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## "We Remember Them"



9/11 Memorial in the Garden of Remembrance

### 12<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Families Remember the Lives of Lost Loved Ones

With the 12th anniversary of 9/11 fast approaching, members of the MA 9/11 Fund Family Advisory Committee have planned another commemoration ceremony for the families. We look forward to providing a meaningful and respectful event.

This year's keynote speaker will be Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

**7:30 am, Wreath Laying Ceremony, Boston Public Garden, 9/11 Garden of Remembrance,** Trolley service for those needing assistance will be available from the Memorial Garden to the State House.

**8:30 am, Flag Lowering, Moment of Silence and Reading of Names, Front Steps of Mass. State House.**

**9:30 am, Commemoration Observance & Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery, Mass. State House, House Chambers, RSVP required.**

**11:00 am, Reception Luncheon, RSVP required. Ritz Carlton, Boston Common.** Trolley service for those needing assistance will be available from the State House.

**Note:** The commemoration at the House Chambers and the reception are by invitation only. See a complete listing of MA 9/11 Fund 12<sup>th</sup> commemoration events online at [www.massfund.org/calendar-of-events](http://www.massfund.org/calendar-of-events)

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**In Memoriam**

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**Last Chance to RSVP**

Invitations to the 2013 Boston Commemoration of September 11 were mailed out several weeks ago to the families on our mailing list. **If you have not responded yet, please do so at your earliest convenience so that we can plan appropriately. We will only be able to guarantee reserved luncheon seating for those who respond by August 30<sup>th</sup>.** If your plans change after mailing your RSVP, contact Alyse Mazerolle to inform her which events you will not be attending.

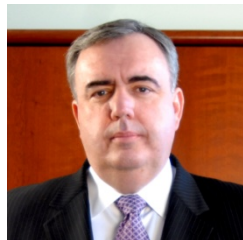
Regarding family members with mobility issues, please note that we can only accommodate those who have specifically requested this service in advance.

**Send your Commemoration invitation RSVP to:**

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If you are a family member and you did not receive your invitation, please contact Alyse. Send her your name, home address and relationship to the loved one you lost. Also, please send your updated address to [teresa.mathai@massfund.org](mailto:teresa.mathai@massfund.org)

**Due to many conventions ongoing during the week of the commemoration, the MA 9/11 fund has been unable to secure advance hotel reservations in the city. This year, those wishing to stay at a hotel, must make their own reservations.** If you have any questions, please contact [alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org](mailto:alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org)

**Commemoration Speaker Edward F. Davis  
 Police Commissioner, City of Boston**

In light of the recent events in Boston, we are honored to have Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis as our keynote speaker. Commissioner Davis is the 40<sup>th</sup> Police Commissioner of the City of Boston. He was sworn in by Mayor Thomas Menino on December 4, 2006. Commissioner Davis previously served as the Superintendent of Police in Lowell, Massachusetts for 12 years and has been in law enforcement for 34 years.

The Commissioner oversees police services for over a half million residents along with those visiting and working in the City of Boston. He comes from a police family, which allows him to better understand the needs of the police officer, making it a priority to provide the best possible resources and tools for officers to prevent, investigate and predict crime and crime trends. His extensive law enforcement background has set the tone for policing in the city. From the walking beat, to managing massive demonstrations and special events, to creating an improved and trusting relationship between the police and community, to innovative technology and social media, his efforts have improved public safety and allowed open dialogue with those he serves.

Commissioner Davis has been recognized for his efforts locally and nationally, including the Police Executive Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Major Cities Chiefs Association. Internationally, he has worked in Singapore, London, Northern Ireland, Jordan and Israel.

## Mayor Thomas Menino Friend of the MA 9/11 Fund Families to be Honored



The MA 9/11 Fund will present a special tribute to Mayor Thomas Menino at this year's Commemoration Luncheon, in recognition of the Mayor's help in building our public memorial and the generous support he has provided to so many MA 9/11 Fund families over the last 12 years.

There will be a "Thank You" book available at the luncheon where families can express their thoughts and gratitude to our mayor. Photos may be included with your thoughts.

The luncheon will be held at the Ritz Carlton, Boston Common at 11:00 am and will be closed to the general public. Space at the Ritz is limited and we are asking that families wishing to join us to RSVP to [Alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org](mailto:Alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org) before August 30<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to accommodate as many families as possible, but may need to limit entry, so please RSVP quickly. We hope you will join us for this very special tribute.

Faith R. Arter  
The MA 9/11 Fund Board of Managers

## Red Cross, MMHF Provide Service Opportunities on 9/11

Families in Boston have several opportunities to participate in service activities on 9/11, including the **American Red Cross Blood Drive at Fenway Park**, and the **Mass Military Heroes' Fund's care package drive on the Rose Kennedy Greenway**.

For the 11<sup>th</sup> year, the **Red Cross** will host one of its largest blood drives of the year from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Called **The Drive to Remember**, the blood drive is held on the Club level of Fenway Park. Donors are treated to traditional Fenway Franks, chicken fingers, and Legal Seafood New England Clam Chowder. 9/11 family members need no appointment, but should notify the Red Cross at check-in that you are a family member so your wait time will be minimal. Transportation to and from the City to Fenway Park may be provided by the Red Cross. Contact Christie at [mccombs@comcast.net](mailto:mccombs@comcast.net) if you plan to donate blood and you need transportation information.

The **Massachusetts Military Heroes' Fund**, a non-profit that advocates for families of post-9/11 fallen service members from Massachusetts, is organizing its **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Care Package Drive on the Rose Kennedy Greenway** on the afternoon of 9/11. Volunteers will be assembling 1000 care packages to be sent to troops serving overseas. Families are encouraged to stop by, write a note to a service member or help assemble the packages. The drive, located on the Greenway near the Aquarium, begins at 11:00 am and will likely end around 2:00 or 3:00 pm.

Other service projects and events are being organized by various groups across the Commonwealth. Refer to the Massfund website [www.massfund.org](http://www.massfund.org) for a complete listing. Our website will be updated as we become aware of more events.



## Board of Directors

### Introducing New Board Member Daniel J. MacDonnell

At the annual Board meeting in June the board elected Daniel J. MacDonnell as our newest board member. Dan has served our country as an officer in both active duty and the reserves. Dan is currently a Captain and the Commanding Officer, Navy Reserve U.S. Tenth Fleet. In October he will be promoted to Rear Admiral.

In civilian life, he is Chief Information Security Officer at Boston Scientific Corporation, in charge of the organization's information security posture and cyber security. Dan has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, with a minor in Psychology from Norwich University and a Master's Degree in Management from Salve Regina. In addition, he is a graduate of the National Defense University-Joint Forces Staff College and the Naval War College of Command Staff. He has served many active duty assignments including Kabul, Afghanistan and Expeditionary Counterterrorism Operations.

Dan was born and brought up in Hyde Park and is a long term resident of Wrentham with his wife, Judy, and their three children. Judy is a nurse and his daughter Shannon is a student at Assumption College. Sons, Stephen and Joseph are in high school. In his spare time, Dan enjoys running and has recently started biking for fun and exercise. A good deal of his time is spent at the extracurricular activities and sporting events of his children.

We are so pleased to welcome Dan to the Board and look forward to introducing him to you at this year's commemoration.

Peg Hatch  
Board Member

## What Family Members are Doing

### My Journey to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

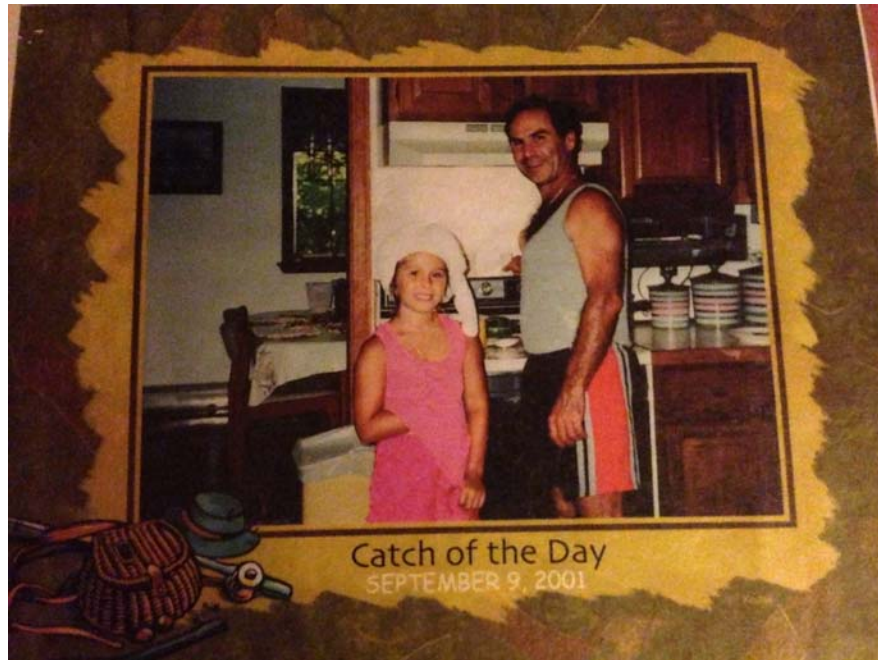
**"I WANT TO LOOK EVIL IN THE EYES."** That is a direct quote made by me and headlined in the *Irish Times*. Who would have thought anything I had to say would end up in the worldwide media. Three to four years ago, I put my name in the Military Commissions lottery to go to GITMO to view the Pre-Trial Hearings of Khalid Shaikh Mohammad (KSM) and the other 4 detainees charged with master minding the attacks on 9/11 and then forgot about it. I was called in April and was told that I was one of the family members selected to go. I was happy, apprehensive and nervous but ready to, as mentioned above "to look evil in the eyes." As with any trial proceedings, there were some motions to get cleared up outside the courtroom so the hearings were postponed until June. I was asked if I still wanted to go. I didn't have to think about it and said "yes definitely."

On June 14, 2013, I flew to Washington and the next day, I was picked up and taken to Andrews Air Force Base. Our Journey began on June 15, 2013. I say "our journey" because I was with 5 family members and 2 firefighters who survived the Towers crashing down on them. When we first met, we were individuals sharing the same horrific act against our families. We are now one remarkably strong family unit forging forward with one goal - JUSTICE for our families and all 9/11 families.

Sunday was a very busy day for us. Once we got settled into our apartments, we were scheduled to meet with the defense team. I was not sure if I wanted to meet with them. I didn't know what I would say to them. We sat in a circle, family members seated front and center. All the defense lawyers, both Military and Non-Military, started to introduce themselves. Well, I have to say I am a very strong independent woman, but I broke down and left. This made me very mad, so I composed myself outside in the 90 plus degree weather, and returned to the presentation but sat in the back of the room.

Once everyone had their say, I was ready to say something. I walked up to the military lawyers, I shook their hands and said, "Remember my face, remember my husband's name, Peter A. Gay, who was VP of Raytheon Company and made all the Patriot Radars and Missiles that help you do your job in the military protecting our Country." I then said to them, "Don't forget to remember this when you are defending KSM and the other 4 detainees." Needless to say, each one of them left with tears in their eyes. This meeting lasted at least 2-3 hours.

We were scheduled to meet with the press right after the Defense Meeting. This meeting lasted a couple of hours and that brings us to the title of this article. I was asked why I wanted to attend the pre-trial hearings and my response was "I want to look evil in the eyes."



Peter Gay and His Daughter, 2 Days before 9/11

Monday, we were escorted to the court room and when we got there, the 5 detainees who took Bin Ladden's plan and made it happen were seated with their defense lawyers. I had a picture of my daughter and her daddy taken 2 days before he was murdered and held it in front of me every day so they could see what they had destroyed. I know they have no conscience but it did bother them because the next day they had a roller of notebooks placed in front of them so we could not see them. We requested that the books be removed and they were. The next time they were in court (they only have to show on Mondays), I had a starring match with Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin' Attash. It lasted 20 minutes and he brook the stare, covered his head and never looked back again. However, KSM, who is the leader, took up where Bin' Attash left off and I out stared him too.

I am so fortunate to have been able to view the building of a new frontier in our Legal System/Military Commissions. I have every confidence that we will have an even stronger process when all is said and done. I want to thank Karen Loftus and her remarkable team for helping us to feel comfortable and safe, allowing us to show our emotions. It is also such a relief to see a strong, but sensitive Prosecution Team fighting for us. I didn't feel like I was alone anymore in this fight against TERROR. I was representing my husband at the Pre-Trial Hearings; I know he is proud of the way the process is proceeding. I am his voice since they took his away.

Linda R. Gay  
Board of Directors

## Request for Newsletter Contributions

### Do You Have Something to Share?

Family members who wish to contribute a letter, article or news item for publication in an upcoming quarterly newsletter can do so by e-mailing it to [Alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org](mailto:Alyse.mazerolle@massfund.org). Each piece submitted will be reviewed and, if approved by the Family Advisory Committee and the Board, will be published in an upcoming newsletter. Deadlines for your submission are: November 1, 2013, and in 2014, February 1, June 1, August 1 and November 1.

## Family Service Project

### Volunteers Work at Saturday / Sunday Bread



On Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, members of the MA 9/11 Fund volunteered at Saturday/Sunday Bread, located at 35 Bowdoin Street in Boston. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Diane Hunt, Alyse Mazerolle, Sally White, Maureen Gilligan and Joyce Ng's husband, it was a great success. We began our day by helping set up the dining room. We also helped prepare and serve dinner for 107 guests. We finished the day by helping with the clean up. This was the first time that Saturday/Sunday Bread has served that many guests at one seating.

This was a very rewarding experience for everyone involved.

**Maureen Gilligan**  
Family Advisory Committee

## Events

### Families Attend Patriots Practice

Some family members were treated to a special afternoon at a Patriots practice in July, getting a close-range glimpse of Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, and Coach Bill Belichick in action at the team's practice field at Gillette Stadium. Patriots' owner, Robert Kraft stopped by and took a group picture and even signed some autographs. The Mass 9/11 families and Massachusetts Military Heroes' Fund families were the guests of the New England Patriots Foundation, with the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation as their host. The JCM Foundation invited 20 people from the MA 9/11 Fund and 20 from MMHF to attend the community building event.

**Christie Coombs**  
Family Advisory Committee



MA 9/11 Fund and MMHF Families join Robert Kraft at a Patriots Practice

## A Winning Day at Fenway

What could usher in the summer season better than going to a good ol' baseball game in a storied ball park, sitting in the right field bleachers, rooting for the home team, and, of course, partaking of the pregame hot dog with all the fixin's. Such was the scenario on June 9<sup>th</sup> when the MA 9/11 Fund again offered families tickets to the Red Sox game. Family members arriving early were treated to a guided tour of Fenway Park that included a trip to the top of the Green Monster and a photo opportunity with Wally the Red Sox mascot. Thanks to arrangements made by Alyse Mazerolle, there was no waiting in long lines for the standard fare of hot dogs, salads and snacks for these hungry pre-gamers. We hustled to our seats and watched Boston beat the Angels 10 to 5.

Judy Smith  
Family Advisory Committee



Jeff Pereira and Daughter Emma



Jeff's Parents, Larry and Jeanne Sylvia



George and Judy Smith, and  
Della Spadafora and Henry Cappuccio