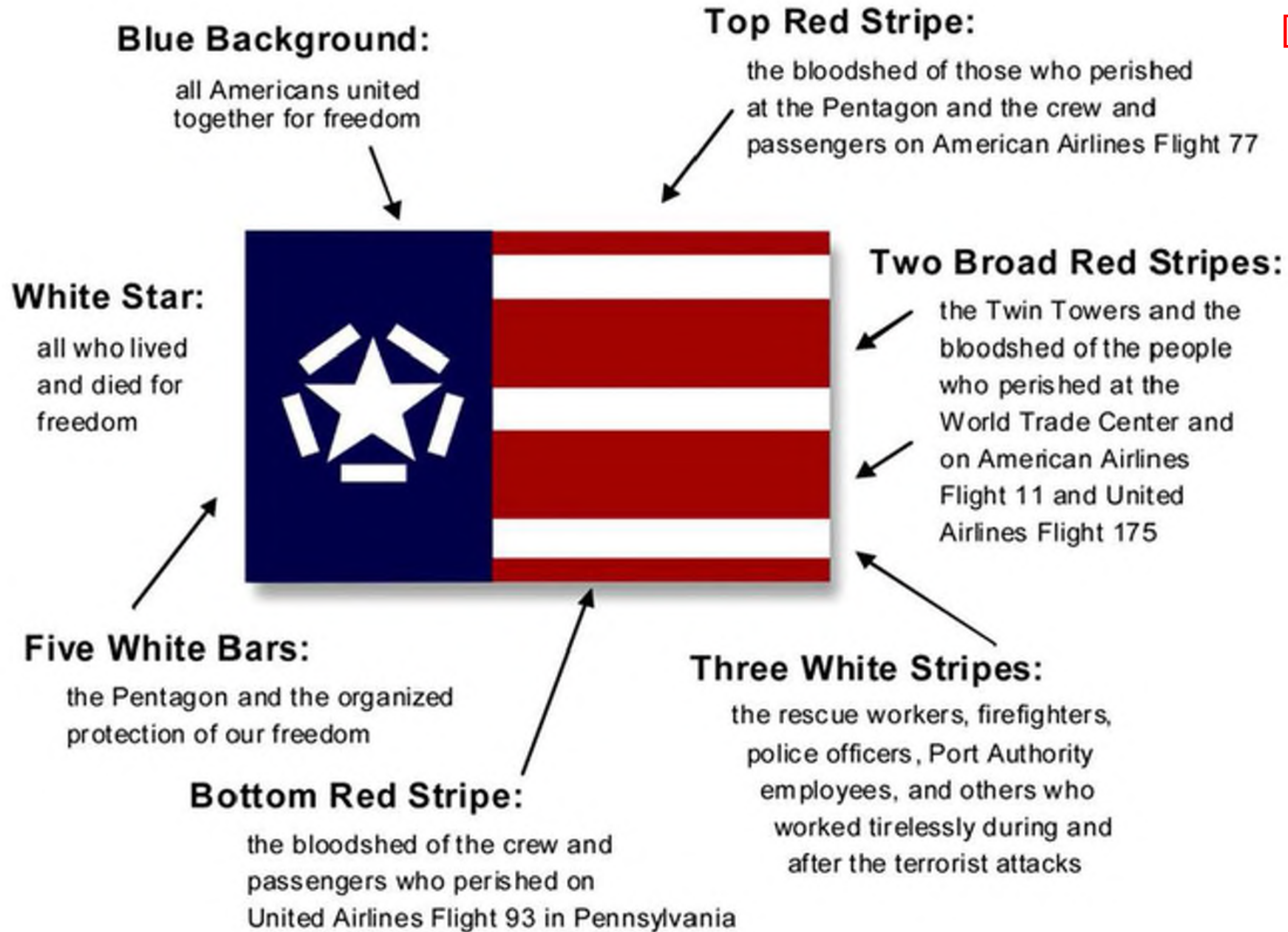


# MEANING OF THE FREEDOM FLAG

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### **FREEDOM FLAG LEGISLATION - 2025 Case Support for Maryland**

1. 2,977 lives lost (including 70+ with ties to Maryland), a day we promised to “Never Forget.”
2. Incredible heroism by first responders 343 FDNY, 69 police/rescue, and the passengers/crew of United Flight 93.
3. Deadliest day on American soil since the Civil War (more lives lost than at Pearl Harbor).
4. Deadliest terrorist attack in world history.
5. International implications: citizens from over 90 nations perished on 9/11.
6. Attack on our freedoms and institutions ... painful reminder that "Freedom is not Free."
7. The death toll of first responders who have died of 9/11 related illness now exceeds the 9/11 death toll (3,000+ ... source: <https://theconversation.com/20-years-on-9-11-responders-are-still-sick-and-dying-166033> ).
8. Since 9/11, over 7,000 servicemen and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms around the world.
9. It's been over 21 years since the day that changed the course of American (and world) history.
10. Nearly 100 million Americans – including approximately 1.5 million Marylanders – have been born since 9/11 or were too young to remember the events (approaching 25% of our population).
11. Today's K-12 students and the majority of college-aged students were all born after 9/11.
12. Over 20 years later, teaching about 9/11 is only required in 14 states:  
<https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/local/20-years-later-how-911-taught-schools/509-caba5fc6-cef8-488b-983c-d996b85a6736>
13. The Freedom Flag is our Nation's only codified flag/symbol of remembrance for 9/11:
  - Virginia (2018): VAC §1-510
  - Oklahoma (2022): O.S. Title 25 §93.3
  - Delaware (2022): 29 Del. Code §331
14. The Freedom Flag is a demonstrated and enduring symbol of remembrance, flown/displayed in all 50 states, and proven educational tool for the next generation.

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## MARYLAND and 9/11

### Names of natives Marylanders lost on 9/11/2001

1. **Samantha Lightbourn Allen**, 36, of Hillside – Civilian employee, Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
2. **Joshua Todd Aron**, 29, of Potomac – Equity trader at Cantor Fitzgerald - WTC
3. **Max J. Beilke**, 69, of Laurel – Master Sgt. US Army (Retired), Korean War Veteran, civilian employee at the Pentagon
4. **Kris Romeo Bishundat**, 23, of Waldorf – native of Guyana, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class, US Navy at the Pentagon
5. **Carrie Blagburn**, 48, of Temple Hills – Civilian employee, Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
6. **Donna Bowen**, 42, of Waldorf – Contract employee, Communications specialist with the US Army at the Pentagon
7. **Burford, Christopher**, 23, of Upper Marlboro – Electronics Technician 3rd Class, US Navy at the Pentagon
8. **Michael R. Canty**, 30, formerly of Baltimore – Broker at Carr Futures, 92nd floor of the WTC, Tower 1
9. **Angelene C. Carter**, 51, of Forrestville – Civilian employee, Accountant for the US Army at the Pentagon
10. **Sharon Carver**, 38, of Waldorf – Civilian employee, Accountant for the US Army at the Pentagon
11. **William Caswell**, 54, of Silver Spring – Civilian Employee, Physicist working with the US Navy – passenger on American Flight 77
12. **Sarah Clark**, 65, of Columbia – Sixth grade teacher chaperoning a group of DC schoolchildren to an ecology conference in Santa Barbara, passenger on American Flight 77
13. **Julian Cooper**, 39, of Springdale – Contractor with the US Navy at the Pentagon
14. **Patricia Gross Cushing**, 69, of Baltimore – Travelling to vacation in San Francisco on her first commercial flight, United Flight 93
15. **Ada Davis**, 57, of Camp Springs – Civilian employee Accountant for the US Army at the Pentagon
16. **Wayne Terrial Davis**, 29 formerly of Fort Meade – US Army Veteran, Sales engineer with Callixa, 106th floor, Tower 1, WTC
17. **James Daniel Debeuneure**, 58, of Upper Marlboro – Fifth grade teacher chaperoning a group of DC schoolchildren to an ecology conference in Santa Barbara, passenger on American Flight 77

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18. **Valerie S. Ellis**, 46, native of Tacoma Park MD – Equities Trader with Cantor Fitzgerald, 104th floor, Tower 1 WTC
19. **Charles S. Falkenberg**, 45, of University Park – Travelling to Australia with wife and two children on American Flight 77
20. **Dana Falkenberg**, 3 of University Park – Travelling to Australia with parents and sister on American Flight 77
21. **Leslie Whittington Falkenberg**, 45, of University Park – Travelling to Australia with husband and two children on American Flight 77, to work briefly at the Australian National University
22. **Zoe Falkenberg**, 8 of University Park - Travelling to Australia with parents and sister on American Flight 77
23. **Jamie Lynn Fallon**, 23, of Towson – Storekeeper 3rd Class, US Navy stationed at the Pentagon
24. \* **Robert John Fangman**, 33, native of Baltimore – Flight attendant, filling in for a colleague on United 175, who made a one minute 15 second phone call at 8:52 a.m. (ET) to the United Airlines office in San Francisco reporting the hijacking, and that both pilots had been killed and another flight attendant had been stabbed before his call went dead.
25. **Amelia V. Fields**, 46, native of Princess Anne, MD – Civilian secretary for the US Army who would have celebrated her birthday that evening, was at work at the Pentagon
26. **Gerald Fisher**, 57 of Potomac – Consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton at the Pentagon that day to brief the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel on an improved system for survivor benefits for military employees.
27. **Sandra N. Foster**, 41 of Clinton – Civilian employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon
28. **Captain Lawrence D. Getzfred**, 57 of Silver Spring – assigned to the Naval Command Center at the Pentagon
29. **Cortez Ghee**, 54, of Reisterstown – Civilian employee, Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
30. **Colonel Ronald F. Golinski**, US Army (Retired), 60, of Columbia – Civilian employee in the US Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the Pentagon
31. **Edwin Graf III**, 48, with family ties in the Baltimore area – Vice President, Cantor Fitzgerald, WTC North Tower
32. **Ian J. Gray**, 55, originally from England who later resided in the Baltimore/Columbia area was a passenger on American Flight 77
33. **Michele Heidenberger**, 52 of Chevy Chase – Senior Flight Attendant on American Flight 77
34. **Sheila Hein**, 51 of University Park – Civilian Army management analyst at the Pentagon

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35. **Sgt. Jimmie Ira Holley**, 54 of Lanham – Accountant, civilian employee of the US Army at the Pentagon
36. **Angela Houtz**, 27, of La Plata – Civilian analyst for US Naval Intelligence at the Pentagon
37. **Barbara Ann Keating**, 72, formerly of Baltimore, returning to California after an East Coast visit, passenger on American Flight 11
38. **Brenda K. Kegler**, 49, of Capitol Heights – Civilian employee, Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
39. **Vincent A Laieta**, 31, of Ocean City – Vice President of Operations, Aon Corporation, Tower 2, WTC
40. **Paul Laszczynski**, 49, native of Baltimore –Police Officer, Port Authority of New York killed while attempting rescue of trapped victim in the WTC North Tower somewhere above the 20<sup>th</sup> floor”. He had received a commendation for his prior rescue carrying a disabled individual down 70 flights of stairs during the WTC attack in 1993.
41. **Alan P. Linton, Jr.**, 26, of Frederick –Associate Director, Sandler O’Neill & Partners, 104th floor of the South Tower of the WTC
42. **Joseph Maggitti**, 47, of Abington – Attending the monthly meeting at Marsh & McLennan headquarters at the WTC
43. **Shelley A. Marshall**, 37, of Marbury – Senior Management Officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon
44. **Renee May**, 39, of Baltimore – Flight attendant on American Flight 77
45. **Kenneth M. McBrayer**, 49, of Annapolis – US Navy Veteran, working for Sandler O’Neill & Partners, 104th floor of Tower 2, WTC
46. **Daniel W. McNeal** – 29 – Towson – Analyst, Sandler O’Neill & Partners, 104th floor, Tower 2, WTC
47. **Major Ronald D. Milam, Sr.**, 33, of Brandywine – Department of the Army, stationed at the Pentagon
48. **Gerard P. "Jerry" Moran**, 39, of Upper Marlboro – Former combat photographer who was then working as an engineering contractor for the US Navy at the Pentagon. Interestingly, his niece was working at the WTC but was able to escape.
49. **Odessa V. Morris**, 54, Upper Marlboro – Civilian Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
50. **Teddington “Ted” Hamm Moy**, 48, of Silver Spring – Civilian Program Manager for the US Army at the Pentagon
51. **Christopher W. Murphy**, 35, of Easton – Senior Research Analyst, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Tower 2, WTC
52. **Lt. Jonas M. Panik**, 26, of Odenton – US Navy, Intelligence Officer at the Pentagon
53. **Lt. Darin Howard Pontell**, 26, of Columbia – US Navy Intelligence Officer at the Pentagon

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54. **Scott Powell**, 35, of Silver Spring – Civilian contractor, Systems Engineer working with the US Army at the Pentagon
55. **Joseph J. Pycior, Jr.**, 39, of Landover – US Navy Aviation Warfare Systems Operator, 1st Class, Naval Command Center at the Pentagon
56. **Todd Reuben**, 40, of Potomac – Travelling for business to see a client in California on American Flight 77
57. **Cecelia Lawson Richard**, 41, of Fort Washington – Civilian employee, Accountant for the US Army at the Pentagon
58. **Linda Rosenbaum**, 41, Pikesville – Claims Specialist at Marsh & McLennan, WTC
59. **Sgt. Major Robert E. Russell**, US Army (retired), 52, Oxon Hill – Civilian employee, Budget Analyst at the Pentagon
60. **William R. Ruth**, 57, of Mount Airy – Vietnam Marine and National Guard Reservist, retired teacher who was a Chief Warrant Officer for the US Army at the Pentagon
61. **Karen Seymour**, 40, of Baltimore – Technology Specialist with Garban Interocapital was attending a conference on the 106th floor, North Tower, WTC; her office was on the 25th floor from which her co-workers were able to escape.
62. **Antoinette "Toni" Sherman**, 35, of Forest Heights – Civilian Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon; she survived for six days, but ultimately died from severe burns.
63. **Patricia J. Statz**, 41, of Tacoma Park – Civilian employee of the US Army at the Pentagon
64. **Edna L. Stephens**, 53 of Capitol Heights – Civilian Budget Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
65. **Hilda E. Taylor**, 62, of Forrestville - Sixth grade teacher chaperoning a group of DC schoolchildren from Leckie elementary School to an ecology conference in Santa Barbara on American Flight 77
66. **Staff Sgt. Willie Q. Troy**, US Army (retired), 51, of Aberdeen Proving Ground - Civilian program Analyst for the US Army at the Pentagon
67. **Lt. Commander Ronald J. Vauk**, US Navy Reserve, 37 of Mount Airy – Watch Commander at the Naval Command Center at the Pentagon
68. **Honor Elizabeth Wainio**, 27, native of Baltimore –Travelling for business on United Flight 93
69. **Ernest M. Willcher**, 62, of North Potomac - Consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton at the Pentagon that day to brief the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel on an improved system for survivor benefits for military employees.
70. **Marvin R. Woods**, US Navy (retired), 58, of Great Mills – Civilian employee, Communications Manager for the Navy at the Pentagon
71. **Captain John D. Yamnicky**, US Navy (retired), 71, of Waldorf - Passenger on American Flight 77

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72. **Edmond Young**, 22, of Owings – Civilian employee, Information Technology Specialist at the Pentagon
73. **Lisa L. Young**, 36, of Germantown – Civilian employee, Personnel Assistant from the US Army at the Pentagon

**Sources:**

<https://voicescenter.org/living-memorial>

<https://pentagonmemorial.org/biographies>

\*<https://www.transportationnation.com/inside-the-terrifying-final-minutes-of-brave-9-11-victims/>  
(Robert Fangman airplane call reporting the hijacking)

\*\*<https://wjla.com/news/september-11th-20th-anniversary/theyre-still-here-with-us-remembering-the-six-dc-students-and-teachers-lives-lost-on-september-11th> (This has a picture of the Freedom Flag as part of a banner hanging in Leckie Elementary School in Washington, DC where Hilda Taylor, one of the Maryland victims, taught.)

**Additional Information:**

Maryland National Guard Remembers 9/11 –

<https://www.nationalguard.mil/News/Article/2772083/maryland-national-guard-remembers-911/>

Maryland police release hijacker traffic stop video, January 8, 2002 –

<http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/01/08/inv.hijacker.video/index.html>

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Mr. Chip Harris  
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Dear Mr. Harris,

Thank you again for your generous donation of a Freedom Flag to the Maryland State Police. It is an honor for our department to receive so visible a symbol of American strength and pride. I am proud to say that members of the Bel Air Barrack held a flag raising ceremony on the morning of September 11, 2002 and respectfully displayed the Freedom Flag for all to see. This was a valuable opportunity to pay respect to all heroes and victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

Once again, thank you for your kind donation. I look forward to working with you in the future on matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



Terri L. Taylor - Captain  
Commanding Barrack "D"  
Department of State Police

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