

28th Annual Pause for The Pledge of Allegiance

A Program of The American Flag Foundation, Inc.



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the Fabric of America"*

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The American Flag Foundation welcomes you and your families to this historic site. Our volunteers design, plan and produce this program for you and we have done this for the past 28 years. We raise the money for all our programs from gifts from our many friends, like you. Thank you.

One hundred ninety three years ago, the defense of Baltimore from the invading British ships was successful because Baltimore citizens fought to protect their families, their homes and their freedom. In 1914, the 100th anniversary of this war was celebrated with the formation of "The Wonderful Human Flag" of 7,500 students. Our volunteers started a program to have a similar Flag formation 24 years ago to commemorate the 1914 Flag and this has continued through this year.

Our goal is to form another "Wonderful Human Flag" in 2014 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Defense of Baltimore. Please join us.

Please visit our website, www.americanflagfoundation.org, when you get home, and now enjoy the evening.

Richard M. Patterson
President and Charter Member

**The Theme of This Year's Program is
"OUR FLAG, THE FABRIC OF AMERICA"**

Our cover is dedicated to our young men and women in the service who come from all across our country - the fabric of America. Our soldiers have made great personal sacrifice, under our Flag, to make our country safe for all of us, and represent the fabric of America, and all its citizens - the farmers and the elected officials, the construction workers and the executives, the students, teachers and parents, the stockbrokers and the secretaries, across every community, every state, and every walk of life. We are the land of the free and the home of the brave - we are Our Flag.

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28th Anniversary of the Annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance

A program of National Unity, "Our Flag, the Fabric of America"

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ADVANCING THE COLORS

229th Maryland National Guard Band, SFC Mark Steindler, MDARNG, Commander, under the direction of SGT. Dan Stinchcomb, MDARNG Drum Major SSG Chris Skowronski, Color Guard, The Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol, under the direction of Lt. Col. Johnnetta Mayhew

WELCOME

John Patti, Master of Ceremonies
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GREETINGS FROM FORT MC HENRY

Gay Vietzke, Superintendent
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

PERFORMANCE

"All American You and Me," "The Heart of America," "Put Your Hand on Your Heart," with audience children participation Sung by The Maryland Singers of Maryland Sings, under the direction of Bill Myers

INVOCATION

Deacon Steven Rubio
St. Matthews Church, Loch Raven Boulevard

FLY-OVER

Fairchild A-10 Thunderbolt II Jets
175th Wing, 104th Fighter Squadron
Maryland Air National Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:00 p.m. EDT
National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance
Led by children from the audience "Honor the Past – Build the Future"

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

Sung by Baltimore Baritone, Joseph DiCara

PERFORMANCE

"Rhythm Express," "Allegiance Rap," "Rap of the States"
Sung by Off-Broadway Kids, Maryland Sings, under the direction of Bill Myers

GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN FLAG FOUNDATION & RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Richard M. Patterson, President

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

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GREETINGS FROM BALTIMORE CITY

C. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President, Baltimore City Council

GREETINGS FROM MARYLAND

Brigadier General Edward (Ed) Leacock, Assistant Adjutant General
for Army, the Maryland National Guard

PRESENTATION

Baltimore Post Office Presentation of the newly released American Flag Stamp. To honor the men and women who serve the nation in the Armed Forces on this Flag Day 2007, the United States Postal Service is proud to issue a new definitive stamp featuring the U. S. Flag.

Presentation of the Honorary Postmaster Bob Heck, Emmy Award-winning host of "MPT Kids and Family" Program and Children's Host "Bob The Vid Tech" by Raymond Blackburn, Manager of Customer Service Operations for the Baltimore City Post Office.

PERFORMANCE

Barbershop Harmony Society choruses present "Star - Spangled Banner Medley," "America The Beautiful," "Five Service Medley," and "God Bless America." The Chorus of the Chesapeake joins the Heart of Maryland Chorus, under the direction of Kevin King. Color Guards from each of the branches of service will appear during presentations of their anthems.

PARADE OF STATE FLAGS

50 State Flags, presented in the order of entry into the Union, carried by Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, and Young Marines, narrated by John Patti

PERFORMANCE

Drill Team, Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard

PERFORMANCE

"My Flag" and "Sounds All Around Us,"
The Maryland Singers of Maryland Sings, under the direction of Bill Myers

LAYING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATH

Laying of the Memorial Wreath on the Ramparts in memory of those who fought and died for our country, by Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard and Color Guard, Taps by, C/Capt. Benjamin Parrish, Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol

SACRIFICE MADE BY VETERANS THEN AND NOW

Chief Ranger Vince Vaise

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE BOAT WATER DISPLAY

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG GIVE-AWAY DRAWING

John Patti and Dick Patterson

CONCLUDING PERFORMANCE

John Philip Sousa Marches and Medley of Armed Forces Marches,
229th Maryland Army National Guard Band

CLOSING COMMENTS

John Patti

"STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER"

229th Maryland Army National Guard Band

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