

*29<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*National Emergency Medical Services*  
*Memorial Service*



**July 24, 2021**

**Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
at Reagan National Airport  
Arlington, VA**





## ***About the National EMS Weekend of Honor***

The Weekend of Honor is organized and hosted by the following non-profit organizations:

- National EMS Memorial Bike Ride-whose mission is to honor EMS personnel by organizing and implementing long distance cycling events that memorialize and celebrate the lives of those who serve every day, those who have become sick or injured while performing their duties, and those who have died in the line of duty. [www.nemsnbr.org](http://www.nemsnbr.org)
- National EMS Memorial Foundation- whose mission is to build the National EMS Memorial in Washington, D.C. that will commemorate the ongoing commitment, service and sacrifice of the Nation's Emergency Medical Services providers killed, injured, or disabled in the line of duty and for all those that continue to serve. [www.emsmemorial.org](http://www.emsmemorial.org)
- National EMS Memorial Service- whose mission is to honor those in EMS from air and ground who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice having died in the line of duty and is the organization that is congressionally sanctioned to conduct the annual service. [www.national-ems-memorial.org](http://www.national-ems-memorial.org)

*While there are national memorials and solid funding streams for both police and fire professionals, currently there is no permanent memorial for EMS. The organizations above operate solely on donations.*

## *Always Remember*

As the organization congressionally sanctioned to confer the nation's highest honor in EMS upon those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, the National EMS Memorial Service, its board members, and everyone assisting in its noble mission, take this responsibility very seriously. We strive in earnest to bestow honors to all who so richly deserve them. Following strict criteria in screening for recognition, our vetting committee reviews details to support these honors.

Honorees for the annual service typically died in the calendar year preceding the service year. Some honorees' deaths occurred prior to this but were only recently classified as occurring in the line of duty, or only recently brought to the attention of the National EMS Memorial Service, and therefore, are now being honored.

Additionally, because the 2020 Service was postponed due to the global pandemic, this year's Service includes honorees from the last 2 years.

During the service, a family member or agency representative will be formally presented with:

- a United States flag, which has flown over the United States Capitol, on behalf of a grateful nation and denoting the honoree's service to their country
- a commemorative medallion signifying their EMS service and eternal memory
- a white rose representing their undying love

Each honoree being recognized tonight is also represented by their EMS agency's state flag.

The names of the 144 fallen who are honored here today appear on the newly minted 2020 and 2021 panels of the "Tree of Life," the temporary National EMS Memorial.



## *Program*

### **Announcer**

#### **Eric Johnson**

Director, National EMS Memorial Service  
Executive Director, Supporting Heroes

### **Pre-ceremonial Candle Lighting**

#### **Josh Duda**

Flight Paramedic, Sole Survivor, North Memorial Air Care

### **Invocation**

#### **Diane Peterson**

Chief Chaplain, Alaska Police and Fire Chaplains

### **Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance**

2021 National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard

### **National Anthem**

#### **Kelly Fowler and Cody Poole**

American Medical Response  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

#### **Dr. Jon Krohmer**

Director, Office of EMS  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



## **Special Music**

### **Kelly Fowler and Cody Poole**

American Medical Response  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

## **Reflection**

### **Maria Bianchi**

CEO, American Ambulance Association

## **Presentations to the Honoree Families**

### **Readers of the Honoree Names**

#### **Brian Ceraolo**

Board Member, International Association of Flight & Critical Care  
Paramedics

#### **Cameron Curtis**

President & CEO, Association of Air Medical Services  
& MedEvac Foundation International

#### **Bruce Evans**

President, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

#### **Hilary Gates**

Paramedic, Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department

#### **Brian Shaw**

President, National EMS Memorial Bike Ride

#### **William Sugiyama**

Secretary, National EMS Memorial Foundation



## **Commemoratives Presenters**

### **Dave Hathaway**

EMT, Central Bucks Emergency Medical Service  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

### **Barry Hoke**

Paramedic, Sussex County EMS Honor Guard  
Georgetown, Delaware

### **John Meyer**

Executive Officer, Minnesota EMS Honor Guard  
Forest Lake, Minnesota

### **Tony O'Brien**

Secretary, National EMS Memorial Foundation, Boston EMS  
Boston, Massachusetts

### **Eric Phillips**

Paramedic Supervisor  
AMR-Mississippi

### **Mike Stanley**

Chief, Oshkosh Fire Department  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

### **Robbie Tester**

Board Member, Association of Critical Care Transport  
Administrator, Erlanger LIFE FORCE  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

### **Wesley Semple**

Paramedic, Ross/West View Emergency Medical Service Authority  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



## *In Memoriam-Honorees*

**Michael Arrasmith, Paramedic**  
**Gallatin County EMS - Warsaw, Kentucky**  
**Last Call: 12/30/2019**

Michael "Mike" "Mikey" Ryan Arrasmith, 43, Gallatin County EMS, died in the line of duty of a medical event after completing his last EMS call. Mike was a paramedic for over 19 years with Gallatin County EMS. He loved his job and provided exceptional service to those in his care. He is remembered by his colleagues as professional, knowledgeable, and funny. Mike loved skydiving, riding his motorcycle, and was a devoted "Cheer dad" who was immensely proud of his two daughters.

**Alan Dean Basso, Firefighter/EMT**  
**Kalama Fire Department - Kalama, Washington**  
**Last Call: 11/27/2020**

Alan Dean Basso "Big Al", 59, Kalama Fire Department, died in the line of duty of a medical event after completing two emergency calls. Along with his 36-year firefighting career, his life of service also included substitute teaching, part-time juvenile detention officer, and many volunteer efforts. He also served as a Port Commissioner at the Port of Kalama and is remembered as the quintessential small-town guy with a heart that matched his larger-than-life personality. Alan loved spending time with his family and friends, WSU football, trips to Hawaii, camping, traveling.

**Idris Bey, EMT**  
**FDNY - Brooklyn, NY**  
**Last Call: 04/22/2020**

Idris Bey, 60, FDNY EMS died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Idris was a 27-year EMS veteran and part of the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in 2001. He served in the United States Marine Corps where he earned the rank of Lance Corporal before becoming an EMT. His long career included assignments at Station 35 in Williamsburg, and then the FDNY's EMS Bureau of Training at Fort Totten. He was a beloved instructor who shared his experience through training thousands of FDNY members for more than 20 years. Idris is remembered as a captivating, charismatic, and funny instructor who shared his personal life to connect with students of all kinds.





**Billy W. Birmingham Sr., EMT**

**Kansas City Fire Department - Kansas City, Missouri**

**Last Call: 04/13/2020**

Rev. Dr. Billy “Bill” W. Birmingham Sr., 69, Kansa City Fire Department, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Bill served a combined 22 years for Metropolitan Ambulance Service Trust and Kansas City Fire Department. Additionally, he was an ordained pastor, with a doctorate in theology, and founded the Agape Love Ministries of Christ Unlimited Church in 2013. His co-workers cherished his friendship and professionalism. Bill is remembered by his family as selfless and doing “his job because he loved it and he had a heart and a call for people.”

**William B. “Brad” Blackman, Paramedic**

**AMR - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Last Call: 06/29/2020**

William B. “Brad” Blackman, 56, AMR, died in the line of duty of COVID-19 complications. Brad’s 37-year EMS and firefighting career consisted of service with multiple agencies including as a Captain at Swarthmore Fire and Protective Association and as a member of the Chester City Dive Team. An avid cyclist, Brad’s never-ending desire to ride and honor EMS fallen was evident in his unwavering commitment to the Muddy Angels. He participated in the East Coast National EMS Memorial Bike Ride (NEMSMBR) every year for a decade. Described as gracious, he was known for his helpful nature, infectious laugh, compassion, and especially his “brownie Thursdays.” Brad is remembered as a great friend, partner, mentor, selfless volunteer, and as a “true hero” with a passion for fire and EMS.

**Harold Boone, Firefighter/EMR**

**Monroe County Emergency Services - Forsyth, Georgia**

**Last Call: 11/02/2020**

Harold Boone, 49, Monroe County Emergency Medical Services, died in the line of duty following complications of COVID-19. Boone’s life of service began in the United States Army Reserves and continued throughout his 30-year exemplary fire service career. Highly respected throughout the department and his community, he was viewed as a mentor to younger firefighters and inspired others to join the fire service. Harold was always in a good mood, loved to make people laugh, and exhibited consistent kindness. He is remembered for his love of working on cars, cooking, and consistent kindness.



**Tonya Sue Bruscher, EMT**

**Midwest Medical Transport - Brunsville, Iowa**

**Last Call: 08/29/2020**

Tonya Sue (Risinger) Bruscher, 29, Midwest Medical Transport, died in the line of duty in an ambulance accident. She was working toward earning her Paramedic certificate and was part of the COVID-19 response to New York. As a busy mother of 5, Tonya's life centered around her family. She followed her daughters in dance classes and her son in 4-H.

**Gilbert J. Buerk, Paramedic**

**St. Mary's Area Ambulance - St. Mary's, Pennsylvania**

**Last Call: 07/14/2020**

Gilbert J. "Gibby" Buerk, 43, St. Mary's Area Ambulance, died in the line of duty of a medical event. Described as "an old soul at heart," Gibby exemplified the meaning of true friendship. He was selfless, kind, and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. Remembered as a diligent worker, Gibby was often found working on his farm with the uncle who raised him and was known to have a penchant for cars. His legacy will long live on through his many friends, and the kindness he showed to so many throughout his life.

**Kevin Bundy, Jr., Paramedic**

**Mercy Fitzgerald EMS - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Last Call: 04/12/2020**

Kevin Bundy, Jr., 33, Mercy Fitzgerald EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19 complications. Kevin is described as having an ever-present smile, a desire to help people, and simply loving his job. He is remembered as a very hard worker with a very positive outlook on life who made everybody around him feel good about themselves. Kevin enjoyed spending time with his wife at their favorite restaurant and watching movies.



**Maddox Burts, Flight Paramedic, MICP  
Medevac Alaska - Anchorage, Alaska  
Last Call: 11/29/2019**

Maddox Burts, 35, Medevac Alaska, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident alongside flight nurse Robert Cartner and EMS pilot Glen Morthorpe. Inspired by the birth of his daughter, Maddox pursued his dream and began his service in EMS. He came to Alaska from Fairhope, Alabama, to work part of the year as a paramedic. He is remembered as having a contagious laugh and a love for animals and people. The opportunity to combine EMS and service to others in a setting like Alaska made Maddox incredibly happy.

**Alex Cardenas, Paramedic  
Superior Ambulance Service - San Antonio, Texas  
Last Call: 07/26/2020**

Alex Cardenas, 59, Superior Ambulance Service, died in the line of duty, of COVID-19. Alex's life of service began with his 20-year career as a medic in the United States Army Special Forces. Described as having "the soul of a warrior", he was passionate about his job and desire to help others. Highly respected in the community, Alex is remembered for his leadership, friendship, energy, and contagious personality. He was known a great family man who was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

**John Careccia, Chief/EMT  
Woodbridge Township Ambulance & Rescue Squad - Fords, New Jersey  
Last Call: 04/17/2020**

John Careccia, 74, Woodbridge Township Ambulance and Rescue Squad, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. While dedicated to his work at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, John decided to pursue a career in EMS to "pay it forward" after witnessing EMS responders save his son. As an organizer of the Woodbridge Township Ambulance and Rescue Squad, he served in multiple roles, including Chief of Operations. Always quick to volunteer, he was known as a leader, teacher, and mentor who looked for the best in people. He is remembered for his friendship, compassion, dedication to his community, contagious laugh, and big heart. He was dedicated to his faith, enjoyed golf, and traveling and loved spending time with his family.



**Robert Cartner, Flight Nurse**  
**Medevac Alaska - Anchorage, AK**  
**Last Call: 11/29/2019**

Robert “Robby” Cartner, 53, Medevac Alaska, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident alongside flight paramedic Maddox Burts and EMS pilot Glen Morthorpe. Described as an “outstanding individual”, his passion was helping others and serving his community and his fellow man. Described as a man of many interests and adventures, Robert loved hunting, fishing, the outdoors, and adventure.

**Paul Cary, Paramedic**  
**Ambulnz (State of NY COVID Response Team) - Greenwood Village, CO**  
**Last Call: 04/30/2020**

Paul Cary, 66, Ambulnz (State of NY COVID Response Team), died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Inspired by his father’s lifelong service as a firefighter, Paul’s extraordinary career was defined by kindness and empathy. He first dedicated more than 30-years to Aurora Fire and Rescue in Aurora, CO where he was described as epitomizing what it means to be a firefighter. Then, as a paramedic, Paul continued to serve. In the midst of a national crisis, Paul voluntarily answered the call to respond and help ease the burden on the City of New York’s overwhelmed EMS agencies. Based in the Bronx, where his devotion radiated among colleagues, Paul completed his initial deployment and committed to a second. Colleagues note Paul was a humble and caring man, always with a sheepish grin, who was devoted to serving other people but loved his sons and grandchildren more than anything.

**Patrick Coyle, EMS Pilot**  
**Guardian Flight - Juneau, Alaska**  
**Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Patrick Coyle, 63, Guardian Flight, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident alongside flight nurse Stacie Rae Morse with unborn daughter Delta Rae and flight paramedic Margaret Langston. Pat served in the United States Navy earning the rank of Lieutenant, worked for US Customs, and served in the US National Guard. He was known as someone with a wry sense of humor who was quietly generous and loved to make others laugh.



**Rachel L. Cunningham, Flight Nurse**  
**Survival Flight - Grove City, Ohio**

**Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Rachel L. Cunningham, 33, Survival Flight, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident alongside EMS pilot Jennifer L. Topper and flight nurse Bradley J. Haynes. She was described as a wonderful wife and aunt who loved scary movies and always said “yes”. Rachel was a diligent nurse who loved her job and was honest and fearless.

**Jonathan M. Damon, EMT**  
**Tupper Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad - Brainardsville, New York**  
**Last Call: 04/23/2020**

Jonathan M. Damon, 39, Tupper Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad, died in the line of duty of a medical event. Known as “Thunder”, Jonathan’s years of service include dedication to multiple EMS and fire services. Having just completed the pre-requisites for paramedic school, he was regarded as a knowledgeable and fun professional, who inspired and encouraged others to enter EMS. He is remembered for his exuberant personality, smile, kindness, positive attitude, and as someone who loved people and easily made friends. In addition to EMS, he loved tractors, farming, and working on small engines. Jonathan was looking forward to marrying the love of his life, Lindsey, in September.

**Douglas Davis, EMS Pilot**  
**Survival Flight - Headland, Alabama**  
**Last Call: 12/25/2019**

Douglas Davis, 61, Survival Flight, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident, after suffering a medical event. Doug’s life of service began in the United States Army where he was an Apache instructor. Doug and 2 additional crew members were returning to base after a patient transport. His final actions while attempting to land were described as “heroic” and “lifesaving.” In addition to his successful aviation career, he was a devoted husband and father.



**DaryLynne Day, EMT**  
**Powell County EMS - Deer Lodge, Montana**  
**Last Call: 8/18/2019**

DaryLynne Day, 36, Powell County EMS, died in the line of duty of an accident while providing EMS coverage for a race event. Acting on her desire to protect people, she pushed a crowd out of the way of an out-of-control demolition derby car. DaryLynne's life of service began when she decided to follow in the footsteps of her parents and grandparents and become an EMT. Described as funny and kind, she loved drawing, music, and singing. Most importantly, DaryLynne is cherished and remembered as a loving wife and mother.

**Pamela Demaree, Assistant Chief Flight Nurse**  
**Vidant EastCare - Greenville, North Carolina**  
**Last Call: 01/08/1987**

Pamela Demaree, 28, Vidant EastCare, died in the line of duty in an air ambulance accident alongside Chief Flight Nurse Mike McGinnis and EMS Pilot Perry Reynolds. Pam worked at PCMH since the early 1980s and was an original flight program team member for the hospital. She is remembered as a pioneer and current team members still say they "paved the way" for the respected program of today. Pam was deeply dedicated and well respected in both the hospital and pre-hospital environments. She loved teaching and, in 1987, the ECU College of Nursing established the Pam Demaree-Mike McGinnis Nursing Scholarship in their honor. The continued outpouring of support, such as the annual "Lights of Love" tree lighting, held each year in their honor, serve to remind her family of her valuable service.

**Douglas Ronald Dick, II, EMT/Firefighter**  
**Jan-Care Ambulance Service - Beckley, West Virginia**  
**Last Call: 8/10/2019**

Douglas Ronald Dick, II, 35, Jan-Care Ambulance Service, died in the line of duty in an ambulance accident alongside EMT Brittany Young. Doug became an EMT/FF after the loss of his father in hopes of helping families in similar circumstances. He will be remembered for his "legacy of goodwill." It was said his family was his true joy and that being an excellent husband and father were the accomplishments that he treasured the most.



**Theodore K. Dybus III, Paramedic**  
**Veterans Memorial Ambulance Service - Gallitzin, Pennsylvania**  
**Last Call: 02/01/2020**

Theodore K. Dybus III, “Ted” or “Teddy”, 45, Veterans Memorial Ambulance Service died in the line of duty of a medical event. Ted dedicated his life to EMS and complimented that service as a law enforcement officer. Described as dedicated and compassionate by his colleagues, he is remembered a great friend and person who made the world a better place.

**Frank Roy Echevarria, Paramedic**  
**Cumberland County EMS - Fayetteville, North Carolina**  
**Last Call: 7/9/2017**

Frank Roy Echevarria, 52, Cumberland County EMS, died in the line of duty of a medical event. Frank’s 30-year emergency service career included service in both the fire and EMS. He loved golfing, going to the beach, and spending time with his children and family. Frank was known as selfless and a loving father with a “smile that lit up the world.”

**John A. Ferrarella, EMT/EMT Instructor**  
**New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority EMS - Wayne, New Jersey**  
**Last Call: 04/14/2020**

John A. Ferrarella Sr., 70, New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Ferrarella, a Vietnam Veteran, served with the United States Marine Corps. His life of service continued as a Captain with the Paterson Fire Department, a member of Wayne Fire Company 3, and as an EMS educator. Remembered as genuine and dedicated, his lifetime of service shaped generations of first responders. A devoted and proud husband and father, John especially loved his family and cherished their unannounced visits to him at work. He was excited about his expanding family and enjoyed relaxing in the yard and around the pool.



**Michael Field, Firefighter/EMT**

**Valley Stream Fire Department - Valley Stream, New York**

**Last Call: 04/08/2020**

Michael “Mike” Field, 59, Valley Stream Fire Department, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Mike’s 33-year EMS career began as a teenager in the fire service, where he earned the rank of Captain, and then responded as an FDNY EMT to the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in 2001. Eager to share his knowledge, he served as head advisor for, and was extremely proud of, the Valley Stream Junior Fire Department. Described as a character with a notorious laugh, he was known for his practical jokes and ability to make anyone laugh. Remembered for his bravery, selfless sacrifice, generosity, dedication, and dependability, he “loved it all” and consistently put others first. Known for his love of pets, he was also a family man and all 3 of his sons serve with the Valley Stream Fire Department.

**Donnell Ben-Levy Ford, EMT**

**Brookdale Hospital EMS (formerly known as Jamaica Hospital) -  
Brooklyn, New York**

**Last Call: 11/21/2020**

Donnel Ben-Levy Ford, 64, died in the line of duty of World Trade Center Illness. He responded and was part of the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in 2001. Loved and cherished by his family, Donnell was committed to a life of service alongside his wife, and fellow NEMSMS honoree, Evelyn Ford.

**Evelyn Ford, EMD/EMT**

**FDNY - Brooklyn, NY**

**Last Call: 12/22/2020**

Evelyn Ford, 58, died in the line of duty of Covid-19. A highly respected member of the Emergency Medical Dispatch team, Evelyn was a calm voice in major emergencies. She answered countless calls and ensured that people received the help they needed. Evelyn also served as an EMT at station 31 in Brooklyn and is remembered as professional and a mentor to her fellow EMT’s. Evelyn was committed to a life of service alongside her husband, and fellow NEMSMS honoree, Donnell Ben-Levy Ford.





**Glovis Henry Foster, Sr., Paramedic**  
**San Juan Regional Paramedics - Farmington, New Mexico**  
**Last Call: 6/12/2020**

Glovis Henry Foster Sr., 54, San Juan Regional Paramedics, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Glovis' life of service began in the New Mexico Army National Guard and continued for over 25 years in San Juan County as a paramedic, and flight paramedic. Described as an "all American hero", great paramedic, and great friend, he was known for his contagious smile and personality and ability to always brighten anyone's day. Glovis is remembered as a "beloved life" who loved his family deeply and dedicated his life to giving and serving others.

**Randall Clayton French, Detective Sgt./EMT–Critical Care Technician**  
**North Greenbush Ambulance Association and Troy Police Department -**  
**Troy, New York**  
**Last Call: 04/30/2020**

Randall "Randy" Clayton French, 39, North Greenbush Ambulance Association and Troy Police Department, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Randy's public safety career began as a firefighter and first responder when he was a teenager. As a law enforcement officer, he held various leadership positions and was instrumental in founding the Troy Police Department Cadet Post 4102. Randy served as a tactical medic and had a reputation for being calm and cool under pressure. Loved and respected by his colleagues, he is remembered for his work ethic and passion for EMS and law enforcement. Randy enjoyed camping, ice-fishing, and riding his motorcycle and loved spending time with his family and playing with his dogs.

**JoseLuis Gomez, EMT**  
**Alamo Navajo Reservation - Alamo, New Mexico**  
**Last Call: 05/10/2020**

JoseLuis M. Gomez, 54, Alamo Navajo Reservation, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. A member of the Pascua Yaqui tribe in Arizona, Gomez worked as a teacher before serving as an EMT for the community in Alamo, NM. He is described as resilient and humble and further remembered as someone who simply loved taking care of people.



**Scott Gordon, Paramedic**

**Columbus Regional Health EMS - Columbus, Indiana**

**Last Call: 11/15/2020**

Scott Gordon, 56, Columbus Regional Health EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Known as a “gentle giant”, Scott was a highly respected leader and mentor, with a passion and drive for his patients and co-workers.

Described as “one of a kind”, he was an engaging instructor who emphasized the balance of skill and compassion and taught his students to “walk the walk”. He enjoyed the challenge of EMS throughout his 35-year career, and is remembered as funny, caring, empathetic, and for having a lasting effect on his patient’s lives.

**Brad Gregrich, Firefighter/EMT**

**DeSoto County Fire & Rescue - Arcadia, Florida**

**Last Call: 4/27/2019**

Brad Gregrich, 30, DeSoto County Fire & Rescue, died in the line of duty of a medical event. Brad, a new father, was known for his smile and laughter. He loved his family and his job, and he served with tremendous commitment and dedication to excellence. Brad is remembered as a great husband, father, son, friend, and brother to so many.

**Bradley J. Haynes, Flight Nurse**

**Survival Flight - Grove City, Ohio**

**Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Bradley J. Haynes, 48, Survival Flight, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident. He died alongside EMS pilot Jennifer L. Topper and flight nurse Rachel Cunningham. Brad’s life of service also included his role as a firefighter for Jefferson Township Fire. He loved horse racing and belonged to the Ohio Standard Bred Association and the United States Trotting Association. He is remembered as a devoted father, skilled nurse, and passionate firefighter who enjoyed duck hunting, dog training, and karate.



**Jennifer Joan Hesselbein, Paramedic**  
**American Medical Response (AMR) - Jackson, Mississippi**  
**Last Call: 12/17/2019**

Jennifer J. Hesselbein, 34, died in the line of duty of complications from an accident on scene. Jennifer's passion for helping others showed through her love and dedication to EMS. Described as strong and funny, Jennifer had a beautiful smile and shining personality. Her legacy of loving, laughing, and caring for others will live through her friends and family. She is remembered for her laugh and her heart for animals in need.

**David Eric Hill, Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic**  
**Lubbock Fire Department - Lubbock, Texas**  
**Last Call: 01/11/2020**

David "Eric" Hill, 39, Lubbock Fire Department, died in the line of duty from an accident while on scene. Eric earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science from Texas Tech University and served with the Midland Fire Department. Earning the rank of Lieutenant as a FF/Paramedic with Lubbock Fire Department, Eric was known as a skilled paramedic who loved his job and wanted to be the best at everything he did. Remembered as fearless, strong, and selfless, he was described as having "the soul of a cowboy". Eric's twin daughters were his pride and joy and he loved being a dad. Known for his love of the open range and horses, he aspired to own a ranch to leave as his legacy for his daughters whom he loved dearly.

**Gregory Hodge, EMT**  
**FDNY - Brooklyn, NY**  
**Last Call: 04/12/2020**

Gregory "Greg" Hodge, 59, FDNY EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Greg was a 24-year EMS veteran part of the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in 2001. His distinguished career included assignments at Station 15 in Harlem, Station 55 in the Bronx, and New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) as a watch commander where he managed citywide radio frequencies, weather forecasts and media reports to aid the unit's 24/7 emergency management operation. Greg interests included aviation and he is described as the "nicest man on the planet". Remembered as a skilled EMT who loved EMS, Greg provided excellent care and played a critical role in keeping the city safe.



**Margaret Langston, Flight Paramedic  
Guardian Flight - Juneau, Alaska**

**Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Margaret Langston, 43, Guardian Flight, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident alongside EMS pilot Patrick Coyle and flight nurse Stacie Rae Morse with unborn daughter Delta Rae. Prior to moving to Alaska, she served as a paramedic for many years in the Tucson, AZ area. Long considered the “glue” of her family, Margaret was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and dear friend who was looked up to by peers for her quiet strength and soft heart.

**William J. Lightbody – Rescue Member/Firefighter  
Paramus Rescue Squad - Paramus, NJ**

**Last Call: 9/18/04**

William J. “Jim” Lightbody, 46, Paramus Rescue Squad, died in the line of duty of a medical event. Jim was a 7-year veteran of the Paramus Rescue Squad and held various leadership positions at Paramus Rescue Association including secretary and treasurer. He volunteered with Greenwood Lake FD and was a life member of the HoHoKus Volunteer Ambulance Corps. A member of the Paramus Rescue Squad, Jim’s son is committed to follow in his father’s footsteps and is pursuing a career in EMS.

**Coleman Loadholt, Jr., Firefighter/EMT  
Brunson Fire Department - Brunson, South Carolina**

**Last Call: 6/21/2019**

Coleman “Coley” Loadholt, Jr., 51, died in the line of duty from a medical event. He was an award-winning firefighter, receiving the Life Saver Award in Jasper County and the Firefighter of the Year and Officer of the Year awards in Brunson. Coley also served as an EMT, senior officer and volunteer captain who enjoyed motorcycles, mechanics, and spending time with his wife, son and grandson.



**James J. Luensman, Paramedic**  
**Monticello Ambulance Service - Atkins, Iowa**  
**Last Call: 10/30/2020**

James "Jim" Luensman, 43, Monticello Ambulance Service, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Jim dedicated most of his life to EMS, including additional responsibilities of coordinating a paramedic program and teaching respiratory therapy and nursing. He was regarded as an awesome paramedic who adapted well on the fly and was known for his sense of humor. He is remembered for his heart and friendship to everyone. Jim loved his family, especially fishing with his boys, and watching Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling.

**Mitchell F. Lundgaard, Firefighter/EMT**  
**Appleton Fire Department - Appleton, Wisconsin**  
**Last Call: 5/15/2019**

Mitchell F. Lundgaard, 36, Appleton Fire Department, died in the line of duty from a gunshot wound sustained on-scene. Mitch was inspired to pursue a career in the fire service after the events of September 11, 2001. A lifelong learner, he was two courses away from a bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Response Management. Mitch is remembered as a loving husband and devoted father who enjoyed running, golf, coaching and watching his sons play sports.

**Salvatore W. Mancuso, Ambulance Driver**  
**Blooming Grove Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Washingtonville, New York**  
**Last Call: 04/30/2020**

Salvatore "Sal" W. Mancuso, 66, Blooming Grove Volunteer Ambulance Corps died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Sal's life was dedicated in service to his community through various Ambulance Corps leadership positions, as a volunteer ambulance driver, and as a beloved substitute teacher. Remembered for his warm manner and infectious smile, he was unfailingly upbeat and a friendly presence. Described as the consummate professional and perfect gentleman, he took pride in his work with his students and the community. He was remembered by a colleague as "a gentleman, a lovely conversationalist and a treasure".



**William David Martin, Paramedic**  
**Southwest Mississippi AMR - Natchez, Mississippi**  
**Last Call: 04/22/2020**

William “David” Martin, 52, Southwest Mississippi AMR, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. David’s life of service began as a firefighter and continued throughout a 23-year paramedic career. He was known for his big heart and love of EMS. Remembered as a hero, he showed his true character in making sacrifice a way of life. David was dedicated to his family and loved spending time with his kids and reading his large collection of novels. He was a Disney, Star Wars, and sports fan, and followed LSU football and baseball.

**Shon Dwayne Matthews, Flight Paramedic**  
**LifeNet - Texarkana, Texas**  
**Last Call: 11/02/2020**

Shon Dwayne Matthews, 48, LifeNet, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. After two decades at Alumax Mill Products, a family accident inspired Shon’s career change leading to a life devoted to service as a paramedic, as well as EMS and community safety educator. Known for his servant’s heart, Shon frequently checked on his patients after they were out of his care. His dedication and commitment inspired his colleagues to nominate him for the American Ambulance Association’s Star of Life Award. Described as having never met a stranger, Shon “Selfie-King” was loved by everyone and had a sense of humor that could make you laugh in tough moments. Shon is remembered for his devotion to his family and faith.

**Timothy A. McDonald, EMS Pilot**  
**North Memorial Air Care- Brainerd, Minnesota**  
**Last Call: 6/28/2019**

Timothy A. McDonald, 44, North Memorial Air Care, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident alongside nurse Debra K. Schott. Tim earned a master’s degree in business and his love for others first led him to a life of service as a paramedic for North Memorial then as a Blackhawk pilot in the United States Army, earning the rank of Aviation Warrant Officer. He served two combat tours in Iraq before fulfilling his dream to fly as a medevac pilot. Tim is remembered as a dedicated husband and father whose greatest joy was his family.



**Edward James McEvoy, Paramedic**  
**Inspira Health (formally Underwood Memorial Hosp.) - Millvale, New Jersey**

**Last Call: 08/16/2020**

Edward “Ed” James McEvoy, 66, Inspira Health, died in the line of duty of World Trade Center Illness. Ed was 25-year EMS veteran and part of the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in 2001, and the response to Hurricane Katrina. Described as “one of a kind”, he was a Tactical Team Medic for the New Jersey State Police and a member of the Gloucester County Emerald Society. Ed loved to spend time fishing and being with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

**Mike McGinnis, Chief Flight Nurse**  
**Vidant EastCare – Greenville, North Carolina**

**Last Call: 01/08/1987**

Mike McGinnis, 32, Vidant EastCare, died in the line of duty in an air medical accident alongside Assistant Chief Flight Nurse Pamela Demaree and EMS Pilot Perry Reynolds. They are remembered as pioneers and current team members still say they “paved the way” for the respected program of today. Mike graduated from the University of North Carolina Nursing School with honors and was recognized in 1986 as Alumna of the Year. In 1987 the ECU College of Nursing established the Pam Demaree-Mike McGinnis Nursing Scholarship in their honor. He ran in the NY Marathon twice, and was training for the Boston Marathon. Remembrances in his honor serve as reminders for his wife and only son of his valued service. Mike now has two grandchildren.

**David Lane Mimm, Paramedic**  
**Care Ambulance - Montgomery, Alabama**

**Last Call: 03/01/2020**

David Lane Mimm, 54, Care Ambulance, died in the line of duty in an ambulance accident. David served proudly in the United States Army 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division where he was deployed twice. He continued to serve his community throughout his 30-year paramedic career. Having trained and mentored dozens of paramedics, he is remembered for his expertise and guidance. He loved EMS and emphasized the importance of treating each patient as a person. David loved traveling with his family, fishing, cooking out, coaching little league baseball for both of his boys and watching the Miami Dolphins and Hurricanes. He also took pride in his colorful fish tanks.



**Richard Jay Montgomery, Jr., Paramedic  
Davidson County Rescue Squad - North Carolina  
Last Call: 04/22/2020**

Richard Jay Montgomery, Jr., 38, Davidson County Rescue Squad, died in the line of duty of a medical emergency while responding to a call. Richard served as a Medic in the United States Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. His life of service continued through the rescue squad as a paramedic and instructor where he was known as genuinely nice and an amazing mentor who provided constant guidance. Described as doing what he loved, he is remembered for his dedication and making a difference in many lives. He also dedicated his experience and talents as the operations manager at Superior Aero Services at the Davidson County Airport.

**Christopher Moore, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Maryland Heights Fire Protection District- Maryland Heights, Missouri  
Last Call: 6/8/2019**

Christopher Moore, 42, Maryland Heights Fire Protection District, died in the line of duty of a medical event. As a member of Missouri Task Force 1, Chris was deployed to New York in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. He received several Medals of Valor for actions taken on emergency incidents. Chris is remembered as a dedicated father and “friend of many.”

**Stacie Rae Morse, Flight Nurse and unborn daughter Delta Rae  
Guardian Flight- Juneau, Alaska  
Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Stacie Rae Morse, 30, Guardian Flight, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident. Seven months pregnant with unborn daughter Delta Rae, she died alongside flight paramedic Margaret Langston, and EMS pilot Patrick Coyle. Although petite, she was known to be fierce and mighty and was beyond excited to become a first-time mom. Stacie enjoyed many sports, loved hunting and fishing, and was already a mom to her many farmyard animals.





**Glen Morthorpe, EMS Pilot**  
**Medevac Alaska- Anchorage, Alaska**  
**Last Call: 11/29/2019**

Glen Morthorpe, 75, Medevac Alaska, died in the line of duty in a medical airplane accident alongside flight nurse Robert Cartner and flight paramedic Maddox Burts. A seasoned pilot with over 40,000 flight hours, he loved aviation, loved to teach others to fly, and volunteered with the Civil Air Patrol. Glen is remembered for his patience, knowledge, and dedication to detail.

**Gerardo Isaias Pacheco, Firefighter/Paramedic**  
**Houston Fire Department - Houston, Texas**  
**Last Call: 08/03/2020**

Gerardo Isaias “Jerry” Pacheco, 50, Houston Fire Department, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Jerry served in the United States NAVY where he earned the rank of Petty Officer First Class and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm (1991). His life of service continued through his 17-year FF/Paramedic career at Houston Fire Department Station 101 where he was highly respected and known for his loyalty, integrity, and service. Remembered for his big heart and laughter, he is described as an amazing, kind, and respectful person who gave friendship “freely and ferociously.” Jerry loved his family dearly and enjoyed traveling, especially cruising, and basketball with family and friends.

**Jose M. Perez, Firefighter/Paramedic**  
**Los Angeles Fire Department - Los Angeles, California**  
**Last Call: 07/25/2020**

Jose M. Perez, 44, Los Angeles Fire Department, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Jose served the majority of his 16-year career at Station 33 where he was always eager to lead, his patient care is described as “second to none”, and he was a notorious prankster. Remembered for his unwavering generosity, dedication, selflessness, and compassion, he was the definition of altruistic and set the standard in service to others. Jose found true happiness in helping others, whether patients or co-workers, and was frequently heard saying “I got you buddy”. Remembered for his devotion to his family, he gave all he could to those he loved.



**David Anthony Pinto, EMT/Former Fire Chief**  
**New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority EMS (NJSEA) - East**  
**Rutherford, New Jersey**  
**Last Call: 05/17/2020**

David “Dave” Anthony Pinto, 70, New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Working as a letter carrier before joining the fire service, Dave was a civic leader who wore many hats, including as a member of the Wallington Board of Education, and served in many fire department roles. Remembered for his kind and generous heart, he was a true gentleman who gave his all. Dave loved to brighten people’s day and was known as the main cook at the firehouse. At home, he could be found working in the yard, playing bingo, cooking and entertaining. Dave’s wife was central to his life and his family was his pride and joy.

**Kelly Lynn Raether, RN/EMS Captain**  
**Ixonia Fire and EMS - Ixonia, Wisconsin**  
**Last Call: 11/26/2020**

Kelly Lynn Raether, 42, Ixonia Fire and EMS, died in the line of duty of Covid-19. Kelly selflessly served her community throughout her 15-year career in EMS and as a nurse. Described as serving with honor and grace, her passion for others was evident in her commitment to teaching and serving. A beloved instructor, she loved teaching and also loved learning from her students. Kelly was a knowledgeable leader, and an excellent nurse and friend. Known as courageous, selfless, calm, and passionate, she put her patients and their families first. Remembered for her smile and as a vibrant and a “bright presence”, she gave freely and was a blessing to her community.

**Robert David Reisinger, RN/Firefighter/Paramedic**  
**River Grove Fire Department - Illinois**  
**Last Call: 04/29/2020**

Robert “David” Reisinger, 57, died in the line of duty from COVID-19 complications. David’s career was defined by his commitment to public service where he demonstrated professionalism and an exceptional work ethic. Known for his composure in the most challenging situations, David cared for others with compassion, patience, and humor. His ability to teach complex EMS techniques to his colleagues allowed everyone to learn from him. Remembered as kind, gentle, generous, and upbeat, with an ability to make others smile. He also was known for his annual Kentucky Derby party.



**Perry Reynolds, EMS Pilot**

**Vidant EastCare – Greenville, North Carolina**

**Last Call: 01/08/1987**

Perry Reynolds, 39, Vidant EastCare, died in the line of duty in an air ambulance accident alongside Assistant Chief Flight Nurse Pamela Demaree and Chief Flight Nurse Mike McGinnis. Perry's life of service began in the United States Army with a distinguished military aviation career before becoming an EMS pilot. After serving as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, most of the 20 years since his initial training was spent flying helicopters. Employed by OmniFlight, from which EastCare leased its helicopters, he was respected in his role as Lead Pilot and had flown hundreds of missions. Perry is remembered as a serious pilot and loving family man.

**Deborah Gail Rusher, Paramedic**

**Tulsa EMS Authority - Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Last Call: 12/28/2020**

Deborah "Debbie" Gail Rusher, 56, Tulsa EMS Authority, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Debbie is remembered as an awesome, loving, and caring paramedic who loved her co-workers and helping others. Known for her servant's heart, she was a caring and respected professional who also gave respect to everyone. She served with knowledge, taught by example, and was "calm, collected and calculated in the storm". Debbie loved fishing and enjoyed hiking, camping, traveling, and playing softball.

**William Ryan, EMT**

**Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Bayside, New York**

**Last Call: 8/19/2018**

William Ryan, 50, Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, died in the line of duty of World Trade Center illness. He treated and transported victims throughout days of countless trips to Ground Zero as an EMT. Bay Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps retains the ambulance he used at Ground Zero in his honor. A native Long Islander, William is remembered for his gift of gab and love of being in the community.



**Rene Sanchez, EMT**  
**FDNY – Brooklyn, New York**  
**Last Call: 09/16/2020**

Rene Sanchez, 59, FDNY EMS died in the line of duty World Trade Center Illness. As a proud New Yorker, Rene enjoyed his career in EMS and service to his community. Remembered for his kind heart, and caring and calm disposition, Rene positively impacted the lives of many New Yorkers. He is described as a loving son, great big brother, and kind uncle.

**Jeffrey Lee Schaeffer, Paramedic**  
**Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company - Maryland**  
**Last Call: 08/10/2020**

Jeffrey “Jeff” Lee Schaffer, 67, Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Jeff’s service began with a 38-year career with the Social Security Administration as a health and safety specialist and continued through his dedication to EMS and as a volunteer firefighter. Awarded Paramedic of the Year (1999) by the Maryland Institute for Medical Services Systems, he is remembered as respected, caring, hard-working, motivated and passionate about EMS. Described as humble, fun, and generous, he was full of life and had a wonderful sense of humor. Jeff was a talented musician who played multiple instruments, enjoyed crabbing and boating, and loved his family and cats.

**Debra K. Schott, Flight Nurse**  
**North Memorial Air Care- Brainerd, Minnesota**  
**Last Call: 6/28/2019**

Debra K. Schott, 58, North Memorial Air Care, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident alongside EMS pilot Timothy McDonald. Respected and admired by her colleagues, she was known as kind and giving. She loved to travel, work in the garden, and was an avid photographer who especially enjoyed scenic photos. Deb was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.



**Richard Slaughter, Paramedic/Firefighter  
Walker River EMS - Schurz, Nevada**

**Last Call: 11/10/2020**

Richard Slaughter, 56, Paramedic, Walker River EMS, died in the line of duty of a medical event. He served selflessly for 35 years as a paramedic and firefighter in Nevada, California, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. He worked for REMSA, AMR, Care Flight, Mercy Ambulance, Banner Churchill Hospital, Schurz Nevada EMS all while working as a contractor and property preservation manager. Remembered as a leader and respected instructor, he was full of laughter and love. He had a special fondness for nature and animals and simply loved Disneyland. His family, including his parents, sisters, and especially his wife and 5 children, were the real loves of his life. Richard is likened to a real celebrity for the number of lives he touched during his lifetime of service to others.

**Matthew Smelser, Paramedic  
Rostraver – West Newton Emergency Services-Rostraver Township,  
Pennsylvania**

**Last Call: 1/5/2020**

Matthew Smelser, 44, Rostraver – West Newton Emergency Services, died in the line of duty of an accident on scene. Matt was a paramedic supervisor who had served almost 25 years in EMS. Described as a phenomenal paramedic, he loved to teach others. Known as a jack-of-all-trades, he is remembered as a feisty family man with a deep sense of humor and strong faith.

**Richard Van Todd, Fire Chief/Paramedic  
Salem Volunteer Fire Department - Salem, West Virginia**

**Last Call: 09/23/2020**

Richard Van “Rick” Todd, 58, Salem Volunteer Fire Department, died in the line of duty of Covid-19. Known and respected for his many years of service, Rick served as Captain of Bridgeport Fire Department for 20 years and was a member of Salem Fire and EMS for 42 years where he served as Fire Chief for 39 years. Passionate about the fire service and EMS, he was genuinely driven to make his community better. He is remembered as a great leader who was always collected, patient, and understanding and as a consistent servant and asset to his community. Rick is described as a loving, caring, and selfless family man who enjoyed fishing, especially with his grandsons and family.



**Jennifer L. Topper, EMS Pilot**  
**Survival Flight - Grove City, Ohio**  
**Last Call: 1/29/2019**

Jennifer L. Topper, 34, Survival Flight, died in the line of duty in an air medical helicopter accident alongside flight nurses Rachel Cunningham and Bradley Haynes. Jennifer's life of service began as a United States Navy rescue swimmer after the events of September 11, 2001. She continued to serve as an EMT before finding and pursuing her passion for aviation. Jennifer is remembered as a hard worker who was wise, generous, caring, and always smiling.

**Michael Wilder, Paramedic**  
**Wamsutter Ambulance Service - Wamsutter, Wyoming**  
**Last Call: 01/11/2020**

Michael "Mike" Ralph Wilder, 51, Wamsutter Ambulance Service, died in the line of duty of a medical emergency while responding to a call. Mike's desire to help others led him to a career in EMS where he is remembered by his co-workers as kind, witty and smart. He is described by a patient as very "kind, caring, and helpful" during an emergency. He was active in youth organizations, was a Freemason, and enjoyed spending time in nature while geocaching, four-wheeling, and fishing. Mike is remembered as loving, big hearted, and willing to do anything for those he loved.

**James Woodman, Firefighter/Paramedic**  
**West Haven Fire Department- West Haven, Connecticut**  
**Last Call: 3/29/2019**

James "Woody" Woodman, 55, West Haven Fire Department, died in the line of duty of complications from an ambulance accident. As a member of Recruit Class #15 at the Connecticut State Fire Academy, he was a new graduate and fulfilling his life-long dream to serve others as a paramedic and firefighter. Described as larger than life, his EMS colleagues admire his strength and endurance. He is remembered as a blessing to those whose lives he touched both before and after the accident.



**Jason C. Wurster, Adv. Care Tech**  
**Putnam County EMS - St. Albans, West Virginia**  
**Last Call: 12/29/2020**

Jason C. Wurster, 46, Putnam County EMS, died in the line of duty of COVID-19. Jason's first responder career began as a Junior Firefighter and continued through his service at multiple volunteer fire departments where he held various leadership positions. He dedicated his life to helping others and is remembered as caring, devoted, giving, and selfless. Respected and admired by his colleagues, Jason was known as a hard worker who simply wanted to give back.

**Brittany Young, EMT**  
**Jan-Care Ambulance Service- Beckley, West Virginia**  
**Last Call: 8/10/2019**

Brittany L. Young, 23, Jan-Care Ambulance Service, died in the line of duty in an ambulance accident alongside Douglas Ronald Dick, II. Described as a caring soul, she especially loved caring for people and was pursuing a nursing career. Brittany was a devoted mother to her daughter and a loving fiancé who "lived life to the fullest."

**Douglas H. Zima, Paramedic**  
**Northwest EMS, Inc - Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania**  
**Last Call: 05/30/2020**

Douglas "Doug" H. Zima, 68, Northwest EMS, Inc. died in the line of duty after suffering a medical emergency while responding to a call. Doug's 26-year EMS career included service in many communities and as an EMT, CPR, and Medical Instructor. Dedicated to education and making a difference, he was a high school teacher for 16 years and enjoyed a lifelong commitment to the Boy Scouts of America. Remembered as a loyal friend who loved caring for others, he created many memories for those who knew him. Doug loved his family, and as dedicated member of the Masonic Order, he led by example to treat others with kindness and respect.



Every year we are blessed with EMS students, historians and other volunteers who spend time researching with the goal to leave no one behind.

## ***In Memoriam-Historical Honorees***

**Leroy "Mike" Asche**, 52, Ambulance Driver, Pecatonica, IL, died in the line of duty 12/3/1972, as a result of a medical event.

**Vertis E. Barbre**, Ambulance Driver, Kasson, IN, died in the line of duty 4/27/1954, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Paul Barker**, 38, Ambulance Corpsman, Brown Mills First Aid Squad, Township of Pemberton, NJ, died in the line of duty 5/31/1954, as a result of a rescue dive training accident.

**Melvin L. Benton**, 35, Ambulance Driver, Thornhill-Carey Ambulance, WA, died in the line of duty 3/20/1952, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Carmel Blackburn**, 44, Ambulance Driver, Inez, KY, died in the line of duty 11/19/1967, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Frederick Broome**, Ambulance Driver/Policeman, Camden Police Department, Camden, NJ, died in the line of duty 10/17/1918, as a result of Influenza.

**Salvadore Bruno**, 21, Ambulance Steward, Bob's Ambulance Service, Hayward, CA, died in the line of duty 7/13/1963, as a result of an ambulance accident alongside Peter Miglioizzi.

**Nathan Burt**, 31, Ambulance Driver, Raleigh Funeral Home Ambulance, Raleigh, NC, died in the line of duty 10/9/1939, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**David Capelli**, 25, Ambulance Driver, Minotola Rescue Squad, Minotola, NJ, died in the line of duty 9/12/1971, as a result of an ambulance accident.





**Ervin Cardwell**, 18, Ambulance Attendant, McCune Ambulance Service, Vacaville, CA, died in the line of duty 8/8/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Joel Carey**, 55, Ambulance Corpsman, Pine Hill First Aid Squad, Pine Hill, NJ, died in the line of duty 12/14/1970, as a result of a medical event.

**Chleo Cotton**, 68, Ambulance Driver, Burkhart Funeral Home, Princeton, IN, died in the line of duty 12/20/1946, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Darrell Day**, 24, Ambulance Attendant, El Paso, TX, died in the line of duty 8/6/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Jerry Decker**, 54, Ambulance Driver, Hunter, ND, died in the line of duty 2/27/1992, as a result of a medical event.

**Philip Detter**, 55, Ambulance Driver, Saint Louis Health Department, Saint Louis, MO, died in the line of duty 2/4/1895 from pneumonia following an ambulance accident.

**Bobby Dill**, 31, Ambulance Driver, Rushville Mortuary, Manilla, IN, died in the line of duty 3/20/1963, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Gelen Dixon**, 36, EMT, Haddonfield First Aid Squad, Cherry Hill, NJ, died in the line of duty 2/28/1975, as a result of a medical event.

**Ollie Columbus Earp**, 35, Ambulance Driver, Appalachian Funeral Home, Johnson City, TN, died in the line of duty 12/6/1931, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Jesse Edwards**, 32, Ambulance Attendant, Chicago Fire Department (Civilian), Chicago, IL, died in the line of duty 11/12/1973, as a result of an accident while on scene.

**Randy James Eldridge**, 22, EMT, Med-Assist Ambulance Service, CO, died in the line of duty 7/13/1969, as a result of electrocution while on scene.



**William M. Evans**, 51, Ambulance Driver, Underwood Memorial Hospital, Woodbury, NJ, died in the line of duty 7/3/1929, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**William Faisone**, Ambulance Attendant, Martland Hospital Ambulance, Newark, NJ, died in the line of duty 4/8/1972, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Thomas Farrell**, 45, Ambulance Driver, Saint Joseph's Hospital Ambulance, Paterson, NJ, died in the line of duty 1/9/1917, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Eve Cumming Foley**, 45, Ambulance Driver, Cedar Grove Ambulance Unit, Cedar Grove, NJ, died in the line of duty 3/1/1968, as a result of a vehicle accident while en-route to the station for a call.

**Ray E. Freeman**, 25, Ambulance Driver, City Ambulance, Kansas City, MO, died in the line of duty 11/2/1931, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**John Gerry**, 62, Ambulance Driver, Bellevue Hospital, NJ, died in the line of duty 9/4/1898, as a result of a medical event.

**John Gilson**, 48, Ambulance Attendant, Lincoln Heights Receiving Hospital Ambulance Service, CA, died in the line of duty 10/22/1951, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Odus Glasscock**, 39, Ambulance Driver, Snyder Ambulance Service, Comanche, TX, died in the line of duty 1/14/1971, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Jerome Gray**, 25, Ambulance Attendant, Lithgow Ambulance Service, FL, died in the line of duty 10/21/1949, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Herbert Hannigan**, 39, Ambulance Corpsman, Plainfield Rescue Squad, Plainfield, NJ, died in the line of duty 7/3/1952, as a result of a medical event.

**Sanford C. Hilt**, 53, Ambulance Driver, Hilt Ambulance Service, Chillicothe, MO, died in the line of duty 5/12/1963, as a result of a medical event.



**Stanley Hinton**, 21, Ambulance Driver, Dallas, TX, died in the line of duty 11/25/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Henry V. Hogan**, 68, Ambulance Corpsman, Pattenburg First Aid Squad, Bethlehem, NJ, died in the line of duty 12/29/1984, as a result of an accident while on scene.

**J. Elmer Hoss**, Ambulance Corpsman/Firefighter, Westmont Fire Company #1, NJ, died in the line of duty 9/18/1970, as a result of a medical event.

**Lloyd Howell**, 65, Ambulance Attendant, McCune Ambulance Service, Vacaville, CA, died in the line of duty 8/8/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Samuel V. Hurdle**, 58, Ambulance Driver, Washington, DC, died in the line of duty 8/24/1949, as a result of a medical event.

**George E. Hutton**, 29, Ambulance Driver, New Freedom Ambulance, PA, died in the line of duty 11/27/1948, as a result of an accident while on scene.

**Orval H. Irwin**, 41, Ambulance Attendant, San Leandro, CA, died in the line of duty 4/22/1957, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Ralph Jones, II**, 37, Firefighter/EMT, Deptford Fire Department, Woodbury, NJ, died in the line of duty 6/23/2000, as a result of a medical event.

**Rufus Harvey Kelly**, 71, Ambulance Driver, Ralph Jones Ambulance Service, Sweet Springs, MO, died in the line of duty 7/26/1961, as a result of a medical event.

**Allen King**, 55, Ambulance Driver, Lapeer, MI, died in the line of duty 5/15/1959, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Philip Kirk**, 21, Ambulance Attendant, Lakeland, FL, died in the line of duty 9/13/1956, as a result of an ambulance accident.



**John Jackson Knorr**, 30, Ambulance driver/Patrolman, Haddonfield Police Department, Haddonfield, NJ, died in the line of duty 6/7/1932, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Thomas Kress**, Nurse, Bellevue Hospital, NJ, died in the line of duty 11/13/1916, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Robert Steven Lake**, 21, Ambulance Attendant, Warrensburg, MO, died in the line of duty 11/5/1971, as a result of electrocution while on scene.

**Roberta Lamphier**, 34, Ambulance Attendant, Toms River First Aid Squad, Toms River, NJ, died in the line of duty 12/1/1974, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**James Lynch**, 20, Ambulance Helper/Attendant, Rahway Memorial Hospital, NJ, died in the line of duty 6/1/1930, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Dorsey Macy**, 40, Ambulance Attendant, Linton, IN, died in the line of duty 12/26/1953, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Adeleine Elizabeth Maki**, 42, Ambulance Attendant, Oakhurst First Aid Squad, Oakhurst, NJ, died in the line of duty 6/16/1975, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Kenneth Marrs**, 21, Ambulance Attendant, Mercer Island, WA, died in the line of duty 4/25/1955, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Herman Gardner McNabb**, 50, Ambulance Attendant, McNabb Funeral Home, Cabool, MO, died in the line of duty 7/20/1945, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Peter Migliozi**, 23, Ambulance Driver, Bob's Ambulance Service, Hayward, CA, died in the line of duty 7/13/1963, as a result of an ambulance accident alongside Salvadore Bruno.

**Arthus Montgomery**, 66, Ambulance Driver, Connolly Ambulance, Springfield, IL, died in the line of duty 1/28/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.



**Earl Moody**, 44, Ambulance Attendant, Memphis, TN, died in the line of duty 12/30/1948, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Louis Nishawitz**, 25, Ambulance Surgeon, Hackensack General Hospital Ambulance, Hackensack, NJ, died in the line of duty 2/16/1923, as a result of an ambulance accident alongside James Reape.

**Nolan T.W. No**, Ambulance Attendant, Honolulu Ambulance Service, Honolulu, HI, died in the line of duty 2/1/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Everett O'Mara**, 56, Ambulance Driver, Holland and Berry Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL, died in the line of duty 7/28/1957, as a result of an accident while on scene.

**Drew M. Rains**, 52, Ambulance Driver, Wellman Funeral Home, Shreveport, LA, died in the line of duty 8/16/1946, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**James Reape**, 38, Ambulance Driver, Hackensack General Hospital Ambulance, Hackensack, NJ, died in the line of duty 2/16/1923, as a result of an ambulance accident alongside Louis Nishawitz.

**Herbert Reilly**, Ambulance Driver, Rahway Memorial Hospital, NJ, died in the line of duty 5/29/1930, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Robert Richey**, 26, Ambulance Attendant, El Paso, TX, died in the line of duty 8/6/1958, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**George Scheidler**, 39, Corpsman, Haledon Emergency Ambulance Corps, Haledon, NJ, died in the line of duty 5/18/1959, as a result of a medical event.

**August Schulte**, 35, Ambulance Driver, Saint Louis Ambulance Service, Saint Louis, MO, died in the line of duty 6/14/1943, as a result of an ambulance accident.



**Harold Seekell**, 59, Ambulance Corpsman, Vailsburg First Aid Squad, Bordentown, NJ, died in the line of duty 6/25/1963, as a result of a medical event.

**A.M. Smith**, 63, Ambulance Driver, Kennett, MO, died in the line of duty 10/1/1963, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**John Smith**, 41, Ambulance Driver, Schone's Sons Ambulance, Fort Wayne, IN, died in the line of duty 8/26/1924, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**George Stanley**, 55, Ambulance Driver, Koppers Coal Company Ambulance, Weeksbury, KY, died in the line of duty 8/18/1941, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**John Stutzman**, 64, Ambulance Steward, Vallejo, CA, died in the line of duty 8/29/1956, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Louis Swarnes**, 28, Ambulance Driver, Joplin, MO, died in the line of duty 12/18/1962, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Charles Van Heck, Jr.**, 45, Ambulance Corpsman, Oakland First Aid Squad, Bordentown, NJ, died in the line of duty 4/12/1966, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**Zell Watson**, Ambulance Driver, Yelverton Funeral Home, Raleigh, NC, died in the line of duty 7/15/1949, as a result of an ambulance accident.

**James Weir**, 33, Ambulance Attendant, Oakland Ambulance Service, Oakland, CA, died in the line of duty 6/5/1950, as a result of an ambulance accident.



## **Tribute Video Presentation**

*(Please refrain from flash photography during presentation)*

## **National EMS Moment of Silence**

*(Agencies across the United States participate live)*

## **Retirement of Colors**

2021 National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard

## **Closing Remarks and Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony**

### **Jana Williams**

President, National EMS Memorial Service

National EMS Honor Guard members & Survivors

Music: "Go Light Your World" (by Chris Rice)

## **Dismissal to Atrium**

## **Taps**

**Leigh Chambers**, Lieutenant, Retired

Sedgwick County EMS

Wichita, Kansas

## **Amazing Grace**



## *2021 Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums*

### **Honor Guard Commander**

**Ron S. Quesenberry**

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James City County Fire Department

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**John H. Soderberg**

Crew Chief

City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Emergency Medical Service

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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**Kevin Haugh**

Retired Captain, FDNY EMS

FDNY EMS Pipes & Drums

New York, New York

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Honor Guard

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Honor Guard

Mississippi

**American Medical Response (AMR)**

Honor Guard

Portland, Oregon





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Honor Guard

Austin, Texas

**Baltimore City Fire Dept, Police Emerald Society of Baltimore**

Piper

Baltimore, Maryland

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Honor Guard

Boston, Massachusetts

**Bucks County Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services**

Memorial Honor Guard

Doylestown, Pennsylvania

**Fire Department of New York (FDNY) EMS**

Pipes and Drums

Brooklyn, New York

**Minnesota EMS Honor Guard**

Honor Guard

Saint Cloud, Minnesota

**Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team**

Honor Guard

Moberly, Missouri

**New Castle County Emergency Service**

Honor Guard

New Castle, Delaware



**City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Emergency Medical Services**

Honor Guard

Pipes & Drums

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Honor Guard

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**RWJBarnabas Health/Jersey City Medical Center EMS**

Honor Guard

Jersey City, New Jersey

**Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service**

Honor Guard

Wichita, Kansas

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Honor Guard

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*\*Directors Emeritus Kevin Agard and Shirley Bagby passed away since the last service.*

The Board wishes to acknowledge Kevin Agard and Shirley Bagby and salute their noble contributions to the National EMS Memorial Service and the larger EMS community. They were tireless and passionate advocates for our honorees and their families.



## *In dedication*

### **Kevin Agard**

Kevin began working for the National EMS Memorial Service in the early 2000's and later became a Board Member. Kevin was very instrumental in working "behind the scenes" as the Public Information Officer and many times as the ceremonial photographer. He also worked many long hours throughout each year as a "regional coordinator who sought to identify and nominate EMS providers who had died in the line of duty. After serving on the memorial service board for ten years, Kevin became a Director Emeritus and continued working for several years afterwards. He was dedicated to seeing that EMS providers who died in the line of duty received the same honorable tributes to fallen firefighters and police officers. Kevin died unexpectedly in a vehicle crash on November 27, 2019, at the age of 60.

### **Shirley E. Bagby**

Shirley Bagby began working with the National EMS Memorial Service (NEMSMS) in 1993 when the service was held in Roanoke, VA. Shirley was working for the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads when that organization sought to recognize the EMS providers who had died in the line of duty, similar to the services provided to the fire fighters and police officers. Shirley became an active and integral part of the NEMSMS as a Board Member and serving as its Secretary for many years. Shirley was known for her sweet southern charm and enjoyed meeting families from across the nation who had come to honor their loved ones. She had a knack for wordsmithing documents and had an "eagle-eye" for grammatical errors. Shirley served on the National EMS Memorial Service Board of Directors for 27 years and will always be remembered for her dedication to the memorial service and for her commitment to the families that came to honor them. She passed away on December 28, 2020, after a brief illness at the age of 89.



## ***2021 Appreciation***

*Support for our mission occurs throughout the year. Contributions, including those received after print deadline for this program, are recognized in our annual report due later this year with the exception of some donations made via PayPal or Facebook. Those third parties do not always provide us with the individual or organization that contributed therefore we cannot credit them individually. It is with sincere gratitude we note the following individuals and organizations that have helped make the many activities and events of the National EMS Memorial Service, the Weekend of Honor and the Moving Honors tributes possible...*

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