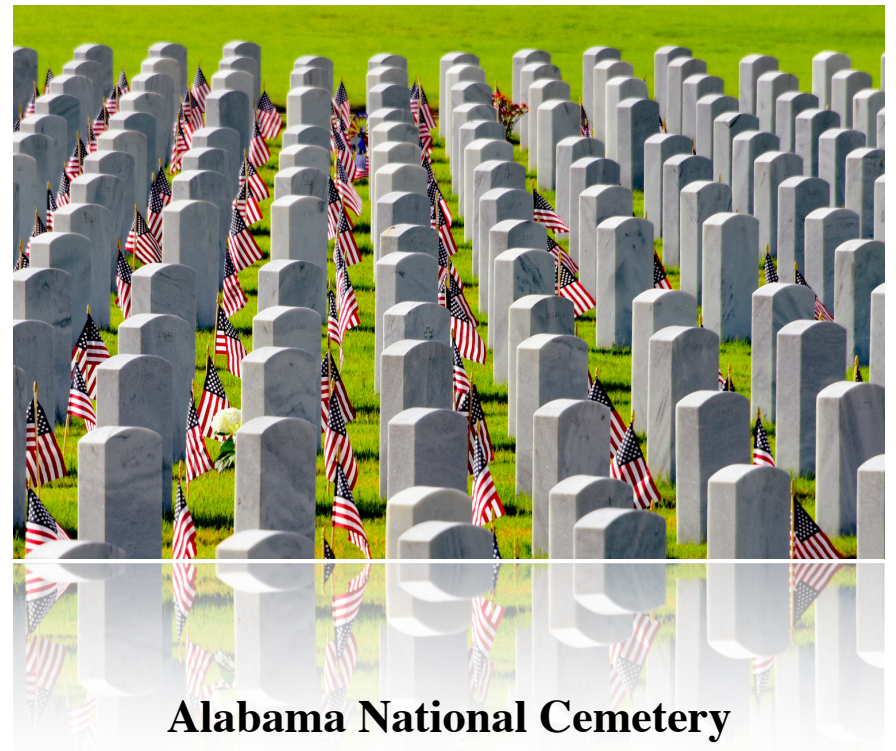


Emcee Taylor DiCicco

Taylor DiCicco recently graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Finance and Political Science and will be attending the University of Alabama's Graduate School in the fall to pursue a Master of Business Administration. In the summer of 2022, Taylor interned with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. and gained experience in legislation and hearing preparation, while simultaneously helping veterans in need of assistance in a variety of areas, i.e., healthcare, benefits, etc. She volunteered at the cemetery while in Thompson High School's Air Force JROTC program and, as a member of the Support Committee, continues to volunteer when home from school. Taylor's brother, SSgt Sean M DiCicco, was serving in the US Air Force at the time of his death. He is interred in the Columbarium.

Guest Speaker CSM Jerry McClain, US Army retired

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Retired Jerry McClain is a decorated US Army veteran who excelled on active duty as an Airborne Ranger and in retirement continues to serve veterans and our Nation. He entered the Army in 1976 serving as an Infantry Soldier and retired in 2001 at the highest enlisted rank of Command Sergeant Major, with many military Awards and Decorations. CSM (R) McClain earned an Associate Degree from Troy State University, Troy, AL and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Chapman University, Orange County, CA. He is also a licensed and ordained minister currently serving as senior pastor at Kingdom Christian Center in Pelham. He has led and is a member of numerous Veteran and Civilian organizations, where he has received many prestigious patriotic awards. Most recently, CSM (R) McClain was inducted into the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame. He and his wife Charla have 5 adult children, 14 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.



Alabama National Cemetery Fifteenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 29, 2023, 9 AM



The Director and Staff of Alabama National Cemetery and the Chairman and Members of the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery would like to express their sincerest gratitude to participants in today's ceremony and to our dedicated volunteers who placed graveside flags and assisted with ceremony preparation. Their generous contribution helps to preserve the memory of the men and women who answered our country's call to service.

Pre Ceremony Prelude Music - Homeland

Procession/Flag Line - Patriot Guard &

American Legion Riders

Flyover - Patriot Flyers

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Taylor DiCicco
Sister of US Air Force SSgt Sean M. DiCicco, Columbarium

Invocation

Mr. Duke Martin, Chaplain, SCALNC & US Navy Veteran

Presentation of Colors

Civil Air Patrol Cadets

National Anthem

Ms. Tanetra Austin

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 533, Oak Mountain
in Memory of Troop Member,
2LT Gunnar Schultz, US Air Force, Sec. 7

Introduction of Special Guests

Mr. Steven Weir, Director, Alabama National Cemetery

Welcome Remarks and Greetings

US Congressman Gary Palmer, Alabama 6th District

Introduction Of Guest Speaker

Ms. Taylor DiCicco

Guest Speaker

CSM Jerry McClain, US Army, retired

Musical Selections

Tanetra Austin (God Bless America)
Homeland (Service Medley, God Bless the USA
& How Great Thou Art)

Wreath Laying

Wreath Laying Participants

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. - Rachel Clinkscale, widow
of SFC James A. Bunn , US Army, KIA Vietnam

American Gold Star Mothers - Charon Rivers, mother of
LCPL Thomas Rivers, Jr. US Marine Corps,
KIA, Afghanistan, Sec 8

US Army - Vicki Ellenburg, daughter of SFC William LaGrone,
died in service to his country in Vietnam, Sec. 2

US Marine Corps - George & Marynell Winslow, Gold Star
parents of LCPL Ryan George Winslow, KIA Iraq, Sec. 2

US Navy - WWII Pacific Theater Navy Veteran George
Hamilton, and Elmer White, Gold Star Brother of
MATT1 Johnnie Laurie, KIA Pearl Harbor, Sec. 2

US Air Force - Jessica Atchison, sister of US Air Force
SSgt Sean M DiCicco, Columbarium

US Space Force - Col. Niki Lindhorst

US Coast Guard - Janice M. Hamilton, widow of
SR Bernard Hamilton, Vietnam, Sec. 8

US Merchant Marines - David Smith, nephew of WWII
Merchant Marine Tommy McCulloch, Sec. 7

POW/MIA - Kerry Richardson, daughter of Korean War POW,
CPL Newton Duke, US Army, Sec. 2
(Escorted by Civil Air Patrol Cadets)

Benediction

Mr. Duke Martin

Rifle Salute

US Air Force Honor Guard, Maxwell Air Force Base

TAPS

Mr. Jim Quakenbush, Bugles Across America-Alabama
& US Marine Corps Veteran

Cannon Salute

The Alabama Division of Re-enactors