



..... **When the World Stopped**

★ ★ **A NIGHT OF HONOR** ★ ★

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*Some **moments** in history define who we are.
Some acts of **courage** redefine what is possible.
And some causes remind us what truly **matters**.*

★ ★ **April 23, 2026** ★ ★

7:00 - 9:00 pm • VIP Reception: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
The Indiana Roof Ballroom • 140 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204





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Friends,

Stand with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for an unforgettable evening of purpose and unity—bringing together leaders from the fire service, business community, and beyond to honor heroism, resilience, and service above self.

We will recognize the three **fire chiefs whose departments answered the call on September 11, 2001.**

This is not a black-tie event—it is a come-as-you-are gathering rooted in mission, not formality. Sponsorship is more than visibility; it is a statement of values and a commitment to honor fallen firefighters and support the families who carry on.

Every dollar raised fuels life-changing programs for Fire Hero Families and survivors.

This is leadership in action.

This is impact you can feel.

This is a legacy you can help carry forward.

Warm Regards,

Victor Stagnaro

Chief Executive Officer



★★ HONOREES ★★

Fire Chief Terry Shaffer

SHANKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (PA)

Fire Chief Terry Shaffer, retired Chief of the Shanksville, PA Volunteer Fire Department, dedicated 35 years to the fire service—including 25 years as Fire Chief—and led his department through one of the most defining moments in our nation's history. As one of the first responders to the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, Chief Shaffer guided recovery efforts with strength and humility, working alongside local and federal partners in the aftermath of unimaginable tragedy. In the years since, he has remained steadfast in honoring the passengers and crew of Flight 93, helping establish the Flight 93 National Memorial, dedicating a tanker in their memory, and welcoming families each year on 9/11. Beyond his historic leadership that day, Chief Shaffer strengthened his department through expanded facilities, enhanced apparatus and rescue capabilities, and regional emergency partnerships—while remaining deeply committed to his church, youth sports, and the Shanksville community he proudly calls home.

Fire Chief Edward P. Plaughter

ARLINGTON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (VA)

Fire Chief Edward Plaughter is a distinguished fire service leader whose career spans more than four decades of operational command, national leadership, and emergency preparedness. As Chief of the Arlington County, VA Fire Department, he led the response to the Pentagon terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, guiding lifesaving efforts and fostering unprecedented coordination among local and federal agencies—an approach later praised by the 9/11 Commission and shared nationwide as a model for emergency response. A visionary in disaster readiness, he helped establish the National Medical Response System to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to terrorism and large-scale emergencies. Following his operational career, Chief Plaughter continued his impact as Assistant Executive Director for National Programs and Consulting Services at the International Association of Fire Chiefs, advancing safety and preparedness initiatives across the fire service. Honored as Career Fire Chief of the Year and commended by the U.S. Senate and Virginia General Assembly, Chief Plaughter's legacy reflects extraordinary leadership, innovation, and unwavering service to his community and country.

Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci Jr. (Posthumously)

FIRE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK (FDNY)

Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., FDNY, is honored posthumously for a lifetime of courageous leadership and his ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. A 33-year veteran of the FDNY and the department's highest-ranking uniformed officer, Chief Ganci was leading rescue operations in the North Tower when he gave his life in the line of duty, steadfastly refusing to leave behind those he served. Rising through the ranks from firefighter to Chief of Department, he earned widespread respect for his bravery, integrity, and unwavering commitment to protecting others. A former member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, Chief Ganci exemplified selfless service throughout his career. His legacy endures through the FDNY medal bearing his name, the firefighters he inspired—including his two sons—and the countless lives forever touched by his heroism.

★★ SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ★★

TITLE SPONSOR — \$100,000

BENEFITS

- ★ “Presented by [Company Name]” on all materials.
- ★ Premier recognition as exclusive Title Sponsor
- ★ Opportunity for company representative to deliver brief welcome remarks
- ★ 2 premium front-stage tables (up to 20 seats)
- ★ Logo featured on all printed & digital materials
- ★ Logo on stage screen throughout event
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- ★ Full-page premium ad in program
- ★ Recognition during 9/11 25th Memorial tribute
- ★ Opportunity to provide branded take-home gift
- ★ Recognition on the FireHero.org event page
- ★ Inclusion in Honor Roll donor listing for gala

FIRE HERO CHAMPION — \$50,000

BENEFITS

- ★ One premium table for 10 guests
- ★ Prominent logo on signage & screens
- ★ Full-page program ad
- ★ Mention in opening remarks
- ★ Recognition in all event marketing
- ★ Listing on the FireHero.org event page
- ★ Inclusion in Fire Hero Supporter Circle

LINE-OF-DUTY GUARDIAN — \$25,000

BENEFITS

- ★ One priority table for 10 guests
- ★ Half-page ad in program
- ★ Logo on event signage & slides
- ★ Verbal recognition from stage
- ★ Social media acknowledgment
- ★ Listing on the FireHero.org event page

CHIEF’S CIRCLE — \$20,000

BENEFITS

- ★ One reserved table for 8 guests
- ★ Quarter-page ad in program
- ★ Logo on signage
- ★ Recognition from podium
- ★ Social media mention

GOLD SHIELD — \$15,000

BENEFITS

- ★ Table for 8 guests
- ★ Logo in printed program
- ★ Listing on event signage
- ★ Recognition during dinner remarks

BRONZE HELMET — \$5,000

BENEFITS

- ★ 2 gala tickets
- ★ Name listed on the FireHero.org event page
- ★ Name included in printed program

FIRE HERO SUPPORTER — \$2,500

BENEFITS

- ★ 1 gala ticket
- ★ Name in printed program
- ★ Listing on event website



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- Chief's Circle - \$20,000
- Gold Shield - \$15,000
- Bronze Helmet - \$5,000
- Fire Hero Supporter - \$2,500

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Forms may be returned via E-mail to Anne Marie Judge at ajudge@firehero.org or mail c/o A Night of Honor to 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite 5, Crofton, MD 21114