

# MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

27 MAY 2024

MARYLAND WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL  
1920 GOVERNOR RITCHIE HIGHWAY  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

AMERICAN LEGION POST 141	ENTERS
NATIONAL ANTHEM	MR. BRUCE BELT
OPENING PRAYER	POST 141 CHAPLAIN RAYMOND SIMS
OPENING REMARKS	POST 141 COMMANDER CURTIS D JONES
PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL PARTY	POST 141 ADJUTANT COLLEEN MOON
REMARKS	SHANEKA HENSON DELEGATE, MARYLAND HOUSE
REMARKS	LISA RODVIEN AA COUNTY COUNCIL
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	POST 141 COMMANDER CURTIS D JONES
GUEST SPEAKER REMARKS	MIKE ROGERS, DELEGATE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE
TRIBUTE/WREATH LAYING	COMMANDER CURTIS JONES DELEGATE MIKE ROGERS
TAPS	MR. STAN WOMACK
BENEDICTION	POST 141 CHAPLAIN RAYMOND SIMS

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# GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY COLONEL MIKE ROGERS US ARMY, RETIRED

BORN INTO A MILITARY FAMILY, DELEGATE MIKE ROGERS SPENT 29 YEARS IN THE U.S. ARMY, DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY AND VALUES ACROSS FOUR CONTINENTS AND IN 32 COUNTRIES. HE RETIRED AS A HIGHLY DECORATED COLONEL IN 2015.

COLONEL ROGERS SERVED AS A CONSENSUS BUILDER IN THE US ARMY IN THE US ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, WITH COMBAT TOURS IN SOMALIA, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN AND KUWAIT. AS A SENIOR OFFICER, HE OVERSAW MAJOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND MEDICAL LOGISTICS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST TO ENSURE OUR SOLDIERS HAD ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE .

ELECTED TO THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN 2018, COLONEL ROGERS BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE AND FIRST VETERAN TO CHAIR HIS DELEGATION. DELEGATE ROGERS SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED 80 PIECES OF LEGISLATION SUPPORTING A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE, IMPROVED BENEFITS FOR VETERANS, WOMEN REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND TAX BREAKS FOR SENIORS ON A FIXED INCOME. HE SPONSORED THE "KEEP THE HEROES HOME ACT" WHICH PROVIDED TAX RELIEF FOR MILITARY PENSIONS, PROVIDING ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR VETERANS WHILE ENABLING MORE VETERANS TO CALL MARYLAND HOME.

COLONEL ROGERS IS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HE SERVED AS COACH FOR THE SEVERN POP WARNER YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE; AS PRESIDENT OF THE PTSA FOR FT. MEADE HIGH SCHOOL; AS A MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POSTS IN SEVERN AND ANNAPOLIS; AS A MEMBER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY AND AS A REGIONAL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE 350,000 MEMBER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

COLONEL ROGERS IS A GRDUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. HE AND HIS WIFE TANYA LIVE IN LAUREL AND ARE THE PARENTS OF THREE CHILDREN. IN HIS FREE TIME, COLONEL ROGERS ENJOYS HIKING, TRAVELING, BIKING, AND TEACHING FINANCIAL LITERACY TO FAMILIES TO HELP CLOSE THE WEALTH GAP.