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Memorial Day Observances Pay Tribute For Ultimate Sacrifice

Services Held Throughout The State Remember Maryland's Fallen

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MARYLAND -- Hundreds gathered Monday at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens to recognize the sacrifice made by men and women in service to our country.

At the ceremony, Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown presented 10 Maryland families with plaques and flags. The families honored during the ceremony all lost loved ones during combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It was also a day of remembrance for those present at a memorial service in Reisterstown. There, the Memorial Day focus was far from family picnics and an extra day off from work. It was on the men and women, many of them family members, who had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect this country's freedoms.

At the National Guard ceremony at Camp Frettered Military Reservation, a new memorial tribute was unveiled. The 45 inch tall bronze sculpture depicts a helmet, service weapon and the boots of a fallen soldier.

And in Federal Hill, a group planted plants instead of flags to remember Maryland's fallen heroes. Forget-me-nots were planted under the American flag overlooking the Inner Harbor in memory of the troops who died in service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That event was sponsored by Vote-Vets.org, Veterans for Peace and Progressive Maryland.

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