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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORT'S PUBLIC AGENCY TO HONOR THE NINE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SINCE 1956

What: During the Traffic Club's 93rd annual dinner, three significant milestones in the history of the Port of Baltimore will be observed. Those landmarks include the 25th anniversary of the container, 50th anniversary of the establishment of a public agency to manage the Port of Baltimore (Maryland Port Authority/Port Administration) and the 300th anniversary of the Port of Baltimore in 2006.

Highlighting the celebration will be recognition of the nine past and present executive directors of the Maryland Port Authority/Port Administration. They represent 50 years of directorship of the port since the Maryland Port Authority began business on July 1, 1956.

The nine individuals who will be honored and presented with Traffic Club awards include:

Joseph L. Stanton	1956 - 1977 (Awarded posthumously)
W. Gregory Halpin	1977 - 1985
David A. Wagner	1986 - 1989
Brendan W. O'Malley	1989 - 1991
Adrian G. Teel	1991 - 1994
Michael P. Angelos	1994 - 1995
Tay Yoshitani	1995 - 1998
James J. White	1999 - 2005
F. Brooks Royster III	2005 - present

Helen Delich Bentley, chair of the Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee, and Tom Matte, Colt football star and Ohio State Hall of Famer, jointly will do the honors.

When: Thursday, March 2, 2006
General Reception: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program: 6:45 p.m.

Where: Martin's West
6817 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Editor's Note: Media are invited to attend the event. Please contact Weinberg Harris & Associates at 410-427-0123 x232, 223, or 225 to speak with a representative from the Port team.

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History: For the first 250 years of its existence, the Port of Baltimore was in the hands only of private terminal operators, principally the railroads who balked at investing funds to facilitate movement of cargoes by truck. In 1956 the Maryland General Assembly enacted the necessary legislation to establish the public entity, the second time the effort was made by the citizenry of the State.

[About the Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee \(www.portofbaltimore300.org\)](http://www.portofbaltimore300.org)

Under the leadership of Helen Bentley, the Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee was created in June 2005. The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee is a group of maritime industry experts as well as representatives from the city and state who are coordinating efforts to promote the 300th celebration year of the Port of Baltimore. Campaigns throughout the year recognizing the 300th anniversary include a signature event to be held in June 2006, bus tours of Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals, participation in the city's semi-annual Waterfront Festival and the Volvo races in the Inner Harbor, the unveiling of a commemorative 300th anniversary license plate and painting, as well as special exhibits and activities with partner organizations. For more information about upcoming events and the history of the Port of Baltimore, please visit www.portofbaltimore300.org.

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