

## Volunteer Acknowledgements

The Director and Staff of Alabama National Cemetery would like to express their sincerest gratitude to the dedicated volunteers. Their generous contribution helps to preserve the memory of the men and women who answered our country's call to service.

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*Alabama National Cemetery Support Committee*

*Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution*

*American Legion, Department of Alabama*

*American Legion Riders*

*American Village - Citizenship Trust*

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*Mary Ellen Schramm*

*Mike Self*

*Marynell Winslow*

# Alabama National Cemetery

## Tenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony



May 28, 2018  
9:00 A.M.

*Please join us at The American Village for a Memorial Day Program beginning at 11:00am*

**James W. Darden**  
**Major General US Army Reserve (Retired)**  
**Alabama Ambassador for Chief US Army Reserve**

Army Reserve Ambassador James W. Darden, a retired Major General, served in the Army Reserve for thirty-eight years, from his commissioning in 1966 to his retirement in 2004. Prior to his terminal assignment as the Director of Mobilization and Reserve Affairs/Deputy J5 of the European Command, Mr. Darden held three command-level positions as a General Officer including commanding general of the 81st Regional Readiness Command in Birmingham, Ala., from May 1995 until February 1999. Mr. Darden is a native of Memphis, Tenn. He earned an undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University and his master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Mississippi. Now a Birmingham resident, he is president of Darden and Associates, a real estate and construction company. He is also the vice president of Ellis Services Corporation and a partner in Springville Properties.

**Wreath Laying Organizations**

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.  
American Gold Star Mothers  
Alabama Gold Star Families, Inc.  
U.S. Army  
U.S. Marine Corps  
U.S. Navy  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Coast Guard  
U.S. Merchant Marines  
POW/MIA

*(Escorted by Bessemer Civil Air Patrol Cadets)*

*"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan."*

—Abraham Lincoln  
*Second Inaugural Address*  
March 4, 1865

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.

**Alabama National Cemetery**  
**Tenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**

*Prelude Music*  
Homeland

*Flyover*

*Master of Ceremonies*  
Ms. Brenda Ladun  
Anchor ABC 33/40

*Invocation*

Mr. Duke Martin  
Chaplain American Legion AL Dept

*Presentation of Colors*  
All Service Color Guard

*National Anthem*  
Ms. Jessica Procter  
Miss Alabama 2017

*Pledge of Allegiance*  
Shelby County Girl Scouts of America

*Introduction of Special Guests*  
Mr. Herman Watkins  
Alabama National Cemetery

*Welcome Remarks*  
Mrs. Kay Ivey  
Governor, State of Alabama

*Welcome Remarks and Greetings*  
Elected Officials - (Federal, State, County and Local)

*Welcome Remarks and Greetings*  
Mr. Stephan J. Frank  
Executive Director, NCA Southeast District

*Introduction Of Guest Speaker*  
Mr. Eldon Woodie  
Director, Alabama National Cemetery

*Guest Speakers*  
Major General James W. Darden, US Army Reserve (Retired)  
Alabama Ambassador for Chief US Army Reserve

*Musical Selections*  
Homeland

*Wreath Laying Ceremony*

*Benediction*  
Mr. Duke Martin

*Rifle Salute*  
American Legion Post 9 Ceremonial Guard

*TAPS*  
Mr. Gene Ramsay  
Bugles Across America – Alabama

*Cannon Salute*  
Barry Winn, Jimmy White, Ken Sumner and American Legion Post 555