

Emcee Bailyn Murphy

Miss Bailyn Murphy, is a junior at Hoover High School. Representing AL Post 911, she is this year's winner of the District 21 and 2nd Division American Legion Oratorical Contest, and 2nd in the state.



Guest Speaker MG David P, Burford, US Army retired



MG Dave Burford retired in July 2018 from Southern Nuclear in Birmingham, for over 40 years working in several of Southern Company's other subsidiaries. He is also a past advisor to the Electric Power Research Institute, a speaker at the Washington Coal Club and a graduate of both Harvard University and

George Washington University's Senior Executive Program. MG Burford has served as Chairman of the Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council in Washington DC, is a former Chairman of 501(c)(3) non-profit Vettes for Vets and formerly Chairman Emeritus of Three Hots and a Cot; a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides shelter for homeless veterans in Birmingham. He cofounded the Central Alabama Veterans Collaborative (CAVC) in 2019.

MG Burford entered military service as part of Georgia Tech's Army ROTC program, graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He spent five years on active duty before joining the Alabama National Guard in order to go to the Army's Special Forces school where he was awarded his Green Beret as a Captain in 1984. He was one of the first people mobilized for the War on Terror after 9/11, reporting in as the Deputy Commanding General of Army Special Forces, serving three years of active duty and was deployed to Afghanistan in the first 100 days of the war. Upon retirement in 2011, MG Burford was highly decorated and was the highest ranking Green Beret in the Army's reserve components.



Alabama National Cemetery Sixteenth Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 27, 2024, 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. Bailyn Murphy
Division Winner, American Legion Oratorical Contest

Invocation

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

Presentation of Colors

Civil Air Patrol Cadets

National Anthem

Miss Alabama Brianna Burrell

Pledge of Allegiance

Anna Hartwig, Niece of LCPL Brian Schramm, KIA Iraq

Introduction of Special Guests

Ms. Deborah Kendrick, Director, Alabama National Cemetery

Introduction Of Guest Speaker

Ms. Bailyn Murphy

Guest Speaker

MG David Burford

Musical Selections

Miss Alabama Brianna Burrell (Amazing Grace)
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 - Tommie Sewell, brother of PFC Lorenzo Sewell,
KIA, Vietnam, Sec. 5

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

US Navy - Sheila & Ben Watson, Gold Star parents of
ENS Kaleb Watson, killed on duty, Sec 2

US Air Force - Kellie Bourland, sister of LT COL Kenneth
Bourland, killed on duty, Sec 8

US Space Force - Representative

US Coast Guard - Tangerine Underwood, mother of Jerroll
Richardson, Jr., Sec. 7

US Merchant Marines - Lindsey Joseph - niece of WWII
Merchant Marine Tommy McCulloch, Sec. 7

POW/MIA - Tom Long, son of WWII POW,
MSGT Jack Long, US Air Force, Sec. 6

(Escorted by Civil Air Patrol Cadets)

Benediction

Mr. Duke Martin

Rifle Salute

US Air Force Honor Guard, Maxwell Air Force Base

TAPS

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

Cannon Salute

The Alabama Division of Re-enactors