

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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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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/social/ALANCM-AlabamaNationalCemetery?Sid=15482|0|0|6>

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

at the Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, Alabama

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery Presents the

17th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony
December 13, 2025, 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)

Ceremonial Wreaths

US Army - Alice Harris and Leisha Harris Holder
Widow and Daughter of Captain Wendell Ralph Harris

US Marines - Lt. Col Vickie Gavin, USA retired
Support Committee Member & Widow of 1st LT Leonard M. Gavin, Jr.

US Navy - Commander Alan Phillips, USN retired
Commissioner of AL Baseball & Friend S2 Virgil Trucks

US Air Force - Bryant Brooks and Lauren Shivers
Son and Daughter of Sergeant Mike Carden Brooks, III

US Space Force - Major Sallie Duncan

US Coast Guard - Tangerie Underwood
Mother of Seaman Jerrroll Richardson, Jr.

US Merchant Marines - Don Hodges
Support Committee Member and friend of MM Ira West

POW/MIA - Barry Patton
Son of PFC Harold Dean Patton

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 19, 2026 at 11 am.

*American Legion and Patriot Guard Riders Procession
Flyover by Shelby County Patriot Flyers*

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
Boy Scout Troop 548

Remembering Our Heroes
Command Sergeant Major Jerry McClain, USA Retired

Ceremonial Wreath Laying
Escorting Wreath Layers are Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Musical Tribute
Alabama Law Enforcement Memorial Pipes & Drums

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

Cemetery Wreath Laying
Led by Pipes & Drums playing Amazing Grace followed by family members with loved ones who are laid to rest at the
Alabama National Cemetery