

Volunteer Acknowledgements

The Director and Staff of Alabama National Cemetery and the Support Committee for the 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

Eleventh Annual Memorial Day Ceremony



May 27, 2019

9:00 A.M.

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

**Rear Admiral W. Clyde Marsh (Retired)
Executive Director of NCA North Atlantic District**

RDML Marsh served 31 years in the United States Navy prior to retiring as a Rear Admiral in 2004. He led Task Force 51 during the Iraq War where he commanded 31 US and Coalition ships and 44,000 personnel. Upon his naval retirement, RDML Marsh assumed duties as State Commissioner of ADVA in 2005 and led the state veterans' department for 13 years, working tirelessly for Alabama veterans, their dependents and survivors in all matters pertaining to veteran benefits. Born in Wedowee, Alabama he earned his BA Degree from Alabama A&M University & his Master of Science degree from Troy University. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College, attended the National Defense University Flag Officer Course, and the Executive Business Course at the University of North Carolina. RDML Marsh was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and assumed his current position with the VA National Cemetery Administration in 2018. He is responsible for the effective management of 38 National Cemeteries and 12 soldiers' lots, government lots located in nine Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states.

Wreath Laying Organizations

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
American Gold Star Mothers
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
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Prelude Music
Homeland

Flyover

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Art Franklin
News Anchor CBS 42

Invocation

Mr. Barry Sadler
President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Presentation of Colors
All Service Color Guard

National Anthem
Ms. Callie Walker
Miss Alabama 2018

Pledge of Allegiance
Boy Scout Troop 404 Pelham, Alabama

Introduction of Special Guests
Mr. Herman Watkins
Alabama National Cemetery

Welcome Remarks and Greetings
Doug Jones, US Senator, Alabama
Bradley Byrne, US Congressman, Alabama
Stacy Velasquez, Director, Birmingham VA Medical Center

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

Guest Speakers
Rear Admiral W. Clyde Marsh, USN (Retired)
Executive Director of NCA North Atlantic District

Musical Selections
Homeland

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Benedictin
Mr. Barry Sadler

Rifle Salute
American Legion Post 9 Ceremonial Guard

TAPS
Mr. Gene Ramsay and Mr. Jim Quakenbush
Bugles Across America – Alabama

Cannon Salute

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