

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Major General Douglas Stanton Metcalf Day | July 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Stanton Metcalf, United States Air Force Reserve (Ret.), passed away June 15, 2026, in Winter Park, Florida, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of military service, civic leadership, faith and unwavering dedication to his country and community; and

WHEREAS, born May 12, 1945, at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, Major General Metcalf devoted 36 years to military service, including distinguished service during the Vietnam War and a career marked by exemplary leadership, integrity and patriotism, ultimately rising to the rank of Major General in 2001 before retiring in 2005; and

WHEREAS, his military career was recognized with numerous honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and selected as the Air Force Junior Officer of the Year in 1973, reflecting his steadfast commitment to excellence and service; and

WHEREAS, following his military career, he continued his lifelong commitment to public service by serving on the Winter Park City Commission from 2000 through 2008, including a term as Vice Mayor, where he helped guide important decisions that continue to benefit the community today; and

WHEREAS, he played a pivotal role in one of the most significant initiatives in the city's history by supporting the feasibility study and referendum that resulted in the City of Winter Park acquiring its electric utility from Progress Energy®, while also championing the long-term policy of undergrounding electric power lines to improve the city's safety, resilience and beauty; and

WHEREAS, Major General Metcalf demonstrated vision and leadership by supporting the establishment of a commuter rail station in Winter Park, recognizing the long-term value of expanded transportation opportunities, and by advancing the annexation of the Fairbanks Avenue and Lee Road corridors, major infrastructure improvements, the acquisition of Howell Branch Preserve, and adoption of the Historic Preservation Code; and

WHEREAS, beyond his public service, he remained devoted to serving others through his leadership with the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, volunteer service at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, and his continued leadership within The Mayflower Retirement Community, reflecting a lifelong commitment to faith, compassion and community; and

WHEREAS, he shared 54 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Linda, and was a devoted husband, mentor and friend whose warmth, humility and generosity touched countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Stanton Metcalf lived a life defined by honor, courage and selfless service, his legacy will continue to inspire future generations and be remembered with gratitude by the citizens of Winter Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, as **"Major General Douglas Stanton Metcalf Day"** in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of July 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor