

I'm Jim Kerney and the current Chair of the FWPC. As you may know, we are gathered here to thank an individual who has not only contributed to making Cape Elizabeth a safe and wonderful town, but has for decades devoted his time, energy, and passion to FWP. This Park is the gem of our town, the pride of our state, and now, in large part thanks to him, an international treasure which is visited and photographed by millions. And next year in recognition of its beauty, FWP will be honored by visits from all of our US governors. But, as Jim Rowe will tell you, FWP was not always a gem. Just 60 years ago, as its name bears, FWP was part of our military defense system. What we all enjoy today is a skillfully managed transformation of this incredible property.

Bob Malley, in his decades of service to our town, has had a huge influence on the transformation and preservation of this wonderful place. We thank not only Bob, but also his wife Becky, for the time, attention and love which they have bestowed upon FWP, and especially for the kind, gentle and balanced approach to management that Bob brought to these efforts.

This here, where we stand, is a special spot within the park. We are perched atop Battery Blair, in the shadow of our nation's flag, we can see (in the winter) 6 of the 7 viewable lighthouses of FWP, we look down on the spectacular Portland Head Light property, and over the captivating scenes of Casco Bay and the expansive Atlantic Ocean. Bob: As such, and on behalf of the FWPCs both present and previous, the CETCs, and all our residents and guests, CC Jamie, TM Matt and I would like to dedicate this spot to you as a small token of our deep appreciation of your efforts in transforming FWP into a world class facility.

Thank-you Becky for sharing Bob with us during all those many years of late Thursday nights; and thank you Bob for the wonderful work you have done here at FWP. We hope you both will enjoy the views from this commemorative bench, and will continue to provide guidance for the future of FWP. Thx.