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Comptroller Franchot Virtually Presents Cecil County Schaefer Award to Cecil Vets Honor Bus

*Susie Webster Campbell brings veterans to the
memorials that honor them*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 17, 2020) - Comptroller Peter Franchot virtually presented the [William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award](#) for Cecil County to Susie Webster Campbell, founder of Cecil Vets Honor Bus. Ms. Campbell accepted the award on behalf of the nonprofit organization that coordinates trips for local veterans free of charge to monuments and memorials throughout the nation that were erected in their honor.

Ms. Campbell founded Cecil Vets Honor Bus in 2011 after learning that many local veterans had never seen the monuments heralding their service to our country. Ms. Campbell partnered with county VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) posts and American Legions in creating fundraisers to finance the trips. The annual treks are often life defining for participants and embody the principles held dear by William Donald Schaefer, the late Baltimore mayor, Maryland governor and comptroller.

Since 2009, annual Cecil Vets Honor Bus excursions have taken veterans to the 9/11 Memorial in New York, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the war memorials on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and Arlington National Cemetery among other sites. Registration for the popular annual event reaches capacity in less than 48 hours, with a waiting list for cancellations most years.

View the virtual ceremony [here](#).

Since 2012, Comptroller Franchot has annually traveled to each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions to honor an individual or organization serving their community. This

year, all Schaefer Award presentations will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individual press releases will be sent announcing each of the honorees, along with a link to view the virtual ceremony.

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