



The Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund Committee, Inc., welcomes you and thanks you for attending our 7th Annual Fundraiser honoring Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton, our hometown hero! We are extremely proud to have unveiled the Sgt. Hilton Memorial at David Craig Park in Havre de Grace, Maryland just a few short months ago. We hope you read all about it in Harford's Heart Magazine's February-March issue and/or other publications. We are grateful to the City of Havre De Grace, Maryland; Bay State Land Services; Horne Concrete Construction, LLC; F. W. Haxel Flags Co.; Bailey Granite & Memorials; Cleveland Artworks; and Trulight Electric Company for their work on this project.

We welcome all of the Veterans joining us this evening and extend a sincere "Thank You for Your Service!"

Our mission is to preserve Sgt. Hilton's memory, establish a memorial in his honor, educate the public about Harford County's only native Medal of Honor recipient, and highlight the impact of the nearly 185,000 United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.), who valiantly fought during the Civil War. With the memorial firmly in place, we now shift our efforts to raising funds for The Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Scholarship, which we hope to be able to award perpetually. Last year, we awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to deserving Harford Community College students and hope to continue this tradition. Additionally, we are beginning our U.S.C.T. Grave Preservation Project which aims to identify the final resting places of Harford County related U.S.C.T. Thus far, we have identified approximately 90 soldiers and research is continuing to locate their graves and appropriately mark those locations. Finally, we are continuing our efforts to educate the public and hope to engage our students in Harford County Schools in continuing the study and research that has already begun. Your support and attendance here tonight will greatly aid us in reaching these goals.

Again, we sincerely thank you for joining us tonight and ask for your continued support in helping us fully realize our mission of honoring our Great American Hero!

Respectfully yours,

Curtis L. Beulah, Chairman

Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund Committee, Inc.

Event Program

Cocktail Hour (5:30 – 6:30P.M.)..... Cash Bar

Welcome.....Mr. Christopher Providence,
Member, Harford Country Branch, National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Master of Ceremonies

Elder's Permission.....Mr. Godfrey Clayton & Mrs. Evelynn Clayton

Posting of Colors.....Freestate Challenge Academy

National Anthem.....Ms. Tyleah Reed
Student, Aberdeen High School

Opening Prayer & Blessing of Food.....Reverend Ricardo C. Burns,
Pastor, St. James African Methodist Episcopal Methodist Church, Gravel
Hill

White Table Ceremony.....Ms. Constance Rosser &
Ms. Evelynn Clayton, Women's Auxiliary of Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton
Memorial Post 55, American Legion, Bel Air

Introduction of Dignitaries.....Mr. Christopher Providence

Dinner is Served.....Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

Piano Selections.....Master Kain Felix-Marinero
Student, Aberdeen Middle School

Slide Presentation & History.....Ms. Roxann Redd-Wallace,
Secretary, Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Mr. Curtis L. Beulah, Chairman, Sgt.
Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc.

Keynote Speaker.....Wistar Hardison, Captain USN (Ret.)
Chief, Cyber Workforce Governance, DOD Chief Information Office

Piano Selection “Ripples”(original composition).....Master Kain
Felix-Marinero

Thank you, gift, presentation.....Mr. Curtis L. Beulah,
Chairman, Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund Committee, Inc.

Recognition of departing members..... Mr. Henry Allen, Commander Sgt.
Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Post 55, Bel Air, Maryland, &
Member, Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc.

Mr. Phillip Hunter, Esquire
Ms. Helen Edwards
Mr. Godfrey Clayton

Committee Update.....Mr. James Thornton, Vice Chair, Sgt.
Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Fund, Inc.

Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton Scholarship Recipients for 2024.....Ms. Denise
Dregier, Executive Director, Harford Community College Foundation

U.S.C.T. Grave Preservation.....Rev. Ricardo Burns & Mr. James
Thornton

Closing Remarks.....Mr. James Thornton

Closing Prayer.....Reverend Ricardo C. Burns

Retiring of Colors.....Freestate Challenge Academy

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Wistar "Star" Hardison

Chief, Cyber Workforce Governance

Department of Defense, Chief Information Office

Wistar "Star" Hardison is the Chief of the Cyber Workforce Governance Branch for the Department of Defense (DoD) Chief Information Office, where she works to attract, retain, and develop cyber warriors for the DoD. In her current position, Ms. Hardison is responsible for identifying new talent, shaping policy, and implementing strategies to build a more effective and resilient cyber workforce.

Born and raised in West Chester, Pennsylvania, Ms. Hardison has dedicated her life to serving the United States of America. She began this journey after graduating from Villanova University with a bachelor's degree in economics and earning her commission via the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC). She was the first African American commissioned through Villanova's NROTC program and a Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Graduate. Ms. Hardison retired as Captain after 26 years of Naval Service.

During her military career, Ms. Hardison served as a Human Resources Officer, with assignments that took her across the world, including McMurdo Station in Antarctica, where she was the third African American Naval Officer to serve on the continent (and 2nd female African American Naval Officer), and Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. Her last duty station was in Arlington, Virginia.

After retiring from the Navy, Ms. Hardison continued to provide Human Resource consultancy services to the DoD and served as the Chief Learning Officer for the Office of Naval Intelligence in Suitland, MD. She has an extensive education and training portfolio that includes certification as a Professional in Human Resources, Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, and various master's degrees from prestigious universities such as the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, the University of Maryland, and the Maryland University of Integrative Health. Ms. Hardison is also a certified Yoga Teacher.

Ms. Hardison's outstanding military career and her dedication to serving her country have earned her numerous awards and recognitions, including the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal (four awards each). She also has several campaign medals and other honors to her name.

In addition to her professional career, Ms. Hardison is an active member of her community and serves on the Board of Directors for the Valor Run, a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the military women who have served our nation since the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Ms. Hardison is married to Dr. R. Damion Hardison, MD, and they live in Northern Virginia. They are foodies who enjoy weightlifting and traveling the world. Ms. Hardison has two grown sons, Dr. Scott Rhodes, DPT, and 2nd Lieutenant Noah Rhodes, U.S. Army, as well as bonus children, including two daughters, Charity and Robin Hardison; one son, Ro Hardison, and one grandson, Atticus Stewart.



Pianist



Kain Felix-Marinero is a 12-year-old Honor Roll Student at Aberdeen Middle School. He has been studying piano with Ms. Julie Shaker for three years and has excelled tremendously in that time. Kain has performed at various local talent shows including the Havre de Grace Opera House's presentation "Two Boys Two Pianos!" Kain recently began studying at the Maryland Conservatory of Music in Abingdon. His hobbies include composing music, drawing, basketball, and other sports.

OTHER YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Youth Enrichment Society of Harford County

The Youth Enrichment Society of Harford County was formed in 2018 through the Edgewood Boys & Girls Club. They offer middle and high students volunteer opportunities, assist them with scholarships and college applications. They also pay for members to attend leadership academies, workshops, and seminars in and outside of Harford County. A highlight is their yearly field trip to the Maryland State House to visit and interact with our local representatives. The organization has 30 youth currently registered and is growing.

Greeters and Ushers

Anya Ehrsam, Sophomore, Havre de Grace High School
Izayah Evans, Freshman, Edgewood High School
Addison Golding, Eighth Grade, St. Timothy School
Abigail Hopkins, Eighth Grade, Patterson Mill Middle School
Amber Hopkins, Senior, Loyola University
Jolle Shivers, Ninth Grade, Aberdeen High School SMA

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Tough, Demanding, No-Nonsense, Structure, Discipline, Accomplishment! These are words that define the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy and lead to its student's future success! All youth have different life experiences, but in the end, many realize the same results. The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy gives youth the opportunity to change their lives by providing a second chance to become productive citizens. The purpose of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is to provide at-risk youth with academic, job skills and life skills training with an emphasis on positive values in a structured environment that will give them hope and the opportunity to become productive citizens.

Color Guard Members

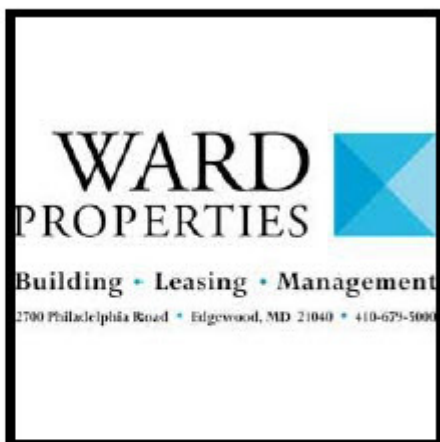
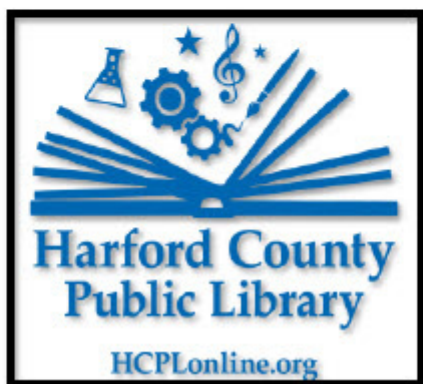
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Cadet Alessandro Mejia
Cadet Emerson Castillo II
Cadet Yasuari Ramos Gauarrete
Cadet Jayla Burman
Mr. Curtis Jones

Ms. Tyleah Reed

Ms. Tyleah Reed is a Senior at Aberdeen High School. She is a voice student with Melodic Melodies, under the tutelage of Ms. Joan Wiggins.



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Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

B-Scene Events

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