

JAY  
ROCKEFELLER

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR WEST VIRGINIA



N E W S R E L E A S E

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 31, 2013

Contact: Jessica Tice  
304-347-5506 (office)  
304-982-0956 (mobile)

## ROCKEFELLER PRESENTS CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY TO U.S. DEPUTY MARSHALS

CLARKSBURG, W.V. — Senator Jay Rockefeller today awarded the Congressional Badge of Bravery to U.S. Deputy Marshals who heroically risked their lives to help keep West Virginians safe.

“U.S. Marshals feel a distinct call to serve and protect the public,” said Rockefeller. “The act of violence that took the life of Derek Hotsinpiller was profoundly tragic. Today, we honor this dedicated young man, and the six other brave Marshals who served our state and nation that day. They deserve the highest recognition for their courage and their unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe from harm.”

In February of 2011, the U.S. Marshals Service for the Northern District of West Virginia Fugitive Apprehension Team risked their lives in a mission to apprehend a fugitive drug dealer in Elkins, West Virginia, which resulted in a shootout.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Derek Hotsinpiller was killed in the mission. His mother, Pamela Jo Bolyard-Hotsinpiller, received his medal at today’s ceremony. Alex Neville and Wesley “Fred” Frederick were both injured during the mission.

### **The Deputy U.S. Marshals who received awards are:**

- **Philip Efaw:** Philip has served 10 years with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and five years with the U.S. Marine Corps.
- **Wesley (Fred) Frederick:** Wesley has served three years with the USMS and served four years with the U.S. Marine Corps.

- **John Hare:** John has served over 20 years with the USMS.
- **Paul Hickman:** Paul has served 16 years with the USMS and is a member of the Special Operations Group. He also served in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Derek Hotsinpiller (deceased):** Derek joined the USMS after graduating from Fairmont State with honors. His mother, Pamela Jo Bolyard-Hotsinpiller received his award.
- **Alex Neville:** Alex has served 21 years with the USMS and is a Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal.
- **Joseph Nichols:** Joseph has served six years with the USMS and spent four years in the U.S. Air Force.

The highly prestigious Congressional Badge of Bravery has been awarded to only 59 individuals to date, including the seven West Virginians honored today. It was created by Congress in 2008 to honor a select group of law enforcement officers who perform exceptional acts of bravery while in the line of duty.

###