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U. S. Marshals Service Celebrates its 225th Anniversary

ROANOKE, VA. – Marshal Gerald S. Holt announces that on September 24, 2014, the U.S. Marshals Service will commemorate its 225th Anniversary. As the nation’s oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency, the Marshals Service occupies a uniquely central position in the federal justice system. It is the enforcement arm of the federal courts, involved in virtually every federal law enforcement initiative. Established on Sept. 24, 1789, when President George Washington signed the Judiciary Act into law, the Service has grown from the 13 original U.S. Marshals to a force of over 5,000 dedicated employees carrying out missions as varied as apprehending fugitives, housing and transporting prisoners, protecting witnesses and federal judges, and managing and selling seized assets

Attorney General Eric Holder remarked at the unveiling of the Marshals Service’s commemorative coins celebration on July 23, 2014 in Washington, DC that “From America’s very first federal marshals, appointed by President George Washington in 1789, to those who serve this critical agency today – this country has always relied on the valor, the vigilance, and the dedication of Marshals, Deputy Marshals, and support personnel to keep the peace, to safeguard our system of justice, and to apprehend dangerous criminals who attempt to flee from accountability. Especially in times of distress and difficulty – at moments of adversity and challenge – this Service has become, in many ways, the backbone of federal law enforcement, standing as a pillar of justice, strength, and resolve in rapidly-changing and endlessly-challenging environments.”

The Attorney General continued “Each year, the Marshals Service arrests over 100,000 fugitives, in close collaboration with state, local and federal partners and through the efficient use of task force resources. Thanks to the efforts of criminal investigators here in the United States and in three foreign

field offices – alongside partners from around the globe – approximately 900 individuals are extradited, deported, or removed every year. Roughly 120,000 prisoners are moved by the USMS prisoner transportation system on an annual basis. And, especially in recent years – by rushing to Ground Zero to aid victims of the September 11th attacks; by assessing potential security threats and providing security for high-profile criminal trials; by seizing and managing the assets of those engaged in financial fraud – in every office and unit, from the Witness Protection Program to Tactical Operations – this agency continues to prove that it is, and will always remain, “First for Justice.”

Virginia was finally divided into the Eastern and Western districts on February 2, 1871. Marshal Holt presides over offices for the Western District of Virginia in Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Abingdon, and Big Stone Gap. The district covers an estimated 24,622 square miles with 23 Deputy Marshals (law enforcement officers) and 6 Administrative employees. The Marshals Service is a relatively small governmental agency with 3,829 Deputy U.S. Marshal and a dedicated and devoted Administrative support unit. History is filled with the dedicated and heroic achievements of Marshal Service personnel over the past two centuries with undoubtedly more historical accomplishments to come in the future.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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America’s Oldest Federal Law Enforcement Agency



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

WHEREAS, the "Act to Establish the Judicial Court of the United States," approved on September 24, 1789, directed the appointment of United States Marshals and launched the United States Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, since 1789, the U.S. Marshals Service has been the enforcement arm of the federal courts and has been responsible for protecting the federal judicial process; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency, responsible for protecting the federal judiciary, apprehending federal fugitives, managing and selling seized assets acquired by criminals through illegal activities, housing and transporting federal prisoners, and operating the Witness Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshals Service helps to ensure the safety of our Commonwealth and nation; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the U.S. Marshals Service continue to serve the nation valiantly, with dedication to justice and integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize September 24, 2014, as **U.S. MARSHALS DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.







Secretary of the Commonwealth

