



FLAGS FOR HEROES



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2016

The Chestertown Rotary Club and Washington College Rotaract Club thank our sponsors for supporting our Flags for Heroes project and join them in honoring their personal heroes. Because of their generosity and desire to pay tribute to those who have made positive impacts on their lives, over 140 American flags are now proudly displayed on the College's parcel at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Morgnac Road in Chestertown. We encourage our fellow citizens to take the opportunity to view the display and to reflect upon what Memorial Day is truly about.

DIED IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION - REQUIESCAT IN PACE

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." -- Abraham Lincoln, excerpt from the Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863

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Ron Fithian Fred & Martha Holland	Albert Smith Fithian, USMC, 6th Marine Division, killed in the Battle of Okinawa, May 16, 1945 Lt. Jasper Booth, 325th Glider Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army, World War II, killed in action during the Allied D-Day invasion of France, June 6, 1944. He landed his glider safely in Normandy but was killed while unloading a Jeep from the glider.
Frances Miller	Lewis Metcalf Walling, Jr., U.S. Army, was in Vietnam with a Military Assistance Advisory Group during early U.S. involvement. Killed on February 11, 1962, as he was dropping leaflets from a helicopter when it was shot down by the enemy.
Joyce Bradley Samantha Hollomon	SSG George A. Pletzer, Jr., U.S. Army, served in Germany & Korea, killed in accident while based at Ft. Hood, TX, Sept. 15, 1978. LCDR Erik Kristensen, U.S. Navy SEALs, killed in action during Operation Red Wings. He was part of a search and rescue mission hoping to assist a four-man SEAL team engaged in a firefight with Taliban fighters, Afghanistan, June 28, 2005.
Fred & Karen Price	Cmdr. Job W. Price, Commanding Officer of U.S. Navy SEAL Team 4, died of a non-combat-related injury while supporting distability operations in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, Dec. 22, 2012.

FORMERLY SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -- John F. Kennedy, November 5, 1963 Proclamation

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CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE U.S. MILITARY

"Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." -- Gen. Douglas MacArthur, speech to the Corps of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., May 12, 1962

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"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have." -- Ronald Reagan, First Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981

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