

MARYLAND
**WOMEN'S
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2015 INDUCTION CEREMONY

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*Ordinary
Women
Extraordinary
Lives*



March 19, 2015
7:00 p.m.
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Conference Room East
Annapolis, Maryland

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In 1965, the Maryland Commission for Women was first established and was set in state law in 1971. An office within the Department of Human Resources, the Commission is a 25-member advisory board whose duties outlined in its enabling legislation include: study the status of women in our state, recommend methods of overcoming discrimination, recognize women’s accomplishments and contributions, and provide informed advice to the executive and legislative branches of government on the issues concerning the women of our state. Commissioners are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor, with confirmation by the Maryland State Senate, and serve without compensation.



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**2015
Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame**

Induction Ceremony

Honorees

Beverly B. Byron, *U.S. Congresswoman (MD-06, 1978 – 1992)*

Gail de Planque, *Ph.D., Nuclear Engineer
(Posthumously Nominated)*

Mary S. Feik, *Aviation Engineer*

Katherine O’Brien, *M.D., Pediatric Epidemiologist*

Major General Linda L. Singh, *Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard*

Sue Fryer Ward, *Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging (1998 – 2003)
(Posthumously Nominated)*



Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1985 as a joint initiative of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women's Legislators of Maryland. The Hall of Fame honors Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the state and provides an archive of the biographies of women who serve as role models for future leaders.

Each year, the Commission for Women and the Women Legislators recognize women of extraordinary accomplishment with an induction ceremony in March, during National Women's History Month. The women selected for this honor have made historically significant contributions to our state and to their fields of endeavor including science and technology, education, the arts, environment, social justice, civil rights, the armed services, community advocacy and public service. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame exhibit is located at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center in Baltimore. The biographies of the women inducted in the Hall of Fame are available online at the Maryland State Archives at: <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/womenshall/html/whfflist.html>



1985

Margaret Brent *
Rachel Carson*
Rita C. Davidson *
Gladys Noon Spellman
Harriet Ross Tubman*

Sadie Kneller Miller *
Mary Eliza Risteau *
Martha Carey Thomas *
Verda Freeman Welcome

1989

Bertha Sheppard Adkins *
Eugenie Clark, PhD.
Lavinia Margaret Engle*
Lena King Lee
Estelle R. Ramey, PhD.

1990

Lucille Maurer
Enolia Pettigen McMillan
Pauli Murray*
Adele Hagner Stamp *
Mary Lemist Titcomb*

1991

Rita R. Colwell, PhD
Mary Elizabeth Lange*
Claire McCardell*

1987

Clara Barton*
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper*
Juanita Jackson Mitchell
Mary Shaw Shorb, PhD
Helen Brooke Taussig, MD*

1988

Barbara Ann Mikulski

Bessie Moses, MD*
Alta Schrock, PhD

1992

Annie Armstrong*
Anna Ella Carroll*
Rose Kushner
Margaret Collins Schweinhaut
Carmen Delgado Votaw

1993

Rosalyn Blake Bell
Lucille Clifton
Elizabeth King Ellicott*
Jean Spencer*
Martha Ellicott Tyson*

1994

Rosalie Silber Abrams
Mary Elizabeth Banning*
Harriet Elizabeth Brown
Constance A. Morella
Mary Adelaide Nutting*

1995

Jill Moss Greenberg
Mary L. Nock*
Amanda Taylor Norris, MD*
Nettie Barcroft Taylor
Euphemia M Goldsborough Wilson*

1996

Madeleine L. Ellicott*
Ethel Llewellyn Ennis
Mary Digges Lee*
Brigid G. Leventhal, MD*
Barbara Robinson

1997

Diane L. Adams, MD
Sol del Ande Mendez Eaton
Catherine R. Gira, PhD
Helen L. Koss
Rosa Ponselle*

1998

Constance Ross Beims
Mary Katherine Goddard*
Elaine Ryan Hedges*
Mary Carter Smith

1999

Florence Riefler Bahr*
Lillian C. Compton*
Edith Houghton Hooker*
Elizabeth Fran Johnson
Bernice Smith White

2000

Constance Uriolo Battle, MD
Lois Green Carr
Sonia Pressman Fuentes
Josephine Jacobsen
Rosetta Stith, PhD
Sandra W. Tomlinson, PhD

2001

Kathleen Feeley, SSND.
Misbah Khan, MD.
Charmaine Krohe, SSND.
Eunice Kennedy Shriver

2002

Mabel Houze Hubbard
Florence P. Kendall
Mary Young Pickersgill*
Lorraine Sheehan

2003

Virginia Walcott Beauchamp
Edith Clarke*
Kathryn J. DuFour
Ruth L. Kirschstein, MD
Etta H. Maddox*
Deborah A. Yow

2004

Emily Edmonson*
Nancy Grasmick, PhD.
Esther McCready
Margaret Byrd Rawson
Vivian V. Simpson*

2005

Shoshana S. Cardin
B. Olive Cole*
Susan R. Panny, MD.
Edyth H. Schoenrich, MD, MPH

2006

Susan P. Baker
Liebe Sokol Diamond, MD
Bea Gaddy*
Marilyn Hughes Gaston, MD
Rebecca Alban Hoffberger
Grace Snively*

2007

Colonel Annette M. Deener
Sally T. Grant
Prasanna Nair, MD., MPH.
Karen H. Rothenberg, JD., MPA
Audrey E. Scott

2008

Eleanora Fagan, "Billie Holiday" *
Ramona McCarthy Hawkins, RPh.
Ellen Moses Heller
Pauline Menes
Toby Barbara Orenstein
Emily Wilson Walker, MD*

2009

Ilia Feher*
Diane Griffin, MD., PhD
Harriet Legum
Allyson Solomon
Anne St. Clair Wright*

2010

Claire M. Fraser-Leggett, PhD
Anne Catherine Hoof Green*
Irene Morgan Kirkaldy*
Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps
Dr. Bernice R. Sandler
Lillie D. Shockley

2011

Lucy Diggs Slowe*
Carol Greider, Ph.D.
Barbara Holdridge
Dr. Ligia Peralta, M.D.F.A.A.P.,
F.S.A.H.M
Gertrude Poe
June Willenz

2012

Dr. Maureen Black, Ph.D.
Margaret Dunkle
Honorable Diana Gribbon Motz
Treasurer Nancy Kopp
Dr. Alice Manicur
Gwendolyn Rooks

2013

Helen Delich Bentley
Jean B. Cryor*
Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes
Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey
Linda Shevitz
Beatrice Tignor, Ed.D.

2014

Dorothy Bailey
Agnes Kane Callum
Renee Fox, M.D.
Susan Goering
Henrietta Lacks*
Ann Cipriano Rees

**Denotes Posthumously Inducted*

**Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc.
2015**

Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc., better known as the Women’s Caucus, was established in 1972 to foster cooperation among women holding state legislative office and to increase the participation of women in politics. Key to the organization’s success is its framework, wherein issues can be debated and policies refined, without losing sight of the overall mission: *to improve public policy that affects women’s lives and increase the number of women elected and appointed to public office in Maryland.*

The mandate of the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly is: *to research and develop legislation assisting women; to encourage the greater participation of women in Maryland government; and to communicate and cooperate with other women’s organizations.*

We are currently **64 members strong**, comprising **34% of the General Assembly**, and for the first time in our history, we have male members. We were the first **Women’s Caucus in the Nation**. Please log on to our Website: womenlegislatorsmd.org to learn more about our organization and our foundation.

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| Delegate Kathy Afzali | Delegate Terri L. Hill | Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam |
| Delegate Angela Angel | Delegate Sheila E. Hixson | Delegate Edith J. Patterson |
| Delegate Vanessa Atterbear | Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard | Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk |
| Delegate Susan L.M. Aumann | Delegate Sally Jameson | Delegate Andrew Platt |
| Delegate Erek L. Barron | Delegate Adrienne A. Jones | Delegate Shane Pendergrass |
| Senator Gail H. Bates | Senator Cheryl C. Kagan | Senator Catherine E. Pugh |
| Delegate Pamela Beidle | Delegate Anne Kaiser | Delegate Teresa Reilly |
| Senator Joanne Benson | Senator Delores G. Kelley | Delegate Deb Rey |
| Delegate Mary Beth Carozza | Delegate Ariana Kelly | Delegate Barbara Robinson |
| Delegate Jill P. Carter | Senator Nancy J. King | Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes |
| Senator Joan Carter Conway | Delegate Trent Kittleman | Delegate Kelly Schulz |
| Delegate Bonnie Cullison | Senator Katherine Klausmeier | Delegate Meagan C. Simonaire |
| Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais | Delegate Susan W. Krebs | Delegate William C. Smith, Jr. |
| Senator Addie Eckardt | Delegate Carol L. Krimm | Delegate Kathy Szeliga |
| Delegate Diana M. Fennel | Senator Susan C. Lee | Delegate Jimmy Tarlau |
| Delegate Barbara A. Frush | Delegate Brooke Elizabeth Lierman | Delegate Kris Valderrama |
| Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines | Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti | Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith |
| Senator Lisa A. Gladden | Delegate Susan K. McComas | Delegate Cathy Vitale |
| Delegate Cheryl Glenn | Delegate Maggie McIntosh | Delegate Mary Washington |
| Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez | Delegate Aruna Miller | Delegate Karen Lewis Young |
| Delegate Anne Healey | Senator Karen S. Montgomery | |
| Delegate Shelly Hettleman | Delegate Maricé I. Morales | |



**Maryland Commission for Women
2015 Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame
March 19, 2015**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Honoree Reception at Government House**

Hosted by:
Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. & First Lady Yumi Hogan

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**
Miller Senate Office Building
Conference Room East

Opening:
Jaymi Sterling, *Mistress of Ceremonies*

Introductions:
Dr. Kathleen White, *Chair*
Maryland Commission for Women

Presentation of Women’s History Month Proclamation:
Sam Malhotra, *Secretary*
Maryland Department of Human Resources

Welcome:
Maryland State Senator Roger Manno

Greetings:
The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines, *Maryland House of Delegates & President*
Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc.

**Message from U.S. Senators Benjamin Cardin and Barbara Mikulski
and U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen**
Joyce Leviton, *Assistant to Senator Ben Cardin*
Rachel Jones, *Assistant to Senator Barbara Mikulski*
Lillian Cruz, *Assistant to Congressman Van Hollen*

Introduction of the 2015 Women’s Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Lillian Cruz & Amanda Rodriguez, *Co-Chairs*
2015 Women’s Hall of Fame Planning Committee

Introduction of Honorees & Presenters

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| Honoree | Nominator |
| Beverly B. Byron | Jody Oliver & Lara Roholt - Westdorp |
| Dr. Gail de Planque (posthumous) | Jill S. Tietjen |
| Mary S. Feik | Sally Young Jameson |
| Dr. Katherine L. O’Brien | Dean Michael Klag |
| MG Linda Singh | Turhan Robinson, Esq. |
| Sue Fryer Ward | Jill Moss Greenberg |

Presentation & Acceptance of Plaque to Maryland Women’s Heritage Center
The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines
Diana Bailey, *Managing Director, Maryland Women’s Heritage Center*

Closing Remarks
Dr. Kathleen White, *Chair*





Jaymi Sterling, Mistress of Ceremonies

Jaymi Sterling is one of Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan's three daughters. During this past election cycle, Ms. Sterling appeared in a television advertisement in which she defended her father with what the *Baltimore Sun* called "an intensely personal testimony on his respect for women."

Ms. Sterling's ad made her the "face" of her father's campaign, and she knew her support had paid off when she watched him be elected as the 62nd Governor of the State of Maryland on Nov. 4, 2014.

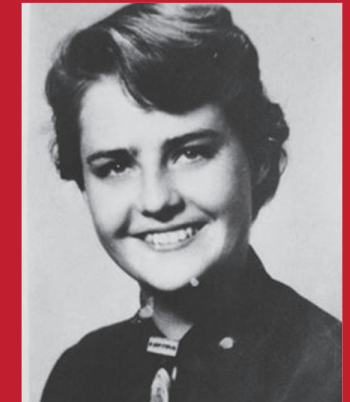
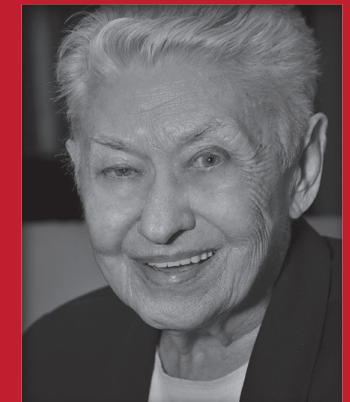
Ms. Sterling graduated from the University of Michigan where she majored in political science and received her secondary teaching certification. She earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland, School of Law. While in law school, she served as an Asper Fellow to the Honorable Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., for the State's highest Court, the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

After graduation, Ms. Sterling began a prestigious clerkship as a Federal Law Clerk to the Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr., of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. She began her prosecutorial career in Frederick County and years later moved to the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office, where she continues to work as an Assistant State's Attorney prosecuting an array of cases, including assault, attempted homicide, burglary, the distribution and possession of controlled dangerous substances, driving under the influence, robbery with (and without) a dangerous weapon, theft, and vehicular homicide.

In her spare time, Ms. Sterling volunteers with the St. Mary's County "Shop with a Cop" and St. Mary's County Project Graduation programs. She was recently elected, and currently serves, as President of the Republican Women of St. Mary's County. Ms. Sterling enjoys coaching softball and will resume coaching duties on the Chopticon High School's Women's Softball coaching staff again this spring. Ms. Sterling lives with her husband, Ben, in Leonardtown, Maryland.



Maryland Women's Hall of Fame





Beverly B. Byron, U.S. Congresswoman (MD-06, 1978 – 1992)

Beverly Barton Butcher was born in Baltimore. She grew up in Washington D.C. where her father was Vice President of CBS. She graduated from the National Cathedral School and later attended Hood College.

She married Goodloe Byron in 1952 and became active in politics in the Maryland Young Democrats in 1960. She participated in her husband's successful campaigns until his death in October, 1978. Mrs. Byron was selected by Acting Maryland Governor Blair Lee III to replace her husband on the ballot and won the election to the 96th Congress (1979 – 1981), becoming one of only 16 women elected to the House of Representatives that year. Four of those were from Maryland. Congresswoman Byron went on to win the next seven consecutive elections serving as western Maryland's representative from 1978 to 1992.

At the time of her first election, Congresswoman Byron quickly learned to balance her job, public exposure, and the commute between Frederick and Washington D.C. with parenting. When she was elected, women comprised only 3% of the House of Representatives, and those pioneers helped break down barriers for women and set the tone of professionalism in Congress that has impacted all women legislators since.

Congresswoman Byron was the first woman to chair a subcommittee of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee with oversight of 46% of the Defense Departments budget. She helped to usher in a new era of equality for military women by sponsoring legislation that established the foundation for dismantling gender-based restrictions, opening roles in combat, equalizing advancement opportunities for all women in the military, and restructuring the military child care system. In 1991, the Byron Amendment to the Defense Authorization Act allowed women to fly combat missions in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines. The legislation eventually enacted, (P.L. 102-190) Defense Authorization Act, removed the statutory limitations on the assignment of women in the armed forces to combat aircraft.

Congresswoman Byron chaired the Arms Control panel which was instrumental in the development of peaceful measures during the Cold War and the transition at the end of the Cold War. Mrs. Byron was the Sponsor of the Rails to Trails Act of 1983, which included the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, and in 1992, the American Discovery Trail legislation designating 6800 miles coast to coast as part of the National Trails System.

Since leaving Congress, Mrs. Byron has chaired the Boards of CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, TEDCO and the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy. She served on the Boards of Directors of McDonald Douglas, UNC, LMI, Constellation Energy, Mercantile Bank, Henry M. Jackson Foundation and the Advisory Committee of the Chief of Naval Operations. She was awarded the President's Medal by Johns Hopkins University in 1993 and received honorary degrees from Boston University, Mount Saint Mary's College and Frostburg State University. In 1986, she married B. Kirk Walsh, a Washington businessman. She continues to reside in Frederick Maryland. She is the mother of three and the grandmother of seven.



Gail de Planque, Ph.D., Nuclear Engineer

The first woman and the first health physicist to be appointed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (U.S. NRC) (Presidential appointment, U.S. Senate confirmation), Dr. Gail de Planque was a trailblazer for women throughout her entire career. When she joined the Atomic Energy Commission's Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL) as an entry-level physicist, she was told not to expect much in the way of opportunities for advancement because it was expected that women would eventually leave for marriage. She did not leave and eventually became the lab's director. During her tenure at HSL, she earned her M.S. in physics and her Ph.D. in environmental health sciences. Her master's thesis was titled "Radiation Induced Breast Cancer from Mammography"; ironically, she was later a breast cancer survivor.

Dr. de Planque was the recipient of numerous awards for her pioneering role as a woman in science and her contributions to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. One of the most significant was election to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) (one of the highest honors in the engineering profession) with the citation "for leadership of the national nuclear programs and contributions to radiation protection devices and standards." In 2003, she received the Henry DeWolf Smith award for Nuclear Statesmanship from the American Nuclear Society and the Nuclear Energy Institute for her contributions to the peaceful use of nuclear energy. She was the author of over 65 journal articles, proceedings and technical reports contributing to national and international standards in the study of environmental radiation and nuclear facility monitoring. Her areas of expertise included nuclear physics and environmental radiation studies.

While at the U.S. NRC, Dr. de Planque often had a pivotal role in matters relating to equal employment opportunities, flexiplace and flexitime, sexual harassment policy, and management. On personnel matters, she led by example – her staff included the sharing of a position by two part-time employees, both women. After her tenure at the U.S. NRC was complete, Dr. de Planque was sought after nationally and internationally including by the United Nations International Atomic Agency. She served on the boards of TXU Corporation; Landauer, Inc.; British Nuclear Fuels, Inc.; Northeast Utilities; BHP Billiton, plc; BHP Billiton Ltd., and Energy Solutions. She was a fellow and past president of the American Nuclear Society, a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, president of the International Nuclear Societies Council, secretary of the International Nuclear Energy Academy, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

As Chair of the NAE's Celebration of Women in Engineering Steering Committee, she led the national effort to change the national dialogue on increasing the number and percentage of women in engineering and implement national and local programs that would create new, wide-reaching efforts to get closer to parity.

Born in New Jersey, Dr. de Planque resided in Potomac, Maryland from 1991 until her death in 2010.



Mary S. Feik, Aviation Engineer

Mary Stan Feik was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1924, and has lived in Annapolis, Maryland for a total of 52 years. After overhauling her first automobile engine for her father when she was 13, she turned to aircraft engines and military aircraft at the age of 18 and taught aircraft maintenance to crew chiefs and mechanics for the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. Her efforts to study engineering in college were rebuffed when a registrar told her, “We don’t take women.” During WWII, Feik became an expert on many military aircraft and is credited with becoming the first woman engineer in research and development in the Air Technical Service Command’s Engineering Division at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio.

She flew more than 6,000 hours as pilot in fighter, attack, bomber, cargo and training aircraft. She qualified as a B-29 Flight Engineer and was an engineering analyst in test aircraft for flight and maintenance requirements. She participated in engineering “mock-up” evaluations for new aircraft proposed for production at the various aircraft manufacturing plants to determine flight and maintenance training requirements and authored pilot training and maintenance manuals for many of the military aircraft. She further wrote aviation-related reports in engineering and the physical sciences for distribution throughout the Armed Forces.

Mary Feik retired from the National Air and Space Museum’s (NASM) Paul E. Garber Restoration Facility as a Restoration Specialist. She restores and teaches the restoration of antique and classic aircraft and has participated in the construction of reproduction WWI aircraft. At the Garber Facility she was a member of the restoration teams that restored NASM’s 1910 Wiseman-Cook aircraft; the WWI Spad XIII fighter; and the 1930 Northrop “Alpha” mail plane.

On October 17, 1985, she was honored in the first group of Women in Aviation to receive recognition by the National Aviation Club. On March 12, 1994, at the International Conference of Women in Aviation, she was inducted into the Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame.

On February 24, 1996, she was the first woman to be presented The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award by the FAA in appreciation for dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism and many outstanding maintenance contributions to further the cause of aviation safety. The award honors the Wright Brother’s mechanic and engineer. The recipient must have more than 50 years of experience.

Ms. Feik has had a life-long dedication to aviation education with the U.S. Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol and other aviation organizations and for this effort has received many awards including designation as a Life Member of the Civil Air Patrol, the Distinguished Service Medal, promotion to the grade of Colonel, and having the third achievement in the cadet program named for her; Maryland Aviation Pioneer; Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award for Achievement, the Frank G. Brewer Trophy, and the Katharine Wright Award from the National Aeronautics Association; her portrait added to the First Flight Shrine at the Wright Brothers National Memorial; and many more.



Katherine O’Brien, M.D., Pediatric Epidemiologist

Dr. Katherine (Kate) O’Brien is a pediatric infectious disease physician and epidemiologist who has made outstanding contributions to scientific research. She is a public health champion whose achievements have guided the development and implementation of interventions that have reduced preventable death and suffering in Maryland and throughout the world.

Dr. O’Brien was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and has lived and worked in Maryland since 1988 with the exception of one year in Haiti, three years in Atlanta and two years in Trinidad. She earned her medical degree from McGill University, Montreal in 1988, then undertook her residency training in Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland from 1988 to 1991. After working in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on a child health project she undertook her sub-specialty training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases (1992-1994) and earned her Masters of Public Health degree (1994), both at Johns Hopkins. She went on to become an Epidemiologic Intelligence Officer at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) from 1995 to 1997, serving the Bacterial Respiratory Diseases Branch and then joined the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) as a junior faculty member in 1998. Dr. O’Brien was promoted to Professor in 2010 at a relatively young age, because of her significant contributions to science and the public. She was recently appointed as Director of the International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC) at JHSPH.

Dr. O’Brien is an outstanding clinician who took care of many very ill children in Maryland during her training in pediatrics, infectious diseases and subsequently as a faculty member. She is recognized throughout the world as a leading scientist in the field of pneumonia, a leading cause of death among children around the world, and the leading cause of hospitalization and Emergency Department visits in Maryland. Over the past 18 years, Dr. O’Brien has led multiple studies on pneumococcal epidemiology, immunology, ecology, and on the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), including a pivotal clinical trial that contributed to the evidence base for the vaccine’s licensure. Findings from her pivotal trial were used to license the vaccine (Prevnar). This vaccine has been routinely used in Maryland since 2000 and has dramatically reduced the number of cases of pneumococcal diseases in Maryland and throughout the entire U.S.

Dr. O’Brien has been a true champion for bringing scientific evidence to the realm of public health decision-making. That has provided a confident, firm foundation for accelerating the implementation of proven strategies to improve the health of children around the world. Her work has resulted in more than 130 original scientific publications, along with numerous textbook chapters, invited papers and commentaries. Because of her expertise she has been asked to serve on numerous national and international scientific committees including as a member of the World Health Organization’s Scientific Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE). Dr. O’Brien’s work has been recognized through numerous awards.



Major General Linda L. Singh Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard

Major General Linda L. Singh was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan in January 2015 to serve as the Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard, which is comprised of Maryland's Air and Army National Guard forces. She is the first woman ever to hold this position in the State of Maryland.

A Maryland native, Major General Singh has served the State of Maryland as a military officer for the past thirty plus years.

Major General Singh served as the first Woman Commander for the Maryland Army National Guard and was the primary advisor to the Maryland Adjutant General on Maryland Army Guard issues. As the Commander, she was responsible for supporting the formulation, development and coordination of all programs, policies and plans affecting the Maryland Army National Guard, a force of over 4,600 soldiers. She was also responsible for providing guidance and supervision of all training, personnel, logistics and other military matters in relation to the Maryland Army National Guard. Prior to this assignment, she served as the Director of the Maryland Joint Staff responsible for the leadership, management, planning and execution of the Maryland National Guard Joint Mission which included domestic operations, the Joint Operations Center, 32nd Civil Support Team, the State Partnership for Peace and the Counter Drug Program.

In 2011-2012, Major General Singh served as the Chief of the Afghanistan National Security Force (ANSF) Development Current Operations Cross Functional Team. Her Command positions have included Company Command of Company B, 229th Main Support Battalion; Battalion Command of 581st Readiness Battalion; Battalion Command of 229th Main Support Battalion; Regimental Command of Headquarters 70th Regiment; and Commander of the Maryland Army National Guard.

Major General Singh received her Bachelor of Science from Columbia Union College; a Master of Business Administration from Touro International University; a Master of Science degree from the Army War College and is currently a doctoral candidate at Capella University. She further has attended the International Women's Leadership Fellowship/Executive Education program at Harvard University and the Institut Europeen d'Administration des Affaires.

Her civilian employment is as Director of Operations for Accenture with responsibility for the business operations for the Health and Public Service North America operating unit that develops and manages all operational activities to include the financials, strategic business plans, quality programs, program delivery, human resource management, business approvals and sales activities for a budget that exceeds \$3 billion dollars.



Sue Fryer Ward, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging (1998 – 2003)

Sue Fryer was born in Albuquerque, NM, on October 28, 1935, to Ione Pierce and E. Reeseman Fryer, the younger of two daughters. Her first years were spent in Arizona, on the Navajo Nation, where her father worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She gained a profound understanding of community and global citizenship as the family traveled extensively throughout her father's career.

She received her Bachelor's degree in government from the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, VA), with a year at the American University of Beirut (Beirut, Lebanon). She did graduate work at McGill University (Montreal, Canada) and earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT). She was a Licensed Certified Social Worker in the state of Maryland and a Board Certified Diplomate through the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work.

On November 3, 1959, she married Rev. Dr. Archibald Ward and they settled in Clinton, MD. They had two daughters, Beth Ione Ward and Lucille Elleanore Ward (now Walker), who learned to be activists from their mother.

Sue Ward's special passion was advocating for civil and human rights, particularly the rights of elders. She was Director of the Department of Aging for Prince George's County, Maryland (1982-1991); Director of the County's Department of Family Services (1992-1995); and Director of the Maryland Office on Aging (1995-1998). In 1998, she was appointed the first cabinet-level Secretary of Aging for the State of Maryland (1998-2003). After leaving government service she served as Grassroots Director for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (2003-2011). She was a candidate for the United States House of Representatives in Maryland's fourth congressional district in 1978.

Ward was active in the Maryland and National Associations of Area Agencies on Aging, president of the National Associations of Area Agencies and State Units on Aging, the Maryland Gerontological Association, and the Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly, a program of the American Bar Association. Among the numerous boards on which she served were Hospice of Prince George's County, the Older Women's League, the Center on Global Aging at Catholic University, Business and Professional Women, and the Maryland Women's Heritage Center.

Throughout her life, Ward was an ardent volunteer and activist, tutoring children with learning difficulties, advocating civil rights and reproductive freedom, and staffing polls on Election Day. Her dedication to service, diversity and true equality was an inspiration to countless colleagues and citizens. Through her leadership, the treatment and rights of senior citizens in Maryland and throughout the nation were significantly increased.

Sue Fryer Ward was recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland Gerontological Association, the Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Award to Women in Government Service, and the Gladys Noon Spellman Award for Excellence in Public Service. In 2010 she was named a "Social Work Pioneer" by the National Association of Social Workers.

She died June 22, 2014, from complications following a stroke, at the age of 78.

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