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2004 Membership Drive is Under Way!



MAC BARRETT, VP, DEVELOPMENT

The backbone of all successful non-profit organizations is the breadth of the individuals who support it, both financially and through their gift of volunteer time," states Mac Barrett, Vice President for Development for NFDF, and Vice President for Communications at McCormick & Company. "The National Flag Day Foundation is no different, and our Membership Drive 'Be a Star' is reaching out to hundreds of volunteers,

current and future friends of the Foundation to encourage their joining this fine organization."

There are several membership levels offering various benefits, ranging from \$25 to \$10,000 and beyond for some of our most generous supporters. The 2004 budget is \$160,000, supporting our various educational projects such as the Living American Flag Program, and our celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. "A strong membership also allows us to be creative with new programming," states Barrett, noting that "the mission of the National Flag Day Foundation has always been educational, an

area we are currently seeking to expand through new and innovative programs."

To join as a member of the National Flag Day Foundation, Inc. call the Foundation at 410-563-3524, or watch your mailbox for a "Be a Star!" mailing in late spring.



Thanks also to Development Committee members Bill Roberts/Susan Butta of Verizon; George Wills of Wills & Associates; and Rex Matthews of M&T Bank.

The Committee Chair is Bob Delisle; committee members are Doug Barth; Doug Bayliss; Mr/Mrs Matt Bogdan; Lee Burlage; Randy Burnett; Mr/Mrs. Ed Chavatel; Joe Coale; Ed Dunker; Al Eberwein; Mr/Mrs John Furman; Alan Gephardt; Urie Glass; Mr/Mrs. Philip Haxel; Sam Hottle; Linda Kaucher; Joe Loosmoore; Jett Mayhew; Bill Myers; Frank Procter; Jim Rogers; Scott Sheads; Carr Shepp; Sam Smith; Mark Steindler; Jim Steinmeier; Charles Strickfaden; Vince Vaise; Alan Walden; Lynn Haxel Warner; and Jack Watters.

Legacy Gifts & Memorial Funds



Planned gifts are a way to continue supporting all that is great in America: our youth, patriotism, and responsible citizenship! Donors will feel the satisfaction of knowing they've helped to keep this country strong.

The National Flag Day Foundation can continue to educate students, and carry on the Pause for the Pledge across our great nation. In addition, they provide an added charitable income tax deduction. For more information, please call Mac Barrett at 410-563-3524.

Pause For The Pledge

June 14th is more than just another day, especially in Baltimore. For it was here that the Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance first took place a quarter of a century ago. Thanks to Louis V. Koerber, Herbert E. Witz and Richard M. Patterson, Charter Members of the National Flag Day Foundation. Baltimore leads the nation in the recitation of the words through which the citizens of these United States salute their national totem, the confection of red, white, and blue that tells the world who and what we are. It was on June 14th, 1777

that the newly formed Congress of the United States chose the stars and stripes pattern for the Flag of a remarkable new nation.

On June 14th, 2004 that decision will be reaffirmed by Americans everywhere, dedicated now as always to, "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



The Living American Flag Celebrating 25th Program



- 1914 First Human Flag Formed.
- NFDF renews LAF Flag Program.
- Since 1984, over 60,000 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from public, private and home study schools from all of Baltimore City and Maryland's County Schools join together at Fort McHenry.
- Historical characters have been an integral part of the program since 1989.
- Haxel award, since 1999.

The LAF Committee is chaired by Art Beneckson, with Thanks also to the Members of the Committee: Art Beneckson, Chair; Owen Crabb, Co-chair; Brad Bradford, Advisor, Alice Anderson, Mary Benson, Mr/Mrs. Matt Bogdan,

Brad Bradford, Lee Burlage, Sandy Caldwell, Molly Chabalowski, Owen Crabb, Barbara Gaddis, Alan Gephardt, Mr/Mrs. Philip Haxel, Frank Kaufmann, Eve Lallas, Jett Mayhew, Dominic (Mickey) Mezzanotte, Ed Novak, Pat Pomeroy, Linda Safran, Marie Sasse, Scott Sheads, Nancy Smith, Barry Steel, Charles Strickfaden, Maxine Trussell, Vince Vaise and Lynn Haxel Warner.

"To educate the public about the need for national unity."

A broad range of educational materials are available on the Foundation's website at www.flagday.org for teachers, community organizations, children and adults. Materials include flag etiquette, patriotic songs, classroom resources, history of the Flag, and historical characters. The Foundation works closely with Department of Education representatives to ensure compliance with Maryland State requirements. This year, our website had 10,058 visitors who accessed educational materials to use in classrooms across the nation!

5th Annual Louis V. Koerber Patriotism Award Luncheon a Huge Success!



L-R: A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, Henry Rosenberg and Mayo A. Shattuck, III, President, CEO, & Chairman of the Board, Constellation Energy Group

The Louis V. Koerber Patriotism Award was created to honor a citizen who has offered extraordinary service and support to educate the public about the meaning of the Flag, the need for national unity, and to raise the awareness of the American people of the history, the spirit, the legacy and the promise of our Flag. This year's honoree was A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard. Mr. Krongard is the Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and former Chairman and CEO of Alex Brown, Inc. He has had a remarkable career in both the public and private sectors. During the luncheon, the

Maryland Sings performers provided inspiring entertainment.

PAST HONOREES HAVE INCLUDED:

- 2002:** General Larry R. Ellis, Commanding General, US Army Forces Command
- 2001:** Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools
- 2000:** Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Comptroller of Maryland
- 1999:** MG(Ret) James F. Fretterd, The Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard.

"We are really moving in the right direction."

Star-Spangled Banner 50-State Living American Flag Project

A key program under development is the Star-Spangled Banner 50-State Living American Flag project. The NFDF seeks to expand the Annual LAF Event held in Baltimore to all 50 states. A local Task Force under the leadership of Michael Greenberg, Vice President, SunTrust Bank, and R. Karl Aumann, Secretary of



State for Maryland are actively working with representatives from the National Association Secretaries of State to organize this effort. "We are really moving in the right direction," says Mike Greenberg, I owe a lot of thanks to my committee for all of their hard work." On February 15th The 50-State Living American Flag Presentation Team (Ranger Scott Sheads from Fort

McHenry; Alan Gephardt, who plays the historical figure Francis Scott Key in the LAF program and Executive Director of the Carroll Mansion and Phoenix Shot Tower; and Danielle Taylor, who plays the historical figure Harriet Tubman in the LAF program and First Grade teacher at Church Creek Elementary School in Harford County) made a presentation at the National Secretaries of State Winter Conference on the 50-State Living American Flag program.

President's Corner

Welcome to this first issue of the National Flag Day newsletter. Our committee reporters and vice president Pat Perluke, who with our administrator, Linda Bishop have produced an award-winning publication. On behalf of the Board of Directors and our Friends, we thank you very much. This newsletter will be delivered to our volunteers and to our many friends who support us with their contributions and their gifts-in-kind. Their generosity has made it possible for the Foundation to continue its national educational and patriotic programs for citizens of all ages every year since 1982. We invite you to join us, with your fellow citizens, at one of our programs and see for yourself the wonderful patriotic feeling you will experience as we celebrate our nation's 228th birthday this year.



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Board Member Showcase



Major General Bruce F. Tuxill is the Adjutant General for the state of Maryland, responsible for all policies,

programs and plans affecting more than nine thousand men and women of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Defense Force. He also serves as the official channel of communication between the governor and the National Guard Bureau, as well as a member of the governor's cabinet. In the event of mobilization, should the

state receive a presidential call to duty in times of war, national emergency, or operational contingency, the adjutant general exercises command responsibilities and provides a force in readiness. With the NFDF, General Tuxill chairs the Leadership Recruitment Committee and serves on the Government Relations Committee, as well as the Board of Directors.

Volunteer Showcase

Michael S. Craft, AIA, NCARB



Mr. Craft is a co-founder and principal of Marshall Craft Associates, Inc., specializing in healthcare,

education, corporate and Department of Defense work. Married, with two sons, he is a licensed architect with more than

25 years of experience in the design and construction industry. He is a member of a number of professional and civic organizations. Mr. Craft first starting working for the National Flag Day Foundation in the spring of 1986, with the Living American Flag program with Ron McCarty who was the assistant to Mr. Delbert Adams, President of Ilex Construction and Development, Inc., the first chair of this program. The following year, Mr. Craft took over as Chair and continued until 1991, at which time he directed his attention to the logistics for

this program. In 1995, Mr. Craft added the logistics and permitting for the Annual National Pause For The Pledge of Allegiance program onto his duties and continued to do both through 2003. As a member of the Board from 1996 until 2003, Mr. Craft participated in the drafting of the first Five Year Strategic Plan for the NFDF Board. His involvement with NFDF has also included the Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and 50-State Living American Flag Project.



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20th Annual Living American Flag Program - 2003

 Fort McHenry National Monument
and Historic Shrine Baltimore, Maryland

Letters to the Editor

JCTUP@...com asked: **Where can I find words and music for "Anchors Aweigh?"** His reply, after receiving an answer.

Thanks for the info. I have a grandson in the Navy and he was home this week and we went to a program honoring all the Services. When they played a trilogy of all the Services he said the one that was sung for the Navy was not the one he knew so I sent this on to him to see if either of these are the ones they sing in the Navy! I had not heard the original one in a long time myself. Thanks again

Laurie M, daughter of a proud Marine asks: My mother was presented the flag at my father's memorial service last month. We are purchasing a case to put the flag in to keep it protected when it isn't being flown. Our question is this: If we pull out part of the flag so the stars and the stripes both show in the case are we violating proper flag etiquette? This is very important to us and we would like to do what is right. Thanks for your help.

Interestingly, the Flag Code does not require that the flag need be folded. Hence what you propose would not be considered a breach of flag etiquette. However, people who are familiar with the use of the flag shadow box would question this, as most are familiar with only the union being displayed when the flag is folded in the traditional manner. I hope this helps.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 25, 2004 □ 9:00 am-12:00 noon
The 21st Annual Living American Flag Program
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
Baltimore, Maryland

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Tuesday, May 25, 2004 □ 12:30 -2:30 p.m.
50 State Living American Flag Program & Workshop
The Naval Reserve Center, Fort Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

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FLAG DAY, Monday, June 14, 2004 9:00 a.m.
Flag Raising Ceremony
The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House & 1812 Museum
844 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
This year the program will be held at the newly opened Flag House phone # 410-837-1793

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FLAG DAY, Monday, June 14, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
25th Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
Baltimore, Maryland

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Saturday, August 7, 2004 12—5:00 p.m.
Volunteer Recognition Event
Morris Meadows Museum, Freeland, Maryland

Volunteer Opportunities

Director of Volunteers — Volunteer recruitment, orientation, feeding & nurturing.
Editor and Assistant Editor — Newsletter and other publications.
To inquire about these positions, please email, telephone, or fax to the attention of the Personnel Committee.

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