

# One Maryland

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## A Message from the Governor

### Honoring the Greatest Generation

This week, I've been both inspired and humbled as I travel through Europe beginning with [our visit to Normandy](#) on the 65th Anniversary of D-Day. We walked along the beach in Normandy, where we joined President Obama to honor the thousands of American soldiers – including those from Maryland – who landed amid gunfire 65 years ago, knowing they might not make it past the beach to the enemy defenses.



They've been called the Greatest Generation, and joining the 29th Infantry Division Association, which represents veterans – including many Marylanders – of the sole National Guard division that landed in Normandy on D-Day is a humbling experience indeed.

This week, I traveled to [Bosnia-Herzegovina](#) and [Estonia](#) as part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program, which brings together U.S. states and territories and their respective National Guard units with new or emerging democracies throughout the world. And today, we'll end our visit in [Sweden](#) where we'll be meeting on more economic development opportunities to help create well-paying jobs in Maryland.

[View photos from our trip.](#)

Martin O'Malley

Governor

## More Jobs for Maryland



Today, Governor O'Malley and Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary (and Swedish native) Christian Johansson will lead a delegation through a [full day of events](#) in Sweden, an important economic mission that could bring more jobs to Maryland.

The day's events include meeting with Swedish bio and clean technology companies, a tour of an eco-friendly city, and addressing an American Chamber of Commerce reception.

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### *Maryland Events*

#### **Columbia Festival of the Arts**

June 17-27 at various locations and times throughout Columbia. The Columbia Festival of the Arts provides world-class performing artists and visual arts exhibits.

#### **Depot Day**

June 20, 9am-4pm (rain date Sun. 11am-5pm) at Main St, Rt. 75, and Lehigh Park in Union Bridge. Train gardens and exhibits, Lehigh plant tours, antique cars, craft and food vendors.

#### **Annual Patuxent River**



place in Volvo's Hagerstown facility. The Governor also announced plans to open the eighth foreign office in Stockholm to continue to invest in the future of [Maryland's economy](#).

## Working With Our Global Partners

Last month, Governor O'Malley and Secretary of State John P. McDonough hosted elected officials and representatives from Harju County, Estonia to sign a [Sister States agreement](#). And during the Governor's trip to Europe, he traveled to Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Estonia as part of the State Partnership Program. While in Estonia, the Governor met with Prime Minister Andres Ansip, Mr. Juhan Parts, Minister of Economic Affairs, representatives of the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs, and Lieutenant Colonel Raivo Lumiste, Commander of the Estonian Defense League, or "Kaitseliit." The State Partnership Program brings together U.S. states and territories and their respective National Guard units with new or emerging democracies throughout the world.



## Supporting Our Veterans



Recently, Lt. Governor Brown joined representatives of the public mental health industry and Veterans Affairs as Maryland became the first state in the nation to launch a Network of Care [web site](#) devoted to State veterans. The site, part of the Network of Care online community, serves as a hub for information on local, state, and national behavioral health services for veterans. The site is hosted by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with assistance from the state Mental Health Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Maryland, On Our Own of Maryland and the Maryland Association of Core Service Agencies.

The Network of Care community allows consumers to have a lead role in addressing their needs for behavioral health services, and also allows them to store medical records, advance directives and personal wellness plans in a password-protected personal folder. The site also contains a library of mental health articles, links to support and advocacy organizations, and reports on legislation.

### Sojourn

June 18-22, Thurs.-Mon. afternoons in Prince George's, Anne Arundel, and Calvert Counties. Paddling trip, scenery, nature, camping on the river. Come for a day or the whole trip.

### African-American Family Community Day

June 20, 11am-5pm at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in St. Leonard. A multi-cultural heritage celebration. History exhibits, demonstrations, live entertainment, arts & crafts, storytelling and more!

### Juneteenth Celebration, 6th Annual

June 20, 12 noon at Freedom Park in Lexington Park, Maryland. Free prizes and free entertainment for all ages, celebrating cultural diversity and freedom.

### ARTS ALIVE! Juried Arts Festival

June 20-21, Sat. 9am-6pm and Sun. 9am-5pm at Northside Park at 127th St. on the Bay in Ocean City. Juried outdoor art show, paintings, ceramics, photography, batiks, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, food, and music under tents.

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