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**JEFF GOLDBERG**

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**Jeff Goldberg** is the Virginia Bureau Chief for ABC7/WJLA-TV and News Channel 8, focusing on news across the Northern Virginia region.

For Jeff, arriving at ABC7 News is an exciting homecoming. He was born at GW, raised in Potomac, MD, and attended Georgetown Day School in Northwest DC.

But the return home has been years in the making. After attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Jeff worked at television stations in Helena, Montana, Fort Myers, Florida, and San Diego, California. His last stop was in Minneapolis/St. Paul,

where he served as the Senior Political reporter, covering state and national politics. Jeff also earned 2 regional Emmys in the Twin Cities, along with several nominations.

Whether it's covering breaking news, politics, or a light feature story, Jeff's love of reporting is always strong. He says he's incredibly to have such an exciting and fascinating job.

When not working, Jeff enjoys traveling, being active outdoors, and spending time with friends and family. Jeff's sisters and their families live in New York, and his mom remains in Maryland, so the return to the East Coast is great for the whole family.

Follow Jeff on Twitter at @jgoldbergABC7 or email him with tips and ideas at [jgoldberg@wjla.com](mailto:jgoldberg@wjla.com)





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## A NOTE FROM THE FAUQUIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Every day, the men and women of our police and fire departments put their lives on the line to ensure our safety. The Valor Awards Program pays tribute to the heroism and sacrifice of our public safety workers. It recognizes the bravest in our community, the ones who daily put themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of others.

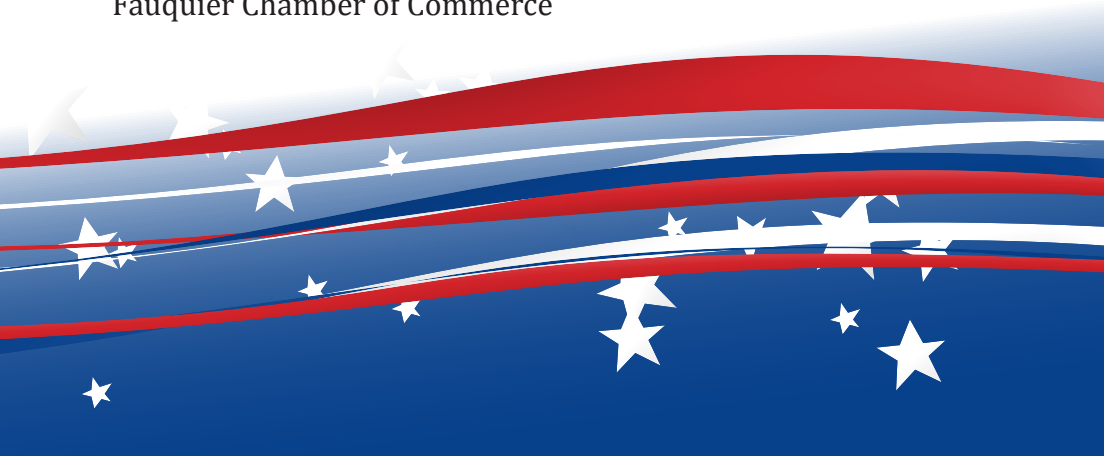
Now in its third year, the Valor Awards program provides our community with a unique opportunity to publicly honor and recognize the men and women who protect us every day.

It is our honor and pleasure to present these awards. One of the most important things we can all do as a community is to honor the service of those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The Fauquier Chamber would like to say "Thank You" to all those we are honoring today and everyone who puts their life on the line for the safety and freedom of our community.

Sincerely,

Lynne Richman Bell, Chairman of the Board  
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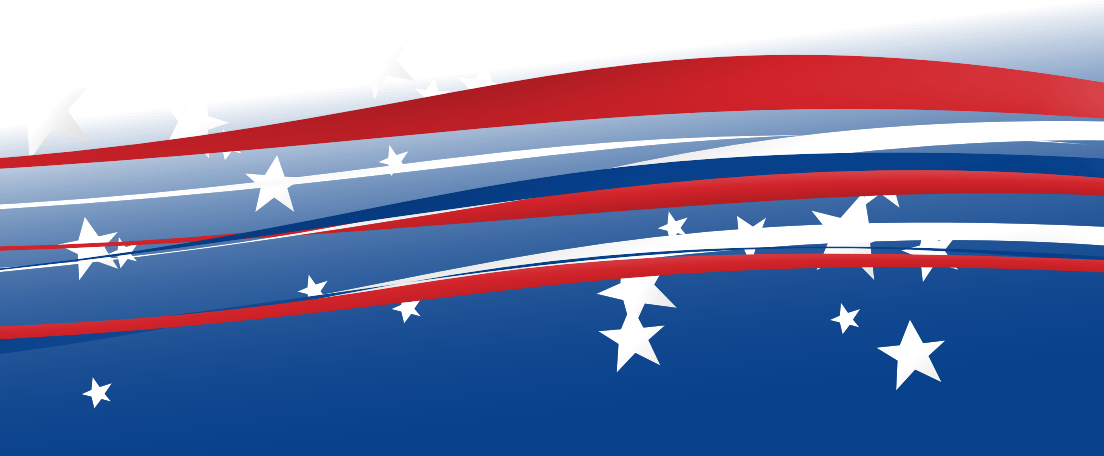
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## CLOSING REMARKS

Joe Martin & Lynne Richman Bell





# WARRENTON TOWN POLICE



## TOWN OF WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



It is my pleasure to nominate Detective Brian C. Kie for the Investigative Services Award, for providing outstanding service to those in our community. He has been a member of the Warrenton Police Department for 6 years, and is committed to the Department's goals, and values. He is well respected by his fellow officers, and the community he serves. Detective Kie has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for four years and has demonstrated a genuine interest and comprehensive knowledge investigating crimes, detailing crime scene processing, collection and analysis of evidence, and a concern for victims of crime.

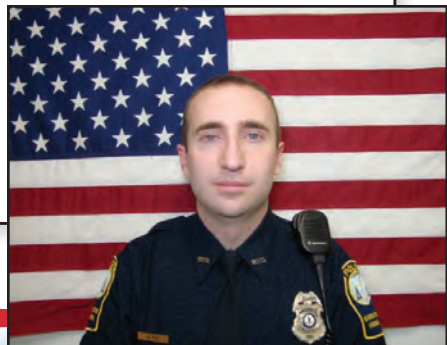
During that time, Detective Kie's overall quality of investigative work has been consistently high. Detective Kie was assigned several high profile cases with numerous implications that have resulted in successful prosecutions.

In a recent high profile case that involved an elderly victim who was injured in her home during the commission of an armed robbery, Detective Kie was able to quickly identify the suspect with few leads and affect an arrest. Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of the firearm used in the armed robbery. The suspect remains incarcerated awaiting trial.

During this past year, I have received compliments on Detective Kie from family members and crime victims relating to his professionalism and thoroughness, which instilled confidence and security to the ones associated with a crime or a natural death. Detective Kie displays a high level of personal integrity and is an important contributor to the success of our organization, and an asset to the community.

Sincerely,

Chief Louis A. Battle  
Warrenton Police Department



Detective Brian Kie



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Mr. Joe Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Detective John "Strick" Payne is being nominated for his persistence and determination to resolve a dangerous situation involving a female resident of this county and a stalker. According to the victim, during December 2012 a male acquaintance from a previous relationship began to stalk and harass her. The stalker, posing as her deceased husband, attempted to have her phone line disconnected. He was observed several times sitting at the end of her driveway watching her residence. He also contacted her over the internet using fake names. He even showed up in places where she would regularly meet friends. Civil remedies were attempted without success. On January 18, 2013, deputies responded to the victim's residence for a suspicious person walking around the house. The victim was in fear for her life and was ready to defend herself. The subject was subsequently identified and charged with trespassing. This subject, unknown to the victim, stated that he was responding to a Craigslist offer of a sexual encounter. This case was referred to Criminal Investigations Division for follow-up and assigned to Detective Payne. The victim reported finding sexually explicit advertisements on Craigslist containing her personal information including her photo and home address. The advertisements offered acts of sexual perversion to any interested male viewing Craigslist. These postings continued for the next two months.


Detective Payne spent much time researching Virginia law and consulting with prosecutors but was unable to determine applicable criminal violations. Undeterred, Detective Payne continued his investigation identifying federal investigators who agreed to look into the suspect's activities. Working in partnership with federal investigators, significant information was developed to charge this suspect with federal crimes. During the course of this investigation, the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office was called to the victim's residence 23 times. Detective Payne personally oversaw the responses of this office and remained in constant contact with the victim. Six different people were identified, arrested and convicted for trespassing. Two of these Craigslist responders were convicted sex offenders. Concerns for the victim's safety continued to escalate. The Craigslist responders, prompted by the suspect, completely disregarded no trespassing signs. The victim placed two separate locked gates across the entrance which did not keep the Craigslist visitors from approaching the house on foot. One broke through her gates driving up to the victim's residence. Detective Payne coordinated the placement of a marked police cruiser between the two gates. There was no stopping the unending parade of sexual suitors prompted by this stalker. On March 20, 2013, the suspect was arrested subsequently pled guilty to computer trespass. He is presently serving a five-year sentence in federal prison, which is four times the recommended guidelines.

Detective Payne's sensitivity to the needs of the victim and his determination to get the job done are in the highest traditions of law enforcement's mission to protect and serve.

Sincerely,

  
Captain C. Bopp  
Criminal Investigations Division

Sincerely,

  
Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



**Detective John Payne**



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Mr. Joe Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Detective Sergeant Michael Zeets is being nominated for his investigative and supervisory efforts during the investigation of a double murder in The Plains, Virginia, which occurred on February 24, 2013.

On Sunday, February 24, 2013, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a welfare check in the 7200 block of Bunker Hill Road, The Plains, Virginia. Responding deputies discovered two elderly victims deceased in this residence; both victims were bound together lying on the floor. Sergeant Zeets, who was the on-call detective, responded to the scene and assumed the duties of the lead detective for this horrific investigation. As such, he oversaw the processing of the crime scene and canvassing the neighborhood, coordinated the interview of witnesses, and assisted with the release of information to assisting law enforcement agencies and the public.

Early in the investigation a suspicious vehicle was located on a property adjacent to the crime scene. While overseeing the results of the neighborhood canvass, Sergeant Zeets determined that a registered owner of the suspicious vehicle was seen in the area prior to the discovery of the crime. Focusing more attention on this person, Sergeant Zeets then began the intensive search of criminal and electronic records. The information linked this suspect to the area of the murder prior to discovery of the crime scene. Information was further developed by the Department of Forensic Services linking the same suspect directly to the crime scene. Sergeant Zeets coordinated the release of information and developed contacts with surrounding jurisdictions in an extensive effort to locate the suspect in this case.


On the afternoon of February 27, 2013, within 72 hours of the discovery of this crime scene, the suspect was located in Fredericksburg, Virginia and arrested on unrelated charges. Sergeant Zeets then organized his detectives and immediately responded to Fredericksburg to conduct an interview of the suspect. Sergeant Zeets observed the interview of the suspect, in real time, and was able to verify information provided by the suspect during his confession. Working closely with local prosecutors, detectives from other jurisdictions and our detectives, Sergeant Zeets subsequently obtained arrest warrants for the suspect charging him with capital murder. Through the cooperative efforts of all agencies involved, the suspect subsequently pled guilty to numerous offenses. On October 15, 2013, he was sentenced in Fauquier County Circuit Court to two life terms plus 165 years without possibility of parole for these horrific crimes.

Sergeant Zeets worked under great stress during this investigation, continually exhibiting professionalism and good judgment. The success of this investigation is directly related to the tenacity and determination of Sergeant Zeets.

Sincerely,

  
Captain C. W. Hopp  
Criminal Investigations Division

Sincerely,

  
Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



**Detective Sergeant Michael Zeets**



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Mr. Joe Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Detective Brandon Lillard is nominated for his leadership and investigative skills in the successful apprehension of a bank robber. The bank robbery occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on June 13, 2013. Just as most were preparing to go home for the day, Detective Lillard got the call to respond to a bank robbery. Detective Lillard was designated as the lead detective for this investigation. As such, he oversaw the processing of the crime scene, coordinated the interviews of witnesses and the release of information to assisting law enforcement agencies and the public. He was also responsible for gathering and evaluating all information developed in this investigation. At the end of the first evening, there was no significant information developed to identify the offender of this crime.

Early the next morning, Detective Lillard gathered all detectives involved in this investigation to share information and made assignments regarding the large number of investigative leads coming into the Sheriff's Office during the evening. Facebook played a large part in bringing leads and possible suspect information to our attention. One lead of particular interest involved a suspect who resembled the person observed on the security cameras at the bank during the time of the robbery. After extensive record checks and subpoenaed requests for electronic records, this person was identified as the prime suspect. Realizing this suspect resided outside of our county, Detective Lillard immediately coordinated his investigative efforts with the responsible law enforcement agency.

Detective Lillard prepared the necessary information to obtain a search warrant for the residence and the vehicle of the suspect. Surveillance revealed the suspect was at this residence at the time the search warrant was approved and ready for execution. Despite deteriorating weather conditions and after putting in many long hours that day, Detective Lillard accompanied detectives from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office in the execution of the search warrants of the suspect's residence and vehicle. Detective Lillard's primary responsibility at this point was to interview the suspect to determine his involvement in this crime. After an extensive interview with Detective Lillard, the suspect confessed to the robbery and was criminally charged. Because of the overwhelming evidence against him and his confession, the suspect pled guilty to the robbery and is now serving his sentence.

Detective Lillard's tireless efforts, thorough investigative skills and determination are directly related to the positive outcome of this significant criminal investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Captain C. W. Bopp  
Criminal Investigations Division

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



**Detective Brandon Lillard**



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Mr. Joe Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Beginning in October 2012 through January 2013, Fauquier County experienced a series of burglaries in the northern portion of the county. Detective Tarr was assigned as the lead investigator for several of these cases and quickly discovered a pattern linking all of these cases together. He further discovered similar incidents just across the county line in the Middleburg (Loudoun County) area. He immediately joined forces with Loudoun County detectives to solve these burglaries.

During these burglaries numerous valuable and sentimental items were taken from local homes. This was a difficult investigation since there was very little physical evidence left behind and no suspect information to identify those responsible. Even when alarms were present, these crimes were effected so quickly that the offenders were gone prior to the response of law enforcement. One of the enhancements coordinated by Detective Tarr was the augmentation of patrol units in the area to increase visibility as a deterrent and to decrease response time of patrol units. Detective Tarr also assisted with coordinating a "Town Hall" meeting that was held at The Plains Volunteer Fire Department to update the victims and local citizens on the status of this investigation. This meeting was attended by a large number of citizens from the local area.

On January 25, 2013 during a snowstorm, a major break was made in these cases. A victim arrived home as the suspects were exiting his residence. Within two minutes, law enforcement units converged on the scene causing the suspects to flee the area on foot. Although they eluded apprehension, a large amount of physical evidence was recovered. This resulted in substantial evidence for Detective Tarr to charge a suspect in this burglary. The next day this suspect was located in Richmond, VA and arrested on Detective Tarr's warrant. Immediately, Detective Tarr responded to Richmond, joined by a detective from Loudoun County. This resulted in the recovery of stolen property, pawn receipts and stolen vehicles. Additional charges were filed by the Richmond Police.

Detective Tarr continued his investigation working in conjunction with Loudoun County and Richmond. This resulted in the recovery of even more stolen property recovered from pawn shops throughout Virginia. Additional charges are pending in jurisdictions where stolen property was recovered.


Detective Tarr and his counterpart from Loudoun County organized an event to display recovered property for the victims from both counties. This event was held at the Middleburg Community Center and resulted in some victims being able to retrieve some of their stolen property.

The suspect who was arrested pled guilty and is pending sentencing in the Fauquier County Circuit Court in April 2014.

Sincerely,

  
Captain C. W. Bopp  
Criminal Investigations Division

Sincerely,

  
Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



**Detective Robert Tarr**



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Mr. Joe Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

On April 8, 2013 Master Deputy Steven McCormack was on routine patrol when he overheard an active pursuit on the radio. Master Deputy McCormack immediately began toward the pursuit direction in the event that he may assist the pursuing deputies.

Deputy Thorpe and Sgt. Healy had just performed a traffic stop on hospital hill in Warrenton prior to the pursuit and observed the driver in possession of crack cocaine paraphernalia. The driver fled when the questioning began and drove off of the roadway and down hospital hill onto Shirley Ave. where the pursuit ensued.

Not knowing the details of the traffic stop, or that the driver may be high on crack cocaine, Master Deputy McCormack was able to join in the pursuit which led into Culpeper County. After several miles and attempts to put an end to the pursuit, the suspect finally entered into a culdesac in a residential neighborhood. The suspect attempted to make a run for it and continue to flee by turning around in the culdesac. When Dep. Thorpe's PIT maneuver failed Master Deputy McCormack did not hesitate to block the path of the suspect with his patrol cruiser. Dep. McCormack placed himself in the direct escape route of the suspect without regard for his own safety. The suspect drove directly into Master Deputy McCormack's vehicle, in an attempt to escape, causing a severe head injury to Master Deputy McCormack.

The actions of Master Deputy McCormack put an end to a pursuit of a suspect under the influence of dangerous drugs. The suspect was arrested and the pursuit ended only due to the sacrifice that Master Deputy McCormack made to his personal safety.

Master Deputy McCormack was able to return to full duty only a few short days after the incident with a permanent scar to his head. This scar is a reminder to each of us the sacrifice that Master Deputy McCormack made for the residents of Fauquier and Culpeper Counties to stop this pursuit and put this dangerous suspect in jail. The suspect is currently awaiting trial in Culpeper County for the Felony Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. N. Coffey".

Captain P. N. Coffey  
Patrol Division

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. C. Wilcox".

Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



Master Deputy Steven McCormack



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March 14, 2014

Mr. Joe Martin  
Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

I am writing this letter to recommend that Emergency Communications Specialist II Chavelle Hutchins be nominated for a Valor award for a CPR save that occurred on February 27, 2014. On that date at 1657 hours ECS II Hutchins answered a 911 call from a caller stating that her father had just awoken from a nap and was having difficulty breathing. He had just been brought home from the hospital after being treated for shortness of breath. During the course of the 911 call, after going to the neighbors for assistance, the caller returned to the residence and stated that her father was unresponsive, not breathing, and turning purple. Hutchins remained calm and began giving CPR instructions. She continued to do so until EMS arrived.

When Medic 9 arrived on the scene, they stated that CPR was no longer in progress and the patient was now breathing on his own. Battalion Chief Randall followed up with the responders on Medic 9 and after she spoke to Technician Chrismer, she felt the early intervention may have saved the patient's life. The crew from Medic 9 intervened by assisting the patient's breathing and when they left the hospital he was talking and thanking them for their help.

ECS II Hutchins' calm demeanor and professionalism helped the caller keep her composure allowing her to relay the instructions to family members who performed CPR on the patient. In my opinion this immediate intervention contributed greatly to the positive outcome for the patient.

Sincerely,

Captain M. A. Meadows  
Communications Division

Sincerely,

Major R. C. Wilcox  
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office



**Emergency Communications  
Specialist II Chavelle Hutchins**



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March 17th, 2014

Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce  
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Dear Valor Awards Committee,

In the early morning of Friday July 12th 2013, crews were confronted with severe thunderstorms which produced over several inches of rain in less than an hour. From previous precipitation, the conditions were already present for flash flooding. As a result of the passing storm, a flash flood warning was issued and just about all parts of the county began to experience some type of standing water and/or flooding conditions, simultaneously. Fire and Rescue units began to get dispatched for vehicles stranded in water with people still inside. Crews from the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company (WVFC) ran two significant water rescue incidents almost concurrently.

The initial water rescue incident located near 6780 Baldwin Street involved fast moving water, several feet high, moving across Baldwin Street with one vehicle in the middle of the road and unable to move. The vehicle had two occupants needing rescue and was in danger of being washed down-stream without the assistance from fire/rescue personnel.

As initial arriving crews approached from both sides of Baldwin Street, it was noticed the vehicle was in the middle of the street and more than 100 feet in the swift water from where the now shore line was created. The initial plan to use the aerial device to reach the victims would not work due to the lengthy setback from the road, which required crews to don safety gear and perform a walk-out rescue. Once crews from Tower 1 and Engine 10 established a walk-out team, safety team, and a means to safely maneuver through the fast moving water, the rescue operation was performed. Rescue crews also secured a rope to the vehicle as it was moving up and down when at the vehicle and it was unknown if the car would hold in its current position. A rescue boat had been requested and was responding from the Catlett station, but due to the extended time for them to arrive because of the flooded road conditions, crews had to move quickly to affect a rescue.

Rescue crews gathered the two occupants of the vehicle, placed them in safety flotation gear, and removed them to a safe area. Water was beginning to rise throughout this operation and speed was critical in reaching and removing the occupants to ensure they would not be washed away. A crew from the New Baltimore Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (Engine 10) was also on scene to assist with the rescue efforts. Both occupants were removed without injury.







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As the first incident was starting to scale back, another possible water rescue incident was dispatched for units near 8462 Meetze Road. Upon the WVFC Units arrival, a Fauquier County Sheriff's Deputy was already on scene and unable to affect the rescue due to rapidly rising water. Meetze Road was completely washed over with one vehicle almost totally submerged and being held against a tree by rushing water. Engine 1's (E-1) officer assessed the situation and crews from Rescue Squad 1 (RS-1) and E-1 developed a plan for a walk-out rescue. Although a water rescue boat resource was responding, the rushing and fast rising water would have totally submerged the vehicle prior to the boats arrival if action was not taken soon. As crews from E-1 and RS-1 were about to start the walk-out, a crew from Engine 2 (E-2 Remington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department) arrived with two swift water technicians. They performed the walk-out rescue with assistance from the WVFC personnel, acting as safety's and spotters about mid-way in the swift moving water. This water rescue incident involved quick, safe, and aggressive thinking by initial arriving personnel in order to remove the victim who was most definitely in harm's way and approaching a possible tragic ending. One elderly gentleman was removed from vehicle and handed over to EMS for evaluation. No significant injuries were noted or reported.

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*Respectfully submitted,*

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**Samuel F. Myers, Fire Chief**  
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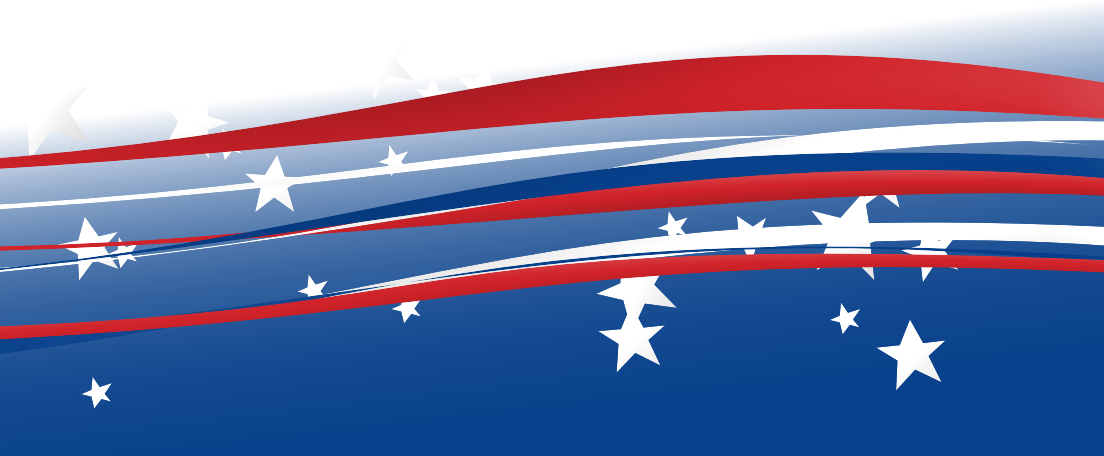
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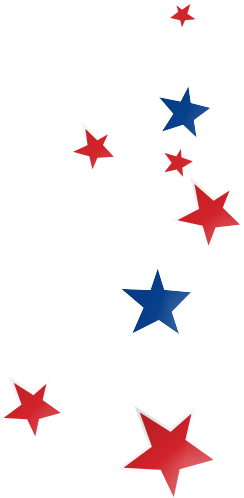
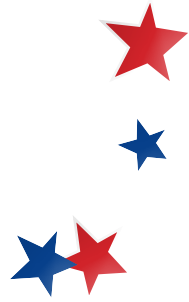
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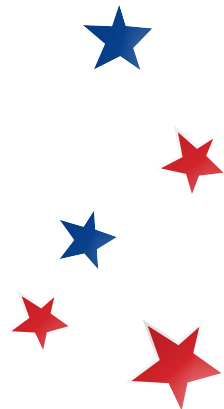
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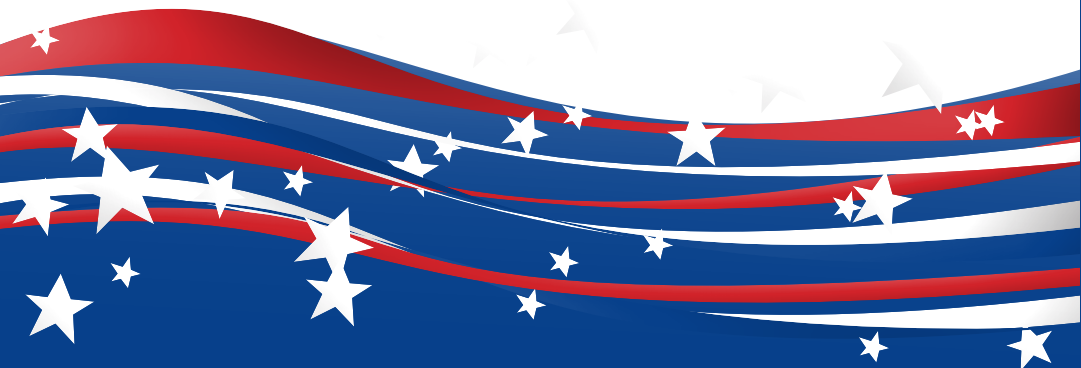


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