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***Maryland Attorney General Anthony Brown and a transgender
Space Force colonel will serve as official grand marshals
for 2025 Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival later this month***

ANNAPOLIS, MD (Tuesday, May 6, 2025) – Maryland Attorney General Anthony Brown (he/him) and U.S. Space Force Colonel Bree Fram (she/her) — currently one of the highest ranking out transgender officers in the U.S. military — will serve as Grand Marshals of the fifth annual Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival, Board Chair Joe Toolan announced today. The fifth annual celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community will be held on Saturday, May 31, with the parade starting at 11 a.m. and the festival following at noon.

"Our Annapolis Pride parade and festival will be held on May 31 this year because we didn't want to conflict with World Pride events taking place on June 7 in D.C.," Toolan explained. "We also shifted the starting time for the parade to 11 o'clock and the festival immediately afterwards to make it easier for people to attend both events.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have these two amazing LGBTQIA+ advocates as our grand marshals," Toolan added. "They are both on the front lines in the ongoing fight against the attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community from the federal government. At this year's parade and festival, we feel it's more important than ever not only to celebrate our community, but also to get back to the roots of pride, as a protest, and work to defend our LGBTQIA+ rights that are under attack."

Anthony Brown assumed office as Maryland's 47th Attorney General on January 3, 2023, the first African American to hold the position in Maryland's history. Previously, Attorney General Brown represented the 4th Congressional District from 2017 to 2023, served as Maryland Lieutenant Governor from 2007 to 2015, and served in the Maryland House of Delegates as Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee and Majority Whip from 1999 to 2007.

Most recently, Brown has led or joined more than two dozen lawsuits filed by attorneys general across the country challenging the rapid-fire policy pronouncements of the new federal administration. Brown's office created a tab on its website called "Federal Actions Response," which provides resources and other information on immigration, human rights, LGBTQIA+ issues, and federal employment for those impacted by Trump administration actions.

Just last week, Brown filed a lawsuit with 18 other states challenging the Trump Administration's threat to withhold funding from school systems that fail to eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs. Brown was also the co-lead on a brief challenging two federal executive orders on transgender rights, one declaring that the federal government will recognize only two sexes and another ordering institutions that get federal funding to stop all gender-affirming care for transgender people.

Colonel Fram is an aeronautical engineer, author, podcaster, speaker, and active-duty colonel in the United States Space Force. She is currently stationed at the Pentagon, where she develops the requirements for future Space Force capabilities.

Prior to recommissioning into the Space Force in 2021, Colonel Fram served 18 years in a wide variety of Air Force positions including a Research and Development command position and an oversight role for all Air Force security cooperation activity with Iraq. In earlier assignments, Bree served in the Air Force Directorate of Strategic Plans, as a Legislative Fellow at the US Capitol on the staff of Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, several tours as a program manager for satellite and technology programs, and deployed to Qatar and Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Fram came out publicly as transgender on the day the transgender ban in the military was dropped in 2016. She transitioned while in a command position and served through the re-imposition of a transgender ban from 2019-2021.

Toolan also announced that the route for this year's parade has changed and will begin at Calvert and Bladen Streets, go around Church Circle and up West Street to end at Amos Garrett Blvd. The festival will take place outside of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts and the Bates Athletic Complex.

The theme of this year's Pride Parade and Festival celebration is "Growing in Pride, Growing in Community."

"This year's theme celebrates the vibrant, evolving strength of our LGBTQIA+ community and reflects how Pride is not only personal — a journey of self-acceptance and authenticity — but also collective, rooted in connection, community support, and shared progress," Toolan said.

“As we grow in pride, we build stronger, more inclusive communities where everyone can live openly, safely, and joyfully,” Toolan added.

A specially designed logo for the 2025 Parade and Festival (see below) was inspired by work from Pride Board Member Jayne Walters and was created by local graphic designer Deirdre Tanton.



For the third year in a row, this year’s Festival will also feature family-friendly kids' activities including free face painting, a moon bounce and more. The popular float contest is back this year with winners being announced in nonprofit, for profit and government/school categories.

Annapolis Pride organizers said nearly 70 organizations have signed up so far to participate in the parade, and 180 groups are registered to participate in the festival in the area of Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, including 20 food trucks and local restaurants.

Among the parade groups participating are the Naptown Brass Band, Off Kiltered (motorcycle) Riding Club, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue, the Mass Destruction Marching Unit, and the Annapolis Chapter of the International Order of Mrs. Ropers.

Annapolis Pride is also excited to announce that the headliner will be singer, songwriter, and long-time LGBTQ+ advocate Ultra Naté. Ultra Naté was named one of Billboard Magazine’s Greatest of All Time Top Dance Artists and will perform on the mainstage at Maryland Hall from 4-5 pm. The full entertainment lineup will be announced closer to May 31, Toolan said.

Parking will be available in a variety of locations including the new Hillman Garage on Main street, in the Maryland State Employee lot on Calvert Street and at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (\$15 for the day). Shuttles will run between the stadium and both the parade start and festival location from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. It is recommended to come early to be in position for the Parade by 10:30 a.m.

Annapolis Pride, Inc. will host a series of fun events before and after the parade:

Sunday, May 18: Gayby Baby Movie Screening @ United Church of Christ Annapolis, noon

Thursday, May 29:* Chesapeake Baysox Pride Night @ Prince George's Stadium, 6:35 p.m.

Sunday, June 1: Ecumenical Pride Worship Service @ Eastport United Methodist Church, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3: Annapolis Pride Beer Launch @ Forward Brewing, 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, June 5: *Pride on the Pier @ Bread and Butter Kitchen, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, June 7: Pop Up Market: Benefiting Annapolis Pride @ Annapolis Town Center, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 21:* Dance Party @ Art Farm for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors only, 6-9 p.m.

*ticketed events

For more information about these events, and to sign up to participate in the Parade and Festival (space is limited) visit www.AnnapolisPride.org.

About Annapolis Pride

Annapolis Pride's mission is to advocate for, empower, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Anne Arundel County to live fully and authentically. Our vision is a safe, equitable, and anti-racist community where people of all identities can thrive.