



Honor The Past – Build The Future

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24th Annual Living American Flag Program

The 24th Annual Living American Flag, held May 22, 2007 boasted approximately 2,300 students enjoying the “outdoors classroom” vista! Emceed by Bob Heck the Vid Tech of MPT, with special guests Miss Maryland USA 2007 Michae’ Holloman and Miss Maryland Teen USA 2007 Allison Farrow, students heard the Middle River Ancient Drum and Fife Corps and a narrated parade of historic American Flags by David Glassman, Chair of Flag Day's 28th Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance program (Flags furnished by The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House). Chief Ranger Vince Vaise riveted all with an account of the Battle of Baltimore. Directed by Cynthia White and Larami Stephan, the Church Creek Elementary School Chorus, accompanied by Ms. Nadia Steel led the First Singing Star-Spangled Banner - Living American Flag.

(Student Registration), Pat Beneckson (Historic Characters), Eve Lallas (Home Schools), and Rick Knauer (Overall Logistics). “The LAF Committee,” says Mickey Mezzanotte, “is working with a national organization to expand the program and put on Living American Flag events in over 305 malls across the country.” Notable thanks goes to Mary and Harold Graul of Graul's Markets. Mary, a new Board Member, furnished her own plane to Justin Lazzeri, pilot, Skytech, Inc. and Cathleen Steel, photographer and flight instructor for the aerial shot!

At the start of the July 12 Orioles' baseball game, the Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll essay finalists and the “Baton of Patriotism” winner, Cecilia Morkovsky of Church Creek Elementary School, will

be honored on-field. We hope to see you there!



Students “freeze” for the aerial shot

The event was chaired by **D o m i n i c “ M i c k e y ” M e z z a n o t t e , S r . ,** with **B o b D e l i s l e**

(Director of Public Events) and Pat Perlucke (Advisor), new volunteers Karen Quinn (Hospitality), Lou Sellmayer (Flag Grid), Stratus Zerkakos (Budget), and sub-committee chairs Marie Sasse' (Awards), Dennis Mezzanotte (LAF Logistics), Alice Anderson & Barry Steel (Marketing and Public Relations), Art Beneckson

Please join all Americans as we celebrate Flag Day and the 28th Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

Thursday Flag Day,

June 14, 2007

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

Concert begins at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm EDT – The National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

Patriotic Singing and Spectacular Fireworks Display at dusk by Zambelli

To provide for the safety of visitors and participants, all persons, vehicles, bags, and packages will be inspected by National Park Service security staff. Please allow extra time for vehicle and personal security screening. Thank you for helping the National Park Service and The American Flag Foundation make this a safe and successful event.

Thursday, October 4, 2007
11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m

9th Annual Louis V. Koerber Patriotism Award Luncheon

5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore, MD

DR. BENJAMIN CARSON
2007 Honoree



World-renowned Dr. Benjamin Carson has been Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins since

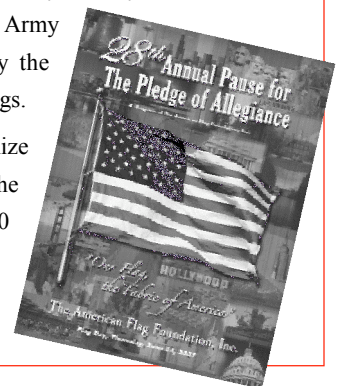
1984. He has written over 90 neurosurgical publications, been awarded degrees and dozens of national citations of merit, and is the author of 3 bestsellers “Healing Hands,” “Think Big,” and “The Big Picture.”

The Fabric of America!

The 28th Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance will be held on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 2007 at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore, starting at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is “Our Flag - The Fabric of America,” and is dedicated to our brave men and women in the military, who represent our Flag and the “fabric” of our nation.

The event will include performances by Maryland Sings, Barbershop Harmony Society Chorus of the Chesapeake joined by the Heart of Maryland Chorus, and the 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band. The program will also include a performance by the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Drill Team and the Parade of State Flags.

This year our emcee will be Mr. John Patti of WBAL radio. We will recognize the patriotic work of Mr. Bob Heck as the Honorary Postmaster. Of course, the focus of the evening will be the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m., followed by a flyover of the A-10's of the Maryland Air National Guard. The evening will conclude with an exciting fireworks display by Zambelli's.



Star-Spangled Banner Outreach Committee

The Star-Spangled Banner Outreach (SSBO) Committee is planning its strategy for the remainder of 2007 and early 2008, to encourage chambers of commerce in three Maryland counties (Cecil, Frederick, and St Mary's), chosen for their unique Maryland history, to host a combined Living American Flag and 50-state Parade of State Flags. Beyond 2008, the SSBO will reach to other states of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag.

An SSBO model, The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce (Maryland) will host its third annual "Flag on Mountain Maryland" on Flag Day, June 14th.

"We're looking for two more teammates," says Sam Smith, Committee Chair. "Interested chambers of commerce need our help to launch their first outreach program. In addition, we provide our own (published on our website) SSBO Community Event Planning Manual. If you are interested, please contact me at ssmithjr@comcast.net."

Another outreach effort, donated by Pat Perluke, was the provision of two flags: the U. S. Flag and the Maryland State Flag to Scout Pack 828 of the Towson-Lutherville-Timonium area, most of whom attend Hampton Elementary School. "This pack merited this grant," offered Pat. "They are a truly active pack earning numerous achievement awards, with events that draw families closer together."



Walden Ponderings



I've been pondering "God Save The Queen," and the recent visit to the United States of Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, who has, for more than half a century, done credit to the high office she inherited. I cannot, however, help but wonder at our sense of wonder regarding a living, breathing anachronism whose ancestors did their level best to keep us from becoming who we are. We fought a revolution from 1775 to 1783, and in the following century, had to fight them again from 1812 to 1814 to retain the freedom we'd won only three decades earlier. Since then, of course, the best of enemies have become the best of friends, tried and true many times over. For one thing, even though it doesn't sound the same, we share a common language. And the men who drafted the documents that gave our new nation form and substance more than two centuries ago drew heavily on English Common Law and governmental structure. Perhaps that's why we've never quite gotten over our fascination with the frills and trappings of royalty. We even have our own untitled royal families with names like Bush, and Gore, and Kennedy. But, while courtesy and good taste require a certain formality of behavior, it is inappropriate for Americans of any station to bow before any foreign monarch - the time when this was a crown colony has long since passed. Here we pledge allegiance to a Flag whose broad stripes and bright stars signify the freest and most open society the world has ever known. Here, the people rule.

New Board Members



Dr. Robert L. Caret – *Towson University's 12th President*

Dr. Caret, Towson University's 12th president, a member of the Board of Directors of the CollegeBound Foundation, the University of Maryland Foundation Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the American Council on Education (ACE), as well as many others, including the Board of Directors of The American Flag Foundation.

He has been the recipient of many distinguished awards and is listed in several editions of Who's Who in America.



Mary R. Graul – *Member of Board of Directors, National Aquarium in Baltimore*

Mrs. Graul, a retired elementary principal and former math/science teacher, moved to Baltimore from Seattle in 1991 when she married Harold Graul Jr. who owns Graul's Markets. She has served on several boards including Port Discovery, Paul's Place Outreach, Baltimore Outreach Services and is currently serving on the board of The National Aquarium. She has published several education articles, and received several honors during her career. An instrument rated pilot, she flies missions for Marine Animal Rescue as well as Angel Flights. Welcome to The American Flag Foundation Board of Directors, Mary.



Dale Hilliard – *Special Assistant, Maryland Aviation Administration*

After 30 years in the transportation sector, Dale retired as Chief of Staff for the Maryland Department of Transportation to become the Executive Director of Pride of Baltimore, Inc., a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization, where he successfully increased contributions for operations. Currently he is the Special Assistant to the Executive Director of BWI handling policy and legislative matters. Dale has served on several Boards and Commissions, such as: Board of Directors of Pride of Baltimore, Inc; Maryland Transportation Commission; Blue Ribbon Committee on the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program; is a Fort McHenry Honorary Colonel, and now on the board of The American Flag Foundation, Inc. Welcome aboard, Dale.

C. Joseph Kelly, Jr. – *Senior Vice President of Wachovia Bank, N. A.*

Mr. Kelly, a native of Harford County, Maryland has 28 years in Banking, and is currently the Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager in Commercial Banking for Wachovia. He has a BA from UMBC and an MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore. Married, with 3 children, and a former board member of Boys & Girls Club of Harford County, Mr. Kelly is presently on the board of Mid-Atlantic Association of Financial Professionals, and, we're happy to say, a new board member for The American Flag Foundation, Inc.

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Mr. Robert J. Shuman – *President and CEO of Maryland Public Television*

Co-founder and 10-year president of The Learning Channel, Mr. Shuman provided educational programming nationwide and developed numerous education projects. He was also active in the early development of distance learning as deputy director of the Appalachian Educational Satellite Project. He has served on many boards and committees, including the National Educational Telecommunications Association, the Association of the Public Television Stations, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, the Education Committee of the Greater Baltimore Committee, as well as The American Flag Foundation.

President's Corner



"IF WE OPEN A QUARREL BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT, WE FIND THAT WE HAVE LOST THE FUTURE"

Sir Winston Churchill

Change is part of planning for the future and that is what The American Flag Foundation has been doing for the past three years. National and local events, changes in the business community, and legislation have a large impact on how we all must do business, now and in the future. We read about this every day.

The Sarbanes/Oxley legislation is one example; it affects all forms of business, including Non-Profits. Our Board is addressing this subject with professional guidance and personal involvement. We are working on the reorganization of the Board and the Operations arm of the foundation. The Operations' structure is covered in detail in this newsletter, but the other organizational changes are ongoing.

Change is inevitable, just look around and you will find it in your neighborhood. Our changes provide the structure to support and nurture our patriotic-oriented educational programs for a successful America!

8th Annual Louis V. Koerber Patriotism Award Luncheon A "Legendary" Memory for 2006 - Gifted Hands that Heal for 2007!



Willard Scott, legendary "weatherman" of the NBC Today Show for decades, a very patriotic American, was honored by The American Flag Foundation on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Maryland. Luncheon attendees chuckled at remarks made by "the other half" of the Joy Boys duo, Ed Walker as well as Jim Weaver of the legendary DC Radio team, Hardin & Weaver. But the bona fide patriotism, blended with classic Willard Scott hilarity, kept the room in stitches, attesting to his enduring "superstar" super-American reputation.

"We are proud to augment our Gallery of Honorees with Willard Scott," said Clay Furtaw, Chairman of the Koerber Committee. Other committee members include Wendell Leimbach, Bryan Koerber, Alan Walden, Larry Frank, John Butler and Mike Strauss; Advisors include Dick Patterson and Pat Perlucke.

"Committee members are busy planning for our 2007 Honoree, Dr. Ben Carson," Clay added. We look forward to October 4, 2007 - please keep an eye on our website www.americanflagfoundation.org, for information on becoming a sponsor and/or getting your tickets.

"The support of luncheon sponsors and attendees is critical to the Foundation's programs for the coming year," reminded Clay, "you'll feel good knowing you've helped keep America strong!" Please contact Clay at patriotism@comcast.net for more information. Past honorees below:

- 2005 Brooks C. Robinson, Baltimore Oriole, member of Baseball's Hall of Fame
- 2004 Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy of the United States
- 2003 A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, Executive Director, C.I.A., Former Chairman and CEO Alex Brown, Inc.
- 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 LTG James F. Fretterd, Adjutant General of MD (RET), Maryland National Guard

Reorganization Readies Foundation for 25th Anniversary

As we approach the 25th Anniversary of The American Flag Foundation, Inc., our new name complements our new structure to reflect the many changes in the focus of the Foundation, which continues to lead the nation in the celebration of Flag Day, and more specifically, to develop the resources and create the opportunities for all citizens, especially children, to learn the history of our nation, the symbol of our Flag and their role in building the future.

An integral part of that new structure is the Operations Advisory Committee, led by Vice President Patricia A. Perlucke, of Perlucke Consulting Associates, Inc. of Harford County, Maryland. Ms. Perlucke synchronizes the operations of six Directors: Personnel and Volunteers (Lynn Warner); Community and Media Relations; Public Events (Bob Delisle); Logistics (Rick Knauer); Outreach Programs (Sam Smith); and Education, Research and Development. Further, under the aegis of the Public Events Director are the four Event Committee Chairs: Living American Flag (Dominic "Mickey" Mezzanotte, Sr.); Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance (David Glassman); Louis V. Koerber Patriotism Award (Clay Furtaw); and Star-Spangled Banner Outreach (Michael Greenberg).

AFF Salutes First Vice President of Operations

Patricia (Pat) Perlucke, President, Perlucke Consulting Associates, and Board member of The American Flag Foundation, is now the Foundation's First Vice President of Operations. She holds a M.Ed. in Secondary Education and a MBA in Management and Organization Development. In 35 years of professional work experience, Pat has been an Associate Professor, Department Chair, and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs developing new curriculum, and continues to do leadership training and professional development programs for the private sector. Among her many affiliations, she is on the board of the Harford Community College Foundation and the statewide committee, US Small Business Administration, MD Small Business Awards program.

When asked by Dick Patterson, President of AFF, to become Vice President of Operations providing oversight to the committee chairs, Pat returned a decisive "Yes," and plans to spend the summer assessing the education value/impact of events and programs. "I'm extremely proud to be a Board member of The American Flag Foundation and Vice President for Operations, and am committed to finding the BEST possible way to deliver the message of patriotism to the youth of our country through the high value programs of the Foundation." She added, "We have outstanding Education programs packed with true patriotism built on the principles of which our country was founded. It is the job of The American Flag Foundation to equip the youth of our country with this patriotic knowledge."



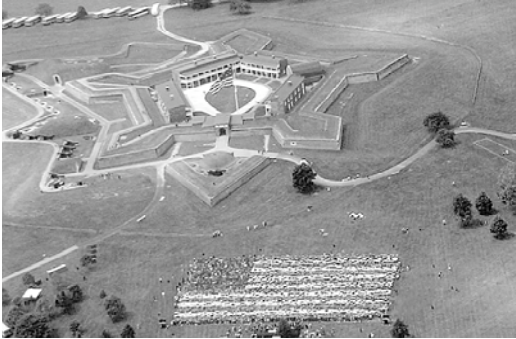


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"Our mission is to encourage Patriotism in children and adults, achieved through our education and outreach programs, focused on the American Flag."



Annual Living American Flag Program

For volunteer opportunities,
please leave a message at 410-563-FLAG (3524),
fax 410-821-1252 or
email linda@americanflagfoundation.org

America's Youth & Patriotism Need YOU!

We invite you to become a Member or Sponsor of the Foundation's patriotic programs and events. Your financial support is especially needed to continue the valuable mission of the Foundation: to encourage Patriotism in children and adults, achieved through our education and outreach programs, focused on the American Flag.

Planned gifts are another way to continue supporting all that is great in America: our youth and patriotism. Sponsors, contributors and members will feel the satisfaction of knowing they have helped to keep this country strong. In addition, your donations provide an added charitable income tax deduction!

With your help, The American Flag Foundation can continue to educate students and carry on the Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance, The Annual Living American Flag, and other educational programs. Thank You!

For more information, please call Mr. Dale Hilliard at 410-757-9521

Be A Star

Recruit a member for The American Flag Foundation, Inc.

- YES! I/We wish to join the American Flag Foundation with the following commitment: \$ _____
- Star Spangled Banner Circle \$10,000 and above Flag Day USA Club \$500 - \$999
- Francis Scott Key Club \$5,000 - \$9,999 Pledge of Allegiance Club \$100 - \$499
- Red, White and Blue Club \$1,000 - \$4,999 Sponsors \$25 - \$99
- I am interested in becoming a volunteer.
- I would like information on including the Foundation in my estate plans.

Please make all checks payable to **The American Flag Foundation**, tear off and mail to:

The American Flag Foundation, Inc. PO Box 435 Riderwood, MD 21139

Thank you for Being A Star and joining The American Flag Foundation

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