

NEWSLETTER

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

Beyond Workers Memorial Day



Picture: 2026 Workers Memorial Ceremony-Families of Our Fallen Workers

Workers Memorial Day is a national day of recognitions for people across the country to honor and remember our fallen workers. Over the years, many families from across the country have joined us in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Labor and hundreds more joined us virtually during our ceremonies remembering our fallen workers.

We want to take a moment and thank the families that joined us this year on our *“Workers Memorial Panel Discussion - Voices of Those Left Behind”*. We know that the conversation wasn’t easy and it was definitely hard to open up and go back to that day, sharing with our audience the loss that you and your family endured, the impact and reality that followed your loss. Your discussion truly opened another side of workplace incidents that oftentimes gets overlooked for many.

If you have not had a chance to see our panel discussion we invite you to take sometime and hear their stories as you may connect with a lot of what was said during the discussion and find that you are not alone as others understand what you are going through today. If you are feeling alone, we want to invite you to our next, “Connecting with Families” monthly virtual meeting, please see the information below to register and join us.



Picture: 2025 Workers Memorial Ceremony Families of Our Fallen Workers



Picture: 2024 Workers Memorial Ceremony Families of Our Fallen Workers

Remembrance

Anthony “Tony” Glenn Palacio, 61 of Hawaii



Anthony raised his five siblings- his pride and joy- after losing his father when he was 14 years old. Sadly, 15 years later again when their mom went on to join their dad. Later he later became a fur dad to Pacquiao, Bella, Lani and J.R.

Many will say Tony was a quiet and humble man but his actions spoke volumes. His passion was boxing and he was known as Coach Tony to all the children he coached. He loved snowboarding, hunting boars, traveling and of course Pittsburgh Steelers.

[Read more about Tony.](#)

In Memory and Honor

A tree stands behind the U.S. Department of Labor's building (Frances Perkins) in memory, and honor of those we have lost. It blooms each year showing us strength, growth, support and comfort under the shade it provides. It has served us as a permanent, living monument that will provide a place for all to visit and reflect on those that we have lost due to a work-related incident, illness or disease.

This year the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) unveiled our Workers Memorial plaque that will forever lay beneath the tree of strength, support and in memory and honor of our loved ones and our nation's fallen workers.

Please know your loved one is forever remembered and never forgotten.



Mark Your Calendars



Tell Your Loved One's Story



Over the years we have been honored to hear the stories of many of our fallen workers through the voices of those left behind, such as you. We know and understand that each of our fallen workers are so much more than a statistic and their story is so much more than their incident.

We invite you to visit our virtual [Workers Memorial Wall](#), where you can view many faces of our fallen men and women that were lost due to a work related incident, illness or disease. Many family members were so kind to share a few additional photographs and written tribute about their loved one.

We feel that your voice is the special touch that our tributes are missing. We would like to invite you to schedule a time to meet virtually with us to read your loved one's written tribute that will be included in his/her tribute allowing others to hear your loved one's story through your voice. For more information and to schedule a time to record your loved one's tribute, please email Tonya Ford at ford.tonya.e@dol.gov.

Connecting with Families: I would like to invite you as a family members/loved ones of our fallen workers to join us at our "Connecting with Families" virtual meeting.

We hope you can make it on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7 p.m. ET (6 p.m. CT). This is a time to connect with others that know and understand what you are going through, offering each other support and guidance. [Register today to join us!!](#)

Family Working Group: OSHA is creating a working group made of family members to collectively create a packet with resources based on each state to help families that may have just experienced a tragic loss due to a workplace incident.

We invite you to reach out to Tonya Ford, OSHA's National Family Liaison at ford.tonya.e@dol.gov if you are interested in joining the group and assist in developing the packet for the families in your state. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 7pm ET.

