

THE PEACEMAKER

by Sgt. Alfred Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

Upon his will he binds a radiant chain,
For Freedom's sake he is no longer free.
It is his task, the slave of Liberty,
With his own blood to wipe away a stain.
That pain may cease, he yields his flesh to pain.
To banish war, he must a warrior be.
He dwells in Night, eternal Dawn to see,
And gladly dies, abundant life to gain.

What matters Death, if Freedom be not dead?
No flags are fair, if Freedom's flag be furled.
Who fights for Freedom, goes with joyful tread
To meet the fires of Hell against him hurled,
And has for captain Him whose thorn-wreathed head
Smiles from the Cross upon a conquered world.

HIGH FLIGHT

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. (1922-1941)

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds,—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF RICHARD L. ARMITAGE

April 26, 1945 – April 13, 2025



Thursday, May 29, 2025
10:30 a.m.

United States Naval Academy
Alumni Hall
Annapolis, Maryland

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER



REMEMBRANCES

The Honorable William Burns

Ambassador Ryoza Kato



“ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN”

by Rev. F.C. Barnes

Rev. F.C. Barnes & Rev. Janice Brown, *vocalists*



REMEMBRANCES

The Honorable Michael Powell

Captain Kiem Do



READINGS & REMEMBRANCE

Iain Armitage



FINAL BLESSING



“NAVY BLUE & GOLD”

by Cmdr. Roy de Saussure Horn & J.W. Crosley

Rosemarie Schwer, *vocalist* | Robert Stojakovich, *accompanist*

NAVY BLUE AND GOLD

by Cmdr. Roy de Saussure Horn & J.W. Crosley (1923)

Now colleges from sea to sea
May sing of colors true
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue
For sailors brave in battle fair
Since fighting days of old
Have proved the sailor's right to wear
The Navy Blue and Gold

So hoist our colors, hoist them high
And vow allegiance true
So long as sunset gilds the sky
Above the ocean blue
Unlowered shall those colors be
Whatever fate they meet
So glorious in victory
Triumphant in defeat

Four years together by the Bay
Where Severn joins the tide
Then by the Service called away
We're scattered far and wide
But still when two or three shall meet
And old tales be retold
From low to highest in the Fleet
We'll pledge the Blue and Gold