



Honor The Past – Build The Future

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE LIVING AMERICAN FLAG TRAVELS TO HARFORD COUNTY!

The American Flag Foundation (AFF) announced today that Church Creek Elementary School (CCES) in Harford County, Maryland will host the first of a trio of the 26th Annual Living American Flag(s) on Tuesday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Some 650 students, parents, Board of Education members, and teachers will participate in building the “Living Flag,” which is traditionally held at Fort McHenry, but will “travel” to Harford County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City this year. This spectacular event reenacts the original “Human Flag” formed on Defenders Day, September 12, 1914 that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the heroic “Defense of Baltimore.”

Event highlights include Fort McHenry’s Chief Ranger Vince Vaise, Chief of Interpretation, recounting the story of “The Battle of Baltimore,” a fly-over by Col. Richard Knauer, Jr., photographer and BG Vernon Sevier, pilot, a picnic lunch, historic character(s) Francis Scott Key played by Alan Gephardt, Uncle Sam by Kevin Rawlings and Harriett Tubman by Danielle Taylor (Danielle is a 3rd Grade Teacher at CCES), presentation of the Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Baton of Patriotism Awards (awarded to a student who has demonstrated patriotism, leadership, citizenship and respect for the American Flag – which is the Mission of AFF). The patriotic essay contest was established to honor Mr. Philip F. Haxel, Sr., Chairman of the F. W. Haxel Flag & Banner Company (with a manufacturing plant in Havre de Grace), a community leader who has exhibited true patriotism through his sponsorship of the Living American Flag and generous donations of Flags to the community and numerous school activities.

CCES Coordinator Danielle Taylor and CCES/LAF Committee, working with the AFF’s Vice President of Education Pat Perluke and Vice President of Operations Bob Delisle, have set up an exciting program. CCES Principal Kim Spence will welcome all to the program; the Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy Cadets from Aberdeen Proving Grounds will present the Colors and CCES 5th Grade Student Angel Mackert will lead the National Anthem; additional musical numbers will be presented by the CCES student chorus under the direction of Cynthia White, CCES Music Teacher. The students will hold up colored placards and stars to form an aerial view of the 15-stripe, 15-star Flag that flew over Fort McHenry & inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

For additional information, visit our website at www.americanflagfoundation.org or call The American Flag Foundation at 410-563-FLAG (3524) or e-mail linda@americanflagfoundation.org.

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The American Flag Foundation is a 501(c)3 whose purpose is 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.

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June 14, 2009 – Flag Day – The American Flag Foundation Proudly Presents the 30th Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance
6:30 p.m. at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine ▶ Free & Open to the Public ▶ Fireworks!