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Virgin Islands Flags to Fly at Half-Staff Wednesday in Honor of Former Senator John A. Bell Sr.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. ordered Virgin Islands flags on government buildings lowered from sunrise to sunset on May 13, honoring former Senator John A. Bell Sr.'s six terms in the Legislature, Army service and civic legacy.

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The John A. Bell Adult Correctional Facility on St. Croix, the local prison facility renamed in honor of John A. Bell, is seen in this exterior sign image. By. BOC.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has ordered that Virgin Islands flags on government buildings throughout the territory be flown at half-staff Wednesday in honor of former Senator John

A. Bell Sr., recognizing his service as a six-term legislator, United States Army veteran, counselor, party leader and community advocate.

The flags will be lowered from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Former Senator Bell served the people of the Virgin Islands for six terms in the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. According to Government House, his life reflected a deep commitment to service, civic duty and the advancement of the territory.

“Former Senator John A. Bell Sr. gave a meaningful portion of his life to serving others, and our Territory is better because of that service,” Governor Bryan said. “He served his country in uniform, he served the people of the Virgin Islands in public office, and he served his community with purpose, conviction, and care. His legacy is part of the story of a generation of Virgin Islanders who helped shape our civic life and strengthen the foundation on which we continue to build.”

Governor Bryan also extended condolences to the Bell family, friends, former colleagues, loved ones and all who are mourning his passing.

“On behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands and a grateful Territory, I extend heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of former Senator Bell,” Governor Bryan said. “As we lower the Virgin Islands flag in his honor, we do so with respect for his life, gratitude for his service, and recognition of the legacy he leaves in the hearts of those he served.”

All Government of the Virgin Islands agencies and departments have been directed to lower the Virgin Islands flag on government buildings to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.