



**Welcome,
Dogwood Dedication,
and
Memorial Service**

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Virginia Beach, Virginia



Jointly presented by the
**Virginia State Firefighter's Association and
Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads**



Special Thanks

Vocalist

Gary Dalton

VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Eddie Ann Orndoff

Auxiliary to the VAVRS Chaplain

For handmaking and donating the crosses.

Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department

who assisted with the placement of the flowers and ringing the bell.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard

Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Honor Guard

Southeastern Virginia Firefighters Pipes and Drums

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs

for providing and setting up the projector for
the slide show and to those handing out the programs
for this evening's Memorial Service.

After the Memorial Service, please take a moment to snap a picture
with the memorial display in honor of your loved one.
Also, feel free to take a flower in remembrance of them.

Program

Welcome

Gary Dalton
VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Joan Dempsey
Auxiliary to the VSFA Vice President

Introduction of Honor Guard

Gary Dalton
VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Joan Dempsey
Auxiliary to the VSFA Vice President

Invocation

Eddie Ann Orndoff
Auxiliary to the VAVRS Chaplain

Opening Remarks & Introduction of Guests

John H. Craig
VAVRS President

Walt Bailey
VSFA President

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Tim Smith, *Assistant Chief*
Climax Volunteer Fire Department

Gary Dalton
VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Dogwood Dedication

AVSFA Firefighter's Relief Committee

About Our Joint Service

Ayla Hottel
Auxiliary to the VSFA Chaplain

Reflections

Dale Jaimison
VSFA Chaplain

Special Music Amazing Grace

Gary Dalton
VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Roll Call of Honorees

Walt Bailey
VSFA President

Lisa Saul
Auxiliary to the VSFA President

Rev. Ken Williams
VAVRS Chaplain

Eddie Ann Orndoff
Auxiliary to the VAVRS Chaplain

Program *(continued)*

Line of Duty Death Roll Call of Honorees Joan Dempsey
Auxiliary to the VSFA Vice President

5-5-5 Tolling of the Bell Joan Dempsey
Auxiliary to the VSFA Vice President

Moment of Silence

Last Call TAPS

Benediction Rev. Ken Williams
VAVRS Chaplain

Retirement of Colors Gary Dalton
VAVRS Editor and Secretary

Joan Dempsey
Auxiliary to the VSFA Vice President

Keynote Speaker

Tim Smith

From the Discovery Channel series *Moonshiners* and an active Virginia Firefighter in Culpeper County, Tim will speak on recruitment challenges in today's volunteer Fire and EMS services.

Tim was past Chief and is currently the Assistant Chief of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.





2024 Dogwood Tree Dedication Ceremony

Welcome

Carol Stickley, *Co-Chair*
Firefighter's Relief Committee

A Brief History

Presentation of Dogwood Tree

AVSFA Firefighter's Relief Committee

Sylvia Baker, *co-chair*; Carol Stickley, *co-chair*;
Liz Garnett, Carolyn Landis, Diana Reed, and Karen Sica

*We have a small token of appreciation for each of you,
so please be sure to get one on your way out.*

*Please sign the sheets on the clipboard so we know who attended the
2024 Memorial Service. These signed sheets will go to the Dogwood
Tree department recipient to bury when the tree is planted.*

Thank you.

Honorees

Alexandria VFD

Fire

Michael Francis Xavier Monaghan

Bassett VRS

Rescue

Maxine Virginia Foley Hall

Bensley-Bermuda VRS

Auxiliary

Shelvy Jean Powell

Boiling Springs VFD & RS

Fire

Calvin Clarence Booth
Ovila Joseph "Joe" Cormier
Johnny Lewis Nida

Bridgewater VFCo.

Fire

William Shickel Grady

Broadway VFD & EMS

Fire

Michael Scott Hoover
Paul Stuart Mauzy
Louis "Lou" Allen Royston

Rescue

Dawna Renee Dove

Buckroe Beach VFCo.

Fire

George Mason Pickin
Eric H. Snapp

Buena Vista RS

Rescue

Oran Guilford Eakin
Ronald L. Slough
John Edgar Wheeler

Cave Spring FA & RS

Rescue

Brenda Lee Clark
William "Bill" Henry Whitlow

Chase City VFD

Fire

Thomas Franklin Champion
Richard Ray Evans
Winthy Hatcher Jr.
Munsey Adams Moore
Thomas "Mike" Reamey

Auxiliary

Shirley Owen Morgan

Christiansburg VFD & VRS

Fire

Jeremy Lathan Compton

Rescue

Garland Lee Linkous Jr.

Citizens Emergency Crew & Gladys VFD

Rescue

Larry Keith Smith

Clarendon VFD

Fire

Charles Francis Carter
Philip Arthur Charles Jr.
Eugene Carter Gordon Jr.
John Philip Malhoyt

Cleveland LSC

Auxiliary

Barbara Ellen White Johnson

Clifton Forge VRS

Rescue

Kenneth Wayne Lowman
Obie Silas "Joe" Vest Jr.

Auxiliary

Laura Bell Givens Booze

Honorees *(continued)*

Colonial Beach VRS Support Team

Rescue

Elta Melson

Covington VFD & RS

Fire

Robert "Bob" Edward Loving
Richard Glendon "Huck" Tyree

Rescue

Teresa Smith Markham

Culpeper County VFD

Fire

Warren Arthur Rollins

Danville LSC

Rescue

Scott Andrew Eanes
Charlie "Harlow" Gates

Davis Corner VFD & RS

Rescue

Sharon Edith Brown

Effinger VFD

Fire

John Daniel "JD" Clemmer Jr.

Forest View VRS

Rescue

James P. "Mac" McGuire

Fox Hill VFCo.

Auxiliary

Terry Champine Price

Franklin County RS

Rescue

Edwin Wright Prillaman

Gretna VFD & RS

Auxiliary & Auxiliary

Bitha Mayhew Yeatts

Hartfield VFD, Inc.

Fire

William Sheldon Blake
Miles Curtis "Curt" Saunders Jr.

Holly Grove VRS

Rescue

Betty Lee Walton Fields

Hose Co. #4

Fire

William "Bill" Robert Braithwarte
Robbie Lee Click
David Wilson Harrison
Donald "Donnie" Lynn Holsinger
Kim Lee Kiser
Wade Emmette Mohler

Ivor VFD

Fire

Narvie Frank Britt Jr.

Lebanon LSC

Auxiliary

Elizabeth Monk

Longshop-McCoy VFD & VRS

Fire & Rescue

Esley N. Dillon

Fire

Larry Wendell Akers

Rescue

Wayne Edward Akers

Loudoun County VRS

Auxiliary

Marie Cyrus Householder

Luray FD

Fire

Leroy Curtiss Lancaster
Robert Dale Strickler

Honorees *(continued)*

Manassas VFCo.

Fire

James Moore "Mo" Stokely

Martinsville VFD & EMS

Fire

Bernard Page Brockenbrough

Mountain View VRS

Rescue

Charlotte Mae Stevens

Nansemond Suffolk VRS

Rescue

Earl Carter Smith

Nansemond Suffolk VRS, Isle of Wight VRS, & Windsor VRS

Rescue & Auxiliary

Marlene Mason-Spivey

New Market F&R

Fire

Thomas Bachman

Newport VRS & Giles VRS

Rescue

Norris Fleetwood Stiff

Painter VFCo.

Fire

Patricia Widgeon Sturgis

Poquoson VFCo.

Fire

Gary Lynn Allred

Auxiliary

Eva Elizabeth Brewster

Rich Creek VFD

Fire

Thomas "Tommy" Cooper Boggess Jr.

Richmond County VRS

Rescue

Crawford Lawrence Reynolds Jr.

Riner VFD

Fire

Travis Clarke Simpkins

Scott County LSC & FAC

Rescue

Connie Ann Dockery (Truesdale)

Nat Wayne Oaks

Sedley VFCo.

Fire

Christopher "Chris" John Collins

Snow Creek RS

Rescue

Mildred Hodges Law

Southside Virginia Emergency Crew

Rescue

Clay Broughton "Pat" Jarvis, Jr.

Stafford VRS

Rescue

Ellen Virginia Barger Lewis

Stanley VRS

Rescue

Duane Eugene Layman

Sterling VFCo.

Fire

Charlie Grant

Joseph Gregory Martin

Timothy Eugene Smith

Strasburg VFD

Fire

Donald Ray Keller

Honorees *(continued)*

Tappahannock-Essex VFD

Fire

Charles Harrison Douglas Sr.
Grayson Tyler English
Lewis C. Greenwood

Auxiliary

Sue Motley Andrews

Timberville VFD

Fire

Edward Lee Arehart
Buddy Ray Walton

Upper Lancaster VFD

Fire

Leonard Ray Forrester

Verona VFCo.

Fire

John "Bucky" Wesley Stone, III

Victoria F&R

Rescue

Delbert Jackson Garrett Sr.
Claude Newton Otey Jr.

Vienna VFD

Fire

Gerald "Jerry" Winston Miller
Marshall Orr Potter Jr.

Vinton VFD & FAC

Fire

Bennett "Benny" Leslie Powell

Rescue

Roy Garland McCarty Jr.
Sydney Allen Myers
Aubrey Richard Vaughan

Virginia Beach VRS

Rescue

Ronald Bruce Bauman
Shirley Marie Cox (Station 14)

Washington County LSC

Auxiliary

Patricia Snead Graybeal

Waynesboro FAC

Rescue

Lisa Renee Hiveley
Marvin Gibson Jones
John B. "Brad" Stevens Sr.

West End VRS / Richmond VRS

Rescue

Beverly Mehaffey Atkins

Westrock RS

Rescue

Dennis R. King
Jay Patrick Scruggs

Windsor VFD

Fire

Wesley Floyd Garris

Woodstock VRS

Auxiliary

LouiseElaine Lambert Garman

Line of Duty Death Honorees

Abingdon FD

Fire

Cameron Bentley Craig

Alexandria FD

Fire

Brian Robert Hrick

Altavista VFD

Fire

John Everette Tucker

Blackstone VFD

Fire

Hunter C. Byers

Frederick County F&R

Fire

Chester Taylor Lauck
Ian Thomas Strickler

Henrico County Division of Fire Houses #2 & #17

Fire

Stephen Davis Whitson

Louisa County Fire & EMS

Fire

Mia Regina Ethridge

Rice VFD

Fire

James Arness Foster

Sterling VFCo.

Fire

Trevor Bryan Brown

Virginia Beach FD

Fire

Matthew Robert Chiaverotti "Chevy"

Virginia Department of Forestry

Fire

Rocky Shane Wood



**“Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.”
- John 15:13**

5-5-5 Tolling of the Bell

Historically, long before radios and computer-aided dispatch, in the late 19th Century, Americans in cities across the country either had to go to the nearest firehouse to report a fire, or, in the larger cities, go to a street corner and pull the handle on a fire alarm box. These boxes were found at intersections throughout a given city, and each one had its own special numeric identifier. Pulling that handle sent a signal to a fire alarm office that looked up the box location and transmitted the alarm via telegraph to all firehouses due to respond.

Firefighters at each station learned which boxes to which they were first, second, or third due to respond and where they were located. When the telegraph activated a receiver at the firehouse, it triggered a series of bells to ring, alerting personnel to an emergency. If the series corresponded to boxes to which they were expected to respond, they immediately scrambled for their apparatus and departed for that location. In those days, if a box alarm was struck, the fire was usually easily located by arriving firefighters.

In New York City, this box alarm system was well-developed. Tradition carries the story that the box to which firefighters responded and lost the first career firefighter in the line of duty was Box 5-5-5. So significant was this loss felt that Box 5-5-5 was retired and replaced with a new numeric assignment. Thereafter, a Signal 5-5-5 transmitted by the fire alarm office served to notify all department personnel that a firefighter had lost their life. This is heard as five bells, a pause, five bells, a pause, and five more bells.

That tradition continues to be observed today throughout the American fire service at memorial services to recognize the loss of our brothers and sisters, ringing a fire bell to make these losses known. At First Responder Virginia, we will ring the bell to honor those lost over the years since we last gathered.

