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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*  
**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 Jerroll 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