP lodges; and the dedicated employees of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. The 2025 Fallen Heroes Day pin was designed by local artist Kellie M. Hubbard.

John Warfield Armiger, Sr., founder of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, established the Fallen Heroes Memorial in 1976. In 1986, his son, John W. Armiger, Jr., brought his late father's dream to fruition by sponsoring the very first Fallen Heroes Day ceremony, honoring those who have lost their lives in the performance of their public safety duties. This ceremony continues through the generosity of the John O. Mitchell family, the owners of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. Next year, please join us on May 1, 2026.