

Acknowledgements

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We especially want to thank all individuals and organizations for their generous donations to this year's Wreaths Across America at the Alabama National Cemetery. This year's top donors include:

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Jean Capuzzo	Tommy & Rebecca McLendon
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Many donated in honor or memory of a loved one, whose names are displayed on our virtual Memorial Board at <https://scalnc.org/waa-at-alnc> and/or on ALNC's WAA's Remember Page, at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/social/ALANCM-AlabamaNationalCemetery?Sid=15482101016>
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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

at the Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, Alabama

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery Presents the

15th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony

December 16, 2023, 11:00 am



REMEMBER—HONOR—TEACH

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

—Ronald Reagan 40th President of the United States (1911-2004)

American Legion and Patriot Guard Riders Procession

Ceremonial Wreaths

US Army - Major A. J. Blount
US Army, retired & Brother of 1st LT Matthew Blount

US Marines - Lt. Col Vickie Gavin
US Army, retired & Widow of 1st LT Leonard M. Gavin, Jr.

US Navy - Mr. Peter Lacey
US Navy Veteran & Grandson of CWO Billy Gamble

US Air Force - Mrs. Sharon Gaydon
Widow of SSgt John Gaydon

US Space Force - Col Bryan J. Dutcher

US Coast Guard - Mrs. Linda Heard
Widow of GMC Ronald Edward Heard, Sr.

US Merchant Marines - Mr. Thomas Lazenby
Son of Seaman Thomas Lamar Lazenby

POW/MIA - Mr. Elmer White
Brother of MATT1 Johnnie Laurie

Wreaths Across America is committed to remembering the fallen, to honoring those who are serving in uniform today and teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms and importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

It is the mission of *The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery* to honor our American military veterans who are interred at the Alabama National Cemetery by giving comfort to their families, promoting the cemetery to others, developing and participating in commemorative cemetery programs and providing financial support to the cemetery to further enhance its beauty, maintenance and expansion.

Please plan to join us next year, on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11 am.

Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Janice Rogers
News Anchor, WBRC Fox 6
Sister of Cpl James Alvin Rogers, US Marines, Vietnam Veteran

Invocation

Duke Martin
SCALNC Chaplain and US Navy Veteran

Presentation of Colors

Thompson High School Air Force JROTC

National Anthem

Mr. Robert Robinson (SCALNC Member)

Pledge Of Allegiance

Bessemer Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol

Remembering Our Heroes

Ms. Emma Noble
2022 American Legion Oratorical National Champion

Ceremonial Wreath Laying

Escorting Wreath Layers are Thompson Air Force JROTC and CAP Cadets

Musical Tribute

Mr. Trent Phifer

Taps

Mr. Patrick McCaghren
Bugles Across America-Alabama & US Navy Veteran

Cemetery Wreath Laying

Led by piper, Mr. Robert Cargo, playing Amazing Grace followed by family members with loved ones who are laid to rest at the Alabama National Cemetery