

34th Annual
National Emergency Medical Services
Memorial Service



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**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
- National EMS Memorial Service - whose mission is to honor those in EMS from air and ground who have made the ultimate sacrifice of 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

We continue to salute the tireless work by our colleagues at:

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

While there are national memorials and solid funding streams for both police and fire professionals, currently there is no permanent memorial for EMS or federal funding for the National EMS Memorial Service. The organizations above operate solely on private donations.

Background

Organized in 1928 by Julian Stanley Wise, the Roanoke Lifesaving and First Aid Crew (Virginia) was the first independent, all-volunteer rescue squad in the United States. It is fitting that it was in Roanoke, over 30 years ago, that Kevin Dillard founded the National EMS Memorial **Service** to honor and recognize EMS and air medical providers who died in the line of duty. Kevin realized that while there were memorial services for police and fire professionals, there was no formal recognition of EMS individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. Each year, volunteers build additional sections to add to the temporary memorial, called the Tree of Life, and the names of new honorees are added. At the end of each annual Service, the panels are packed away into storage until the following year.

In 2000, the National EMS Memorial **Bike Ride** was formed when 10 EMS providers rode their bikes from Boston to the National EMS Memorial Service in Roanoke to raise awareness about the commitment, service, and sacrifice of EMS providers. Today they continue 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.

There is no permanent national memorial that recognizes EMS Providers. In 2008, the National EMS Memorial **Foundation** was formed to change that. In 2018, after a decade of their work, Public Law 115-275 was signed by the President of the United States, which exclusively authorizes the National EMS Memorial Foundation to establish a permanent National EMS Memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor, recognize and commemorate: the commitment, service and sacrifice of EMS providers killed, injured or disabled in the line of duty and of all those that have served, currently serve and will continue to serve. They are currently in the Federal approval process to finalize the site, and development will then follow.

While all 3 organizations' missions continue individually, they also recognize deep synergies. Since 2016, the National EMS Memorial Service and Weekend of Honor have been held annually in the D.C. area, which organically highlights the work of each of the 3 organizations and their common ground. We anticipate that the National EMS Memorial Service will be held at the permanent site in the nation's capital when completed.

Moving Honors

In 2020, like most in-person gatherings, the National EMS Weekend of Honor, National EMS Memorial Service, and National EMS Memorial Bike Rides were cancelled due to COVID. While valiant efforts and virtual events helped to fill the void, the lack of gathering to honor EMS left a mark.

The host organizations are 100% led by volunteers and the Weekend of Honor requires hundreds more volunteers, nearly all of whom are active EMS providers in their communities. They, along with families, friends, and colleagues, could not gather in 2020 to honor the fallen, which made the impact of the pandemic more difficult. Having no permanent memorial to visit at another time further complicated the grieving process. Organizers also recognize that many families of honorees and volunteers are still unable to travel today or must remain working in their communities as staffing gaps continue.

The past several years' Tree of Life installments were built by Tom and Jenn Liebman at their home near Dallas, TX. As thoughts swirled on how to transport this "precious cargo" from Dallas to the Weekend of Honor that first year, ideas and dreams turned into a plan when legacy sponsor Global Medical Response stepped in with a donated ambulance and staffing for the trek across multiple states. The event was so successful, organizers have repeated it each year since with a new and expanded footprint each time. The route and stops are now planned yearly with current and former honorees' families and colleagues in mind.

Respectfully dubbed **Moving Honors**, the procession this year began in Redding, CA, made several stops before pausing near Dallas, TX where this year's Tree of Life installment was loaded, and then continued through several states to Arlington, VA, over multiple days. The Tree of Life housed inside this specially decorated ambulance is not removed until it is officially unveiled at the start of the Weekend of Honor. A Tree of Life replica is available for viewing at stops along the way.

The goals of the Moving Honors procession are multifaceted. First is to bring awareness and additional recognition to the honorees. Second is to provide broader access to the Tree of Life to allow anyone to pay respects and send messages of hope forward to the honoree families and EMS colleagues at the other end of its journey. Third in a much smaller capacity, is to inspire fundraising to support the National EMS Memorial **Service**, allowing it to continue its mission to recognize fallen EMS professionals. It also draws attention to the **Foundation's** efforts to build a permanent memorial.

The Moving Honors ambulance is escorted by various first responder agencies along its journey and makes stops along a defined route. The procession ends its journey when it arrives in Arlington, VA led by the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, officially kicking off the Weekend of Honor. Organizers encourage those who visit the Moving Honors ambulance to "fill it" with messages that are then shared with honoree families and those in attendance at the Weekend of Honor. Industry organizations that support these efforts include the American Ambulance Association (AAA), the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS), and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).

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.

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

- An American 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 37 fallen who are honored here today appear on the newly minted 2026 panel of the "Tree of Life," the temporary National EMS Memorial. All Tree of Life panels from previous years remain on display during the Weekend of Honor annually, demonstrating our commitment to Always Remember.



Program

Announcer

Eric Johnson

Executive Director, Supporting Heroes
Louisville, Kentucky

Pre-Ceremonial Candle Lighting

Jan Eichel

Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation of Medical
Transport Programs (CAMTS)
Anderson, South Carolina

Joseph House

Executive Director, Kansas Board of EMS
Immediate Past President, National Assn. of State EMS Officials
Topeka, Kansas

Tim Hurst

Board Member, Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association
Flight Nurse, Vanderbilt LifeFlight
Nashville, Tennessee

Joe Kellner

Board Member, Association of Critical Care Transport
CEO, LifeFlight of Maine
Bangor, Maine

Dr. David Stuhmiller

Emergency/EMS Physician, RWJBarnabas Health, LifeNet
National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)
Newark, New Jersey



Invocation

Chaplain Edward S. Walkos, EMT-P

Medical Rescue Team South Authority
Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Presentation of Colors

2026 National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard
2026 National EMS Memorial Service Pipes & Drums

Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Dillard

Founder, National EMS Memorial Service
Fredericksburg, Virginia

National Anthem

Marlyn Campbell

Lifeguard Ambulance Service
Santa Rosa County, Florida

Derek Gray

American Medical Response (AMR)
Riverside, California

Todd Metz

CSI Aviation, Texas
For Paul Foundation, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Cody Poole

American Medical Response (AMR)
Colorado Springs, Colorado



Welcome

Scott Davis

President, National EMS Memorial Service
Oilville, Virginia

Opening Remarks

Gamunu Wijetunge

Director, Office of EMS
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, DC

Moving Honors Tribute

Tom Liebman

Director, National EMS Memorial Service
VP Operations-West Region, GMR

2026 Moving Honors Route Coordinator

Kassandra Moloney

2026 Moving Honors Attendants/Therapy Dogs

Scott Adams

Bob Garner & “Karma”

Chris Cummins

Nicole Gonzales & “Oakley”

Jessica Fleming

Chase Lott & “Bailey”

Arlene McKinney

Kanessa Thompson & “Apollo”

John Brandon Scifres

Megan Haverkamp-Crew Chief

Reflections

Jason A. Lando

Chief of Police, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Presentations to the Honoree Families

Readers of the Honoree Names

Brian Ceraolo

Chair-elect, Int'l College of Advanced Practice Paramedics
Interim VP & Program Director, Erlanger Health LIFE FORCE
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Jim Houser

Immediate Past Chair, Association of Air Medical Services
President, UPMC Center for Emergency Medicine | STAT MedEvac
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

Wayne Jurecki

President-Elect, American Ambulance Association
President & CEO, Bell Ambulance, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jenn Kileen

Chair, Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association
Chief Clinical Officer, Care Flite
Grand Prairie, Texas

James Robinson

Board of Directors, National EMS Memorial Foundation
Chief, Thompson Valley EMS
Loveland, Colorado

Christopher Way

President, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
EMS Chief, Charleston County EMS
Charleston, South Carolina



Presenters of Commemoratives

Lars Granholm

District Supervisor, Sussex County EMS
Georgetown, Delaware

Ryan Highlands

Director, City of Jeannette Emergency Management
Jeannette, Pennsylvania

Sharde Lovato

Captain, Sedgwick County EMS
Wichita, Kansas

Tony O'Brien

Treasurer, National EMS Memorial Foundation
Paramedic, Boston EMS
Boston, Massachusetts

Robin Printy

Captain, Fire Department of New York (FDNY)
New York, New York

Haley Sledge

Assistant Operations Supervisor, American Medical Response
Jackson, Mississippi

Shawn Stoermann

Paramedic, Emergency Management Director
Brown County, Minnesota

Keith Wilken

Operations Supervisor, Center for EMS, Northwell Health
Poughkeepsie, New York



In Memoriam - Honorees

Salih A. Abdur-Rahman, Paramedic

Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY

Last Call: 10/29/25

Salih A. Abdur-Rahman, 46, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Living his life in service of others, Salih was a dedicated paramedic in New York for more than two decades. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran and was involved in the community as a Boy Scout leader. With a calm voice, a steady hand and a reassuring presence, he touched the lives of so many. Described as larger than life and always smiling, he was a leader and a mentor. Above all Salih was a husband, a father, and a man devoted to his family, and he will be greatly missed by all.

Scott L. Adams, Firefighter/AEMT

Milton-Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department - Milton, IN

Last Call: 4/25/25

Scott L. Adams, 46, Milton-Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. A true public servant with a passion that was contagious, Scott served as a firefighter/EMT. Loving to share his knowledge, he mentored younger firefighters and helped teach future EMTs. Scott was a beacon and shield for his family and raised his children to be tough, independent, and strong like he was. Known for telling the funniest jokes and playing tricks on others, he lived life to the fullest. Always remembering his big heart and sideways smirk, Scott leaves a legacy of hard work and dedication, and the knowledge that you can achieve your goals no matter where you come from.



Stephen M. Anderson, Paramedic
North State Medical Transport - Raleigh, NC
Last Call: 9/21/25

Stephen M. “Mike” Anderson, 53, North State Medical Transport, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. Living his life to serve and help others, he worked as a paramedic and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and served in Special Intelligence. Nicknamed “Batman” by his family, he tried to emulate the hero’s love of serving his community and keeping the streets safe as a paramedic. He valued spending quality time with his loved ones and often volunteered to referee or coach his children’s sports. With a positive outlook on life, he loved to learn new things. Characterized as a genuine and kindhearted person who brought smiles to others, Mike will be remembered for his unwavering commitment and passion to help his community and will be deeply missed by his friends, co-workers, and family.

Amanda J. Benson, EMS Pilot
CSI Aviation - Albuquerque, NM
Last Call: 8/5/25

Amanda J. Benson, 25, CSI Aviation, died in the line of duty in an air medical accident. With an undeniable love for flying, Amanda was living her life to the fullest and pursuing her dreams, working as a pilot. She was dedicated and compassionate about helping others and did so with courage and poise. Described as having a beautiful and adventuresome spirit, Amanda loved art, museums, the outdoors, “the wide-open sky,” and her family. Possessing a joy that left a mark on those around her, Amanda will be greatly missed by so many.



Jacob L. Bozeman, AEMT
American Medical Response (AMR) - Tappahannock, VA
Last Call: 3/20/25

Jacob Bozeman, 20, American Medical Response (AMR), died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. With compassion and a genuine desire to help those in need, Jacob worked as an EMT committed to serving his community. While most children change their dreams as they grow up, Jacob never wavered from a very early age in his pursuit of becoming an EMT, and he made that dream come true with hard work and relentless dedication. Graced with a special gift for making everyone feel seen, heard and cared for, he loved his family deeply and cherished time with friends. Known for his infectious smile, quick wit, and kind soul, Jacob will be missed but never forgotten.

David L. Burke, Deputy Chief/Paramedic
Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY
Last Call: 7/31/25

David Burke, 61, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to World Trade Center Illness. With a passion for helping others, he had a distinguished 38-year career as an FDNY EMS paramedic, ultimately retiring with the rank of Deputy Chief. David dedicated his life to serving his community and mentored many others in his field. Bravely serving to protect life and property in the City of New York, David worked on the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. David had an unwavering devotion to his family, community, and fellow first responders and has left a legacy of service, leadership, and sacrifice not to be forgotten. A man of courage warmth, love and positivity, David will be deeply missed by all.



Michael A. Campbell, AEMT
Lawrence County Emergency Medical Services - Coal Grove, OH
Last Call: 9/8/25

Mike A. Campbell, 48, Lawrence County Emergency Medical Services, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Devoted to helping others, he was an Advanced EMT for over 18 years, a dedicated firefighter for over 30 years, and served as the Assistant Chief at Chesapeake Union Township Fire Department. With an unwavering commitment to serve his community, Mike impacted countless lives throughout his career. He loved time spent with his colleagues and the brotherhood and sisterhood at each department he served. Mike's sacrifice will not be forgotten, and he will be greatly missed by his family, EMS family, fire service family, and countless friends.

Kameilia A. Chavez, Flight Nurse
CSI Aviation - Albuquerque, NM
Last Call: 8/5/2025

Kameilia A. Chavez, 38, CSI Aviation, died in the line of duty due in an air medical accident. With a heart for serving others, Kami realized her dream of becoming a flight nurse when she began her journey with CSI Aviation. As a devoted wife and mother who adored her family, she loved spending all her time with them. She enjoyed going on adventures and created countless memories snowboarding, camping, fishing, and hiking. Described as a "beautiful soul" and bright light, Kami was known for her warmth, smile, kindness and her contagious positive attitude. She never knew a stranger, made everyone around her feel seen and important, and could turn a bad day into a great one. Kami will be remembered as one who loved her family and friends, walked with her faith in God, and lived life to the fullest.



Everett D. Edwards, EMT
Clarks Fork Valley EMS – Bridger, MT
Last Call: 6/23/25

Everett Edwards, 84, Clarks Fork Valley EMS, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. Dedicating his life to helping others and his community, he served on the Fromberg Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years and Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance for 40 years. A talented and creative craftsman and welder, he was the owner of a blacksmith shop and was an Army Veteran. Everett was described as a true historian who loved to share his knowledge and stories with everyone. His love of nature was infectious, and he enjoyed spending time sharing nature with kids both in the classroom and out in the hills. As a gentleman who was kind, honest, faithful and generous, Everett loved his family and was so proud of them. Leaving a legacy of service, Everett will be greatly missed by all.

Donald J. Ellis, Flight Paramedic
Guardian Flight - Ketchikan, AK
Last Call: 6/27/25

Donald J. Ellis, 57, Guardian Flight, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Blending his deep interest in aviation with his passion for serving others, DJ worked as a flight paramedic in Alaska. During his career, he flew countless missions that brought critical medical care to patients in some of the most remote areas of Alaska. Whether fishing or traveling, DJ found joy in the quiet meaningful moments, and he loved his family deeply. Described as having a quick wit behind a calm exterior, he brought calm to chaos and steadiness to stress. A man of quiet strength and unwavering integrity, DJ was a mentor and a friend. Leaving behind a legacy of service, humility, loyalty, humor and heart, his absence will be deeply felt.



Wesley R. England, Critical Care Paramedic
Nelson County EMS – Bardstown, KY
Last Call: 6/2/25

Wesley R. England, 41, Nelson County EMS, died in the line of duty due to a medical event that resulted in a vehicular accident. With an unwavering commitment to emergency services, Wes wore many hats throughout his remarkable career serving as a dedicated critical care paramedic, firefighter and police officer. In addition to working with Nelson County EMS, Wes was a part-time deputy sheriff/school resource officer with Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Characterized as a one-of-a-kind person who always had a smile, he touched countless lives throughout his community. A loving father and a friend who was there for others when they needed him, Wes will be greatly missed, and he leaves a mark that will not be forgotten.

Adam Loren Finseth, Firefighter/Paramedic
Burnsville Fire Department - Burnsville, MN
Last Call: 2/18/24

Adam Loren Finseth, 40, Burnsville Fire Department, died in the line of duty when shot on scene responding to a domestic disturbance. With dedication and compassion for helping others, he served as a firefighter/paramedic with Burnsville Fire Department and as a tactical medic. Adam was involved in the ice and water rescue training programs, very active in the Health and Wellness committee and was an Army veteran. When not working, he loved snowboarding, spending time outdoors and on the water, and helping neighbors, but most of all he cherished the time with his family. Said to be a bit of a daredevil, Adam was strong-willed and always maintained the first-in, last-out mentality. A devoted husband and father, he possessed a deep love and commitment to his family. Full of life and positivity, Adam was a mentor for bravery, heroism, and his selflessness and loving attitude leaves a positive impact on those left behind.



Pamela S. Hehn, Lieutenant/Paramedic
Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY
Last Call: 3/3/25

Pamela S. Hehn, 61, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to World Trade Center Illness. With a passion for emergency medical services, she began volunteering with the Volunteer Ambulance Corps leading to her career as a Paramedic with FDNY where she retired as a Lieutenant. Bravely serving to protect life and property in the City of New York, she worked on the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. She was passionate about helping others and cherished her work family, where many affectionately called her “Mom”. Always smiling, Pam will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Graham J. Hoffman, Firefighter/Paramedic
Kansas City Fire Department - Kansas City, MO
Last Call: 4/27/25

Graham J. Hoffman, 29, Kansas City Fire Department, died in the line of duty after being stabbed by a patient. With a passion to help others, he proudly served as a Firefighter/Paramedic in the Metro Area for six years with the last three years with the Kansas City Fire Department. Graham was a dedicated professional who loved serving his city and was known for his kindness, compassion, and dedication to serving others. Whether on a call or around the station, Graham led by example, bringing skill, humility, and heart to everything he did. He was the kind of person others looked up to, someone who pushed those around him to be better both on and off the job. A good friend who made an impact on the world around him, Graham will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.



Mary E. Jolly, Paramedic
Gaston County EMS - Gaston, NC
Last Call: 11/17/25

Mary E. Jolly, 27, Gaston County EMS, died in the line of duty after being struck by a car while providing medical aid at the scene of an accident, where she stopped to assist while traveling out-of-state. With compassion and unwavering dedication to serving her community, Mary worked as a paramedic with Gaston County EMS and was a part of the department's swift water rescue team. Remembered for her kindness, courage, and steady presence, she was always helping others and stepped forward when she saw someone in trouble. She was the kind of teammate that lifted others up and embodied selflessness on duty and in her personal life. Making everyday choices to care with a full heart, she left a lasting impact on her family, friends, colleagues, and community. Mary's loss is immeasurable, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Jeff W. Jones, Paramedic
Woodward County EMS - Woodward, OK
Last Call: 9/11/25

Jeff W. Jones, 55, Woodward County EMS, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. Living a life caring for others, Jeff served as a paramedic with Woodward County EMS. Making a difference on every call, he had a gift for lifting the spirits of both his patients and his co-workers. Jeff was a kind, gentle, loyal, giving and thoughtful man with a quick wit, contagious smile and a sense of humor. When not working, he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, family trips and was known for his famous deer jerky. Family, and spending quality time with them, was his greatest priority, and he loved them deeply. Jeff's legacy of service and compassion lives on in the lives of those he cared for, and in the hearts of those who loved him.



Fred F. Kemp, AEMT

Washington County/Johnson City EMS & Rescue - Johnson City, TN

Last Call: 10/22/25

Fred F. Kemp, 52, Washington County/Johnson City EMS & Rescue died in the line of duty due to a fall during a high angle rescue training exercise. With a never-ending servant's heart, Fred was a devoted EMS professional who served his community as an AEMT and Rescue Technician. Described as wearing many hats, he also worked part time as an instructor, reserve police officer, and ski patroller at Ober Mountain. He was an Army veteran where he served as a medic and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Fred answered every call with courage, heart, selflessness, and compassion. He always put others before himself. When he wasn't working, he planned every moment around his family and friends and enjoyed snowboarding, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and entertaining in his home. Caring for others went beyond the job; he always found a way to help people. As a family man and friend who was an inspiration, Fred will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jakob E. Kindt, Critical Care Flight Paramedic

University of Mississippi Medical Center AirCare – Columbus, MS

Last Call: 3/10/2025

Jakob E. Kindt, 37, University of Mississippi Medical Center AirCare, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. With a passion for helping others, Jakob served as a critical care flight paramedic. Described as having a larger-than-life personality, he was devoted to God, his family, the medical field and the health and welfare of his fellow man. He was steady, witty, loyal, and quietly motivating, and pushed people to be their best. As a man who was self-driven and never afraid of work, Jakob was the encourager and provider for his family, his church and his profession. He loved fishing with his sons, enjoyed cooking, and was an avid Mississippi State fan. Jakob was one who was in your corner without hesitation and conditions, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



Brenna R. Kulikowski, Firefighter/Paramedic
Timber Mesa Fire & Medical District - Show Low, AZ
Last Call: 9/14/25

Brenna R. Kulikowski, 31, Timber Mesa Fire & Medical District, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. With compassion and dedication for helping others, Brenna served her community as a firefighter/paramedic. Her passion for helping others was evident in every call she answered and every life she touched. As a devoted wife and a loving mother, Brenna's greatest joy was her family. Described as a fierce woman who was small in stature but mighty in spirit, Brenna protected those she cared for with unwavering courage and strength. She was a creative soul and found peace and happiness in nature whether it was hiking, skiing, camping, or tending to her plants and flowers. Leaving a legacy of love, kindness and heroism, Brenna will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Justin L. Lauppe, Paramedic/FTO
Butler County EMS - El Dorado, KS
Last Call: 5/16/25

Justin L. Lauppe, 37, Bulter County EMS, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. With an unwavering commitment to saving lives, Justin served his community as a paramedic. He also was a proud member of the Butler County Rescue and Dive Team and was a certified law enforcement officer. Justin was hardworking, dependable, and an advocate for public safety. As a devoted husband and father, his greatest joy was spending time with his family. Justin lived his life with the purpose of serving others and did so with selflessness, kindness, bravery, and dedication. When not working, he had a deep love for the outdoors and would make sure no one had a need for anything. Justin's loss is deeply felt by his family, colleagues, friends and countless individuals he served in Butler County.



Nicholas Mancuso, Flight Paramedic
CSI Aviation - Albuquerque, NM
Last Call: 8/5/25

Nicholas Mancuso, 37, CSI Aviation, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. Working hard to achieve his dream, Nick served as a flight paramedic, which wasn't just a job, but a calling for him. A tireless advocate for his patients, Nick carried a calm and confident presence, putting those in his care at ease. He was known for his flannel shirts, wearing his hat backwards, and long discussions on topics such as philosophy and history. A loving husband and doting father, Nick's family came first and he cherished time spent with them. Living life to the fullest, he was genuine and full of soul. With courage, compassion, and purpose, he took to the skies not just for adventure but to serve others. Nick will be missed by all and leaves a legacy of bringing care, hope, and comfort to others.

Sarah E. McCarthy, Lieutenant/Paramedic
St. Charles County Ambulance District - Saint Peters, MO
Last Call: 12/9/2025

Sarah E. McCarthy, 48, St. Charles County Ambulance District, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. With a passion for serving her community, she worked as a paramedic and was a 23-year veteran of the district. Sarah was a lieutenant and served on both the Honor Guard and the STARS program – a dedicated team of paramedics who work with special needs pediatric patients and their families. She served as part of the National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard. She found opportunities to care for others, never expecting anything in return, and was a tireless advocate for her patients. Sarah clearly set an example that others could strive for and was a mentor to young paramedics. Described as a wonderful and very outgoing person with a dry sense of humor, Sarah seized the moments in life. A loving wife and beloved mother, Sarah was supportive and enthusiastic about her daughter's sports achievements and cherished spending time with her family. Leaving a legacy of unwavering dedication, compassion, accountability and integrity, Sarah will be greatly missed by all.



James F. McGee, IV, Lieutenant
Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY
Last Call: 12/12/25

James F. McGee, 58, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to World Trade Center Illness. Dedicating his life to serving others as a first responder, James was an FDNY Lieutenant and former paramedic at Lenox Hill and Jamaica Hospitals. Bravely serving to protect life and property in the City of New York, he spent countless hours working on the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. James had a calm, confident presence with a smile that brought warmth and would light up everyone's day when he entered a room. With kindness and compassion, James truly cared about people and made a lasting impact on those around him. Remembered as a husband, father, stepfather, son, brother, friend, and dedicated first responder, James will not be forgotten as his legacy carries on.

Robert M. Miller, Captain/Paramedic
Phoenix Paramedic Solutions - Lafayette, IN
Last Call: 10/9/25

Robert M. Miller, 56, Phoenix Paramedic Solutions, died in the line of duty due to a vehicular accident. Dedicating his life to serving others, he began his career at the young age of 14 as a junior firefighter, then as a volunteer firefighter and a paramedic. Bob was said to be "a behind-the-scenes" guy who was a humble servant who loved what he did, which made a big difference in so many lives. His dedication to his profession and the Indiana EMS Association (where he coordinated the annual EMS conference) was recognized with the Golden Siren Award, celebrating his loyal service. He was committed to being a mentor and taught many EMTs and paramedics. "Larger than life" with contagious laughter, Bob was always very positive and would give you the shirt off his back. Bob was there for many people on the worst days of their lives, and he leaves a lasting legacy of selfless dedication to others. Bob's greatest joy was his family, and he cherished the time spent with them. Remembered for his courage and compassion, Bob will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.



Larry M. Nuckols, Paramedic
Jay County EMS - Portland, IN
Last Call: 1/10/25

Larry M. Nuckols, 53, Jay County EMS, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Dedicating his life to helping others, Larry served in EMS for over 32 years and was also a United States Army veteran with three combat deployments. With a heart of gold and a smile on his face, he was always helpful and encouraging. Larry always made a positive impression on others, and he leaves a large hole that will never be filled. His legacy of service, professionalism, and compassion will continue to inspire future EMS professionals. Larry's commitment to his community stood apart and he will not be forgotten. A caring coworker, father, friend and person to look up to, Larry will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Skye A. Oraczewski, EMT
North State Medical Transport - Raleigh, NC
Last Call: 9/21/25

Skye A. Oraczewski, 22, North State Medical Transport, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. With commitment and dedication to helping others in their time of need, she served as an EMT. Skye strived to make a difference by spreading kindness and hope and lending a hand wherever she could. Filled with compassion, kindness, and warmth, she touched everyone she encountered. Skye treasured her family above all else and cherished the time she spent with them. When she was not working, Skye found joy in life's simple moments, loved spending time at the beach, and playing pickleball. Skye will not be forgotten and will be remembered for her courage, warmth, and ability to offer comfort and compassionate care to others.



Dustin B. Pope, Flight Nurse
University of Mississippi Medical Center AirCare - Columbus, MS
Last Call: 3/10/2025

Dustin B. Pope, 35, University of Mississippi Medical Center AirCare, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. With unwavering commitment to helping others, he served as a flight nurse and doing so was a career goal. He will be remembered for his strong faith, energy and dedication to saving lives. Described as outgoing and energetic with an infectious smile and fun personality, Dustin was kind, caring and a down-to-earth guy. When not working, he enjoyed farming and fishing. A beloved father and husband, Dustin cherished the time spent with his family most of all. Dustin will be remembered for his unwavering commitment and passion to help his community and will be deeply missed by his friends, co-workers and family.

Kevin M. Robert, Flight Paramedic
LifeNet of New York - New York, NY
Last Call: 8/27/25

Kevin M. Robert, 55, LifeNet of New York, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Dedicating his life to serving others, he worked as a flight paramedic. Kevin spent nearly 30 years in emergency medical services, leaving a positive impact which touched many lives. He was a mentor to his colleagues and taught in the paramedic program at Hudson Valley Community College. In his spare time, Kevin enjoyed spending time with his daughters and friends and enjoying a good cigar. Known for his smile and sarcastic wit, he will not be forgotten. Kevin's legacy will live on in the countless lives he saved, and he will be missed by all that knew and loved him.



Stephen D. Scott, Firefighter/Paramedic
Houston Fire Department - Houston, TX
Last Call: 9/17/25

Stephen D. Scott, 62, Houston Fire Department, died in the line of duty due to a medical event. Dedicating nearly three decades to protecting the people of Houston, Stephen served with distinction as a paramedic/firefighter. He also served on the Bike Team and the squad car response unit. An accomplished athlete and Collegiate All-American, with steady guidance and encouragement, Stephen inspired young athletes and was a valued mentor for young paramedics. Away from work, Stephen's greatest joy was spending time with his family, and he loved RV trips, beach outings, cooking, and cheering on his children. A loyal friend who welcomed all with open arms, he was proud to help those in his community. His humor, quirks, and laughter will be treasured memories. Stephen's legacy will live on through his family and numerous friends who will miss him greatly.

Michael W. Skody, Jr., EMT
Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY
Last Call: 8/5/25

Michael W. Skody, 68, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to World Trade Center Illness. Devoting his life to helping others, he served as an EMT with the FDNY. Bravely serving to protect life and property in the City of New York, he worked on the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. Possessing a strong sense of duty, he touched many lives with his kindness and service to his community. Michael loved his family deeply and will be sorely missed. With a distinguished career, Michael will be remembered for his bravery, compassion, dedication, and the sacrifices he made as a first responder.



Roy A. Smith, Firefighter/EMT
Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department - Staunton, IN
Last Call: 4/5/25

Roy A. Smith, 60, Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department, died in the line of duty due to a vehicular accident. With dedication to helping those in his community, Roy served many years as a firefighter/EMT for both Posey Township and Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Departments. He was passionate about caring for others and truly believed his service was his purpose in life. Roy was humble and gracious and frequently directed the spotlight to others. He was the go-to guy for many people in his community and would help with anything from medical assistance to electrical work. He loved his family more than anything and raised his children to selflessly care for others. Live life fully and love abundantly is the legacy he leaves. A tremendous loss for the community, Roy will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Susan E. Smith, Flight Nurse
REACH Air Medical Services - Redding, CA
Last Call: 10/11/25

Susan E. "Suzie" Smith, 67, REACH Air Medical Services, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. Dedicating her life to caring for those in need, she served as a nurse for more than five decades, including 21 years with REACH. Known for her steady hand, kindness, and leadership, Suzie put others first, whether responding to a call or mentoring new medical professionals. She was a pillar of the EMS and healthcare communities, and her legacy, as described by her family, "reminds us to live boldly, love freely, and never hold back the good that we can give". Suzie was described as knowing every second was precious and chose to spend that time helping others and building communities. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she was a mother, wife, and friend who loved her family deeply. Suzie's positive impact will be felt for many years to come through the lives she has touched as she leaves a lasting legacy of compassion and faith.



Damon B. Thompson, Firefighter/EMT
Timber Mesa Fire & Medical District - Show Low, AZ
Last Call: 9/14/25

Damon B. Thompson, 21, Timber Mesa Fire & Medical District, died in the line of duty due to an ambulance accident. Bravely serving the community he loved, Damon worked as a firefighter/EMT. His journey began at the young age of 14 in the junior firefighter program, and he navigated this calling with compassion, professionalism, and unwavering positivity. With boundless love for life, Damon cherished spending time with his family and was a prankster who never missed the opportunity to share in their laughter. Damon was a talented musician and could also be found outdoors camping, hiking, or exploring. With a gentle spirit, big smile, and humor, he spread joy and kindness wherever he went. Leaving a legacy of courage, humility, and selflessness, Damon will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jeffrey R. Tuning, EMS Pilot
CSI Aviation - Albuquerque, NM
Last Call: 8/5/25

Jeffrey R. Tuning, 66, CSI Aviation, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. Dedicating his life to helping others, Jeff, call sign "Tuna," served as a Naval aviator flying the A-6 Intruder and F-14 Tomcat. After retirement as an airline pilot, he served in EMS as a pilot for CSI Aviation. Described as having a larger-than-life personality, Jeff had a way of making people feel seen, valued, and loved. With a positive spirit, infectious smile, generosity, and kindness, Jeff was friendly to everyone and thrived on making a difference in the lives of others. Living his life with purpose and unwavering compassion, he protected and deeply loved his family. A courageous servant, leader, and hero, Jeff will be forever missed and not forgotten.



Calvin R. Wesolowski, EMS Pilot
Med-Trans Corporation/UMMC AirCare - Columbus, MS
Last Call: 3/10/2025

Calvin R. Wesolowski, 62, a pilot for Med-Trans Corporation in partnership with the University of Mississippi Medical Center AirCare, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. He was an instructor pilot and a test pilot but returned to his true calling to serve his community in EMS. Cal retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service, where he mastered several different aircraft and was part of the Army's air ambulance detachment, "Flatiron". A true patriot who served his country and community with devotion and distinction, Cal gave his all and asked for nothing in return. Cal's greatest joy in his life was his family, and he cherished spending quality time with them. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing, wake surfing, just "piddling in the yard," and spending time with friends. Known for his witty comments, straightforward personality, loving heart, tight hugs, smiling face, warm spirit, and kind soul, Cal loved life and loved to fly. A dedicated supporter and a valued member of every community he was a part of Cal leaves a lasting impact and will be greatly missed by all.

Frederick D. Whiteside, EMT
Fire Department City of New York (FDNY) - Brooklyn, NY
Last Call: 11/17/23

Frederick D. Whiteside, 43, Fire Department City of New York, died in the line of duty due to World Trade Center Illness. With more than two decades of service to the FDNY (most recently as a dispatcher), Frederick was a dedicated public servant and front-line responder. He was an experienced EMT known for his resilient and optimistic spirit. Bravely serving to protect life and property in the City of New York, Frederick worked on the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. A man of empathy, compassion, bravery and selflessness, he will be remembered for how well he connected with both patients and colleagues. He was a great mentor for the next generation and made sure he passed down his knowledge and experience to others. Helping those in need was his passion and life-long pursuit. Frederick will be deeply missed by family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew him.



Allan D. Williams, Flight Nurse/Flight Paramedic
Vanderbilt LifeFlight – Nashville, TN
Last Call: 11/8/2025

Allan D. Williams, 55, Vanderbilt LifeFlight, died in the line of duty due to an air medical accident. Allan worked as a flight nurse and paramedic, capping a 31-year nursing career of dedicated, compassionate patient care, clinical excellence, and teaching – serving his community with pride. Known for his skill, warmth, and unfailing kindness, he was always willing to step in when the need arose. Mentoring countless nurses and paramedics, Allan was a passionate educator who was dedicated to improving patient care and safety. A devoted father and loving husband who adored his family, he never missed the opportunity to share their latest adventures and achievements. He was an avid hockey fan with a quirky sense of humor. Described as “one of a kind” with exceptional integrity and loyalty, Allan was that helping hand with encouragement and always with a smile. Allan’s loss is immeasurable, and he will be remembered and missed by all who knew and loved him.



National EMS Moment of Silence

(Agencies across the United States participate live)

Retirement of Colors

2026 National EMS Memorial Service Honor Guard

Amazing Grace

2026 National EMS Memorial Service Pipes & Drums

Taps

Leigh Chambers, Lieutenant (ret.)
Sedgwick County EMS
Wichita, Kansas

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City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
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Closing Remarks and Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony

Jana Williams
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Survivors & National EMS Honor Guard members
Music: "Go Light Your World" (by Chris Rice)

Dismissal to Atrium



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In Memory

Jean E. Venner, Henrico, Virginia

Jean, an original NEMSMS Board Member and Director Emeritus, devoted nearly three decades of quiet and faithful service to honoring fallen EMS providers and supporting their families. With a servant's heart, Jean worked tirelessly behind the scenes—creating name badges, proofreading program tributes, and offering compassion to grieving families. Her warm smile, gentle hugs, and encouraging words brought comfort to many during the Memorial Service. Jean's dedication to service extended far beyond the Memorial. While serving the organization, she also worked full-time as a church secretary, continuing her work until the age of 89. A cancer survivor and a woman of deep strength and faith, Jean gave generously of her time and heart. Jean passed away at the age of 92 last year, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness, support, and unwavering devotion. Her light lives on in the many lives she touched.



In Memory

Tim Shanks, Clinton, Mississippi

Tim, as an Eagle Scout, & Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, began a dedicated life of service as a life-long scout and leader, well before becoming a firefighter for the Clinton Fire Department, then an EMT with AMR Central Mississippi. Tim retired from the fire department as Deputy Chief of Education and Training but continued serving as an EMT. He later joined the NEMSMS Honor Guard member where he served for the last four years.

Tim filled those years with a unique love of ceremony and reverence instilled from years of scouting service and leadership. He was supportive of the NEMSMS and any honorary activity in which he could participate. Because of his dedicated service, he was selected by peers to present the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of the integrated NEMSMS Honor Guard in 2025. When he elected to step down from this prestigious duty due to the progression of the disease, ALS, a fellow honor guard member stepped in, allowing Tim to still participate in the gallery, side by side with his home team members. Colleagues across departments recall him as a mentor who balanced professionalism with approachability. Tim, though living only once, led three lives of service - scouting, fire service, and EMS. Tim succumbed to ALS in February. He was 57.



In Memory

Kevin Haugh, Pearl River, New York

Kevin was an FDNY EMS captain and founding member of the FDNY EMS Pipes and Drums. He led the processions as the Drum Major for the National EMS Memorial Service's integrated Pipe & Drums beginning in 2007 and played the bass drum when needed. Kevin was proud of his Irish heritage and loved being part of the band so much that he would arrive at the Service a day early just so he could help iron and fold the flags for the honoree families. He often quietly helped other honor guard members with travel expenses. Kevin was a mentor, teacher, and advocate to many who served with him. He responded on September 11th to the World Trade Center and advocated passionately for our fallen. Kevin will be remembered for his commitment to serving others and his impact on the lives of those around him, his compassion, humor, strength and humility. When asked, Kevin simply stated "he was living with ALS, not dying from it". He lost his courageous battle with the disease a few weeks ago surrounded by those he loved and who loved him. He was 63.



In Memory

Rande M. McCrary, Breckenridge, Missouri

Rande spent more than 40 years in EMS as a paramedic with multiple agencies in Missouri. Though EMS was in his blood and part of who he was, he unfortunately was forced to medically retire from direct patient care. In 2009, he found a way to continue serving and be a part of the EMS community he so dearly loved by joining the NEMSMS Board of Directors. Rande was a consistent face at the Weekend of Honor from that point forward and took great pride in greeting and comforting grieving loved ones or EMS colleagues. He could always be found at the registration desk “just in case anyone needed anything.” He was easily recognizable for his wide grin and the fact that he carried a large walking stick for balance. When he became wheelchair-bound, he continued serving at the Weekend of Honor in a motorized scooter, never missing one since joining the board, and at times, even defying physician recommendations to stay home to rest for his own health. He brought deep passion to everything he did and everyone he interacted with, especially the families of our fallen. Rande passed away last month at the age of 67.



2026 Appreciation

Support for our mission occurs throughout the year. Contributions, including those received after the print deadline for this program, are recognized in our financial report, except for 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. With sincere gratitude, we note the following individuals and organizations who 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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