



South Alabama Veterans Council

An organization for all people, to serve all veterans.

A coalition of Veterans, Friends and Organizations working together to further the cause of Veterans in the South Alabama area



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NEXT SAVC MEETING - Tuesday-October 17, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. - Saucy Q

1111 Government St–Mobile AL

On the web – <http://www.savc.info> - Facebook – South Alabama Veterans Council

Presidents Corner:



"The month of September was Veteran-busy with our SAVC meeting, POW/MIA Candlelight Ceremony at the Battleship; and our planning for all that is coming up in October. We continue our Planning for Flags of Glory on 5 November, support of the Traveling Vietnam Wall on 12-15 October, and the Veteran Day Activities planning and meetings.

I want to thank Charlie Wilson and Viva Media Care for providing breakfast for our September meeting.

Please continue to do those Buddy-Checks, especially during these days when COVID and Flu are on the rise."

*Lou Lartigue, President US Army LTC (Ret)
South Alabama Veterans Council - (savc.info)*

HONOR LUNCHEON TICKETS

South Alabama Veterans Council has purchased two tables at the Veterans Day Luncheon.

If you would like to reserve a seat at the South Alabama Veterans Council table contact:

Tom Schwarz 251-649-8459

Chaplains Corner:



Greetings! It's choose wisely;

Read Deuteronomy 31:19

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both you and your children may live."

"Some studies show that we make about 2,500 choices a day. With most of these choices, we do not know what the outcomes are going to be. However, in this verse, GOD sets four choices before us, and not only that, but he tells us the right choice to make. Wow! Isn't that amazing; that our GOD will give us the results of the choice so that we do choose wisely. Now some think that our choices only affect us, but that is not true. Our choices have an effect on our families, friends, churches, and our veterans communities...

Let us choose to do what is right.

In Jesus' Name Amen!"

*Pastor Lloyd Michael Austin,
Chaplain SAVC*



Subject: 2023 Veterans Day Honors Luncheon

The Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission invites your organization to participate in activities associated with the celebration of Veterans Day, on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. Mobile, Alabama has been named a Regional Site for the celebration of Veterans Day by the Department of Veterans Affairs. As such, it is one of approximately twenty locations in America whose Veterans Day Parade is officially recognized by the Federal Government.

This year is a special celebration as we honor Jo Bonner, President, University of South Alabama as our Patriot of the Year, and Petty Officer David W. Riley, US Coast Guard, (Retired) as Veteran of the Year. The Luncheon follows the Veterans Day Parade and will be held at Ft. Whiting Armory, 1630 S. Broad St., from noon to 1:30 p.m.

To register and purchase tickets, please go to the Eventbrite link listed below, the cut-off date for registration is Friday, November 3, 2023.

[Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Luncheon Registration, Fri, Nov 10, 2023, at noon | Eventbrite](#)

It will be an exciting day filled with many opportunities to say thank you and show our pride as Americans.

Recognition of Veterans by the citizens of the Mobile Bay Area is a time-honored tradition and participation by service personnel, veterans, and private citizens is visible proof that our community values the service of our veterans. We greatly appreciate your support.

If you have questions regarding the Luncheon, please email Cynthia House or Fran Barber at vetsdaycommission@gmail.com We hope to see you there.

Respectfully,
Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission

Steve Carey

Colonel Steve Carey USAF (Retired)
President



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"2023 Patriot of the Year"

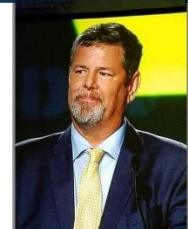
Jo Bonner
President of University of South Alabama



Mobile Bay Area
VETERANS DAY COMMISSION

"2023 Veteran of the Year"

David W. Riley
U.S. Army & U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)



ADVA APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF WILLIAM F. GREEN STATE VETERANS HOME

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) Commissioner Kent Davis has appointed Charles “NoNo” Allen to serve as the department’s new Director of the William F. Green State Veterans Home in Bay Minette.

Allen will be responsible for monitoring the daily operation of the home to ensure compliance with contractual agreements as well as federal and state regulations, coordinating equipment purchases and repairs, preparing statistical and financial studies and reports on funding requirements, advising the Executive Director on the technical administrative aspects of the operation of the home to include, but not limited to resident care and treatment, and funding and material utilization/requirements and records management.

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs constantly emphasizes this idea that ‘service never stops,’ and Charlie is a great example of that mindset,” said ADVA Commissioner Kent Davis. “We are so excited to have him as a member of our team and know that as a veteran himself, he will ensure that we deliver on America’s promises to hold ourselves personally and professionally accountable in delivering exceptional care to our nation’s heroes.”

Allen served in the U.S. Army and Alabama National Guard as an Incentive Officer, retiring earlier this year after 20-plus years of service. He has been awarded numerous medals throughout his career, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Basic Aviation Badge.

Allen will assume his new role as Director of the William F. Green State Veterans Home on October 2.



Charlie “NoNo” is also a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 28-6, Mobile, AL

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is an Association of Combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby.

As a registered 501(c)(19) veterans’ charity, its mission is to support and protect those who have defended our country and our freedoms. Their focus is to provide assistance and help to individual veterans, veteran care facilities, other veteran organizations and registered charities.

They sponsor and participate in many veteran-related motorcycle (and other) charity events each year, and as a non-profit organization, donate to various veteran causes.

The CVMA 28-6, Mobile, AL has made several donations to the South Alabama Veterans Council.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Auxiliary (CVMA®-A) administers a scholarship program for CVMA or CVMAA members and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. This scholarship fund is supported by Auxiliary dues and donations. The Auxiliary Scholarship awards are unrestricted other than the requirement to attend an institute of higher learning seeking an Associate's or higher degree during the year of the award. The applicant must be a CVMA or CVMAA member, spouse, widow, legal child, stepchild, or grandchild of a CVMA or CVMAA member. All CVMA member types are eligible as scholarship sponsors (Full, Support, or Auxiliary). Members must be in good standing at the time of submission to sponsor an applicant. Each year the total amount awarded, and the number of awards given is determined in relation to the dues and donations received.



**RAISING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
FOR
VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.
Golf Brand Giving back to those who serve
through the game of golf.**

Our Mission

At Fore 22 LLC, our mission is to raise mental health awareness and support for veterans and first responders through the game of golf. We are dedicated to creating a positive impact by fostering a community that promotes mental well-being, resilience, and camaraderie. Through inclusive events, educational resources, and strategic partnerships, we aim to empower individuals to prioritize their mental health, provide access to necessary resources, and break down the barriers associated with mental health challenges. We believe in honoring those who have served our country and communities by creating a safe and supportive space where their mental health concerns are acknowledged, understood, and addressed. Together, we can drive meaningful change, reduce stigma, and improve the lives of veterans, first responders, and their families.

codyhill@fore22golf.com

[2023 Fore 22 Golf Tournament \(golfstatus.com\)](http://golfstatus.com)

[Fore 22 Golf](#)

THE BEGINNING

My name is Cody Hill and I am the Owner of Fore 22. As a Marine Corps veteran, I experienced the troubling reality of losing many brothers to suicide after active-duty service. A recent statistic on veteran suicides shows that we lose an alarming 22 veterans daily. Because of my time in the Marine Corps and my experiences with the loss of my brothers, my passion was initially veteran mental health. But I didn't want to stop there. I couldn't stop there. First responders also serve, and I saw a need to include those heroes in my mission. The objective is to create local communities for veterans and first responders through the game of golf while donating to organizations that assist with mental health. We strive to provide a common avenue for new veterans returning to civilian life and an outlet for first responders right in their own community. We are more than just a round of golf.



FIELD OF VALOR

**Battleship Memorial Park
November 4 - 18, 2023**

Dedication Ceremony 2 pm Sunday
Nov. 5, 2023, in the Aircraft Pavilion

The Exchange Club of Mobile will host the Field of Valor, a flag display honoring and memorializing Veterans who have served to Preserve our Freedom.

Event location is Battleship Memorial Park on the Causeway. The flags will fly November 4 - 18, 2023 and a Dedication Ceremony will be held Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the Aircraft Pavilion.

The Field of Valor will display 300, 3' x 5' American flags in perfect columns and rows. Flags will display a tag with information on a veteran (name, rank, hometown, branch of service and dates of service) as provided by sponsors. There will be an information table on site during the Dedication Ceremony with volunteers providing information and selling flags. The cost of each flag is \$15.00, and the flag will either be given to the sponsor after the event or can be donated to the Exchange Club for future use.

The opening ceremony will include speakers representing our military and civilian community. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to join us as we honor our heroes.



The Exchange Club of Mobile
P.O. Box 161661
Mobile, AL 36616

Field of Valor

November 4 - 18, 2023

Name of Veteran _____

Information you would like on tag (ex. rank, hometown, branch/dates of service)

Return this form to a club member or mail it with payment of \$15.00 to
The Exchange Club of Mobile, P.O. Box 161661, Mobile, AL 36616

For more information contact

Mickey McDonnell at 251-634-8519/email mmcd09@comcast.net

Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077/email loyolamom15@gmail.com

Fundraiser for The Exchange Club of Mobile

Just in time for the Holidays! Perfect for
Baking and Holiday Gifts
Pecans make a delightful gift for teachers, friends, co-workers, employees, family and neighbors
Call of text Lisa deShazo (251) 591-1077

FORGING CONNECTIONS, NAVIGATING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: ALABAMA TBI SUMMIT COMES TO BIRMINGHAM IN OCTOBER

The Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Alabama Department of Mental Health, and Alabama Department of Public Health are proud to announce the Alabama Traumatic Brain Injury Summit, "Forging Connections: Navigating Traumatic Brain Injury," set to take place at the Marriott-Birmingham on October 26, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Event Theme:

The Summit's central theme, "Forging Connections: Navigating Traumatic Brain Injury," underscores the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing in the field of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) management and support. This event promises to be a pivotal moment for professionals and individuals dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for those affected by TBI.

Audience:

The Summit is open to a diverse audience, including service providers, social workers, psychologists, rehabilitation counselors, caregivers, TBI survivors, speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and medical providers. By bringing together experts and advocates from various disciplines, the Summit aims to foster a comprehensive and holistic approach to TBI care.

Event Highlights:

Date and Time: October 26, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Marriott-Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)

Lunch Included: Enjoy a complimentary lunch during the event, providing ample networking opportunities.

Exhibitors:

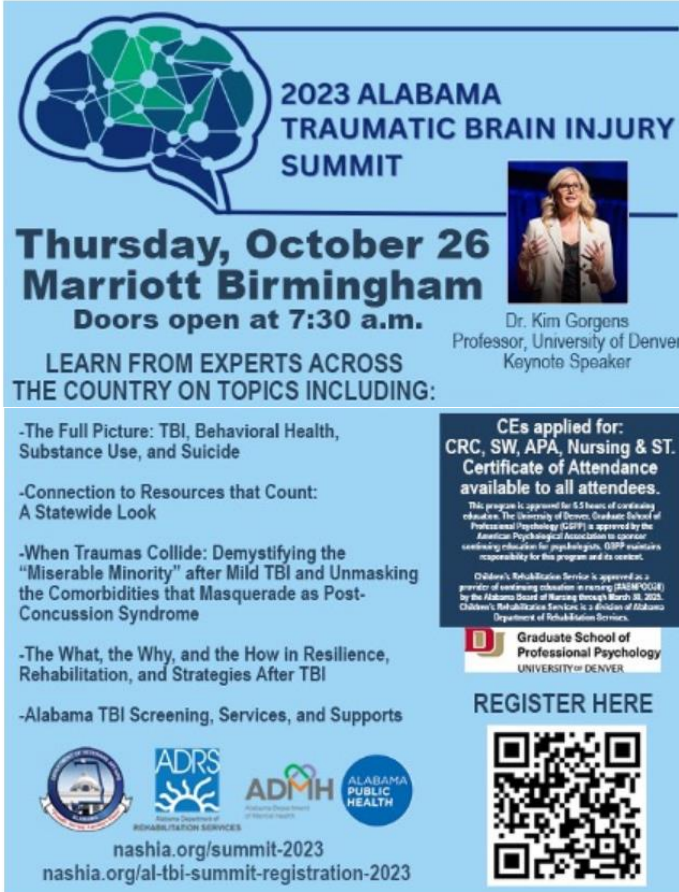
The Summit will feature a diverse array of exhibitors offering innovative products and services designed to support TBI survivors and enhance the capabilities of professionals in the field. Attendees will have the chance to explore cutting-edge solutions and connect with industry leaders.

Registration and Information:

To register for this transformative event or access further details, please

visit www.nashia.org/summit-2023.

[Forging Connections, Navigating Traumatic Brain Injury: Alabama TBI Summit Comes to Birmingham in October – Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs](#)



The poster for the 2023 Alabama Traumatic Brain Injury Summit features a brain graphic with neural connections. It includes the event title, date, location, and time. A photo of Dr. Kim Gorgens is shown with her name and title. A list of topics is provided, along with accreditation information for CEUs. Logos for ADRS, ADMH, and Alabama Public Health are at the bottom, along with the registration website and a QR code.

2023 ALABAMA TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUMMIT

Thursday, October 26
Marriott Birmingham
Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Kim Gorgens
Professor, University of Denver
Keynote Speaker

LEARN FROM EXPERTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON TOPICS INCLUDING:

- The Full Picture: TBI, Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and Suicide
- Connection to Resources that Count: A Statewide Look
- When Traumas Collide: Demystifying the "Miserable Minority" after Mild TBI and Unmasking the Comorbidities that Masquerade as Post-Concussion Syndrome
- The What, the Why, and the How in Resilience, Rehabilitation, and Strategies After TBI
- Alabama TBI Screening, Services, and Supports

CEs applied for: CRC, SW, APA, Nursing & ST. Certificate of Attendance available to all attendees.

REGISTER HERE

[nashia.org/summit-2023](http://www.nashia.org/summit-2023)
nashia.org/al-tbi-summit-registration-2023

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the homeless coalition
Serving Mobile and Baldwin
Counties in Alabama

SSVF Supportive Services for Veterans Families

What is the Housing First theory?

Housing First is an approach to serving people experiencing homelessness that recognizes a homeless person must first be able to access a decent, safe place to live, that does not limit length of stay (permanent housing), before stabilizing, improving health, reducing harmful behaviors, or increasing income.

Monica Washington

Housing First, Inc

Director of SSVF

279- B N. Washington Ave

Mobile, Al 36603

(251) 303-8060

Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System Theodore, AL

We are getting ready for our 9th Annual Person-Centered-Care Walkathon on October 19th! If you are available and interested the registration link is below! We look forward to seeing you there!

Event Description – Outdoor walkathon and Exhibition Hall with a theme to enhance Whole Health practices and experiences.

This year’s Theme: *Customer Experience, It starts with me !!!*

Request a booth :

<https://forms.office.com/g/8z7FnNsGuQ>

Gullette, Deandra L



MONTGOMERY, Ala. –POW/MIA CEREMONY

A ceremony to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day was held on the South Lawn of the Alabama State Capitol at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The ceremony was to honor and remember the brave men and women who endured the hardships as Prisoners of War, the Missing in Action who are still unaccounted for, and pay special recognition to their families who bore the cost of war.

U.S. Army Major General (Ret.) Janet Cobb, who serves as executive director of the USS Alabama Battleship Commission and Battleship Memorial Park, gave the keynote address. She was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps in May 1978 from the University of Alabama ROTC program, where she was named a Distinguished Military Graduate. MG (Ret.) Cobb was the fifty-fourth general officer and the first female general officer to graduate from the University of Alabama. In April 2017, MG (Ret.) Cobb was one of seven selectees for the inaugural University of Alabama ROTC Hall of Fame. In 2016, she retired from the Army of the United States after 42 years in uniform. Her decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), and various campaign and service awards.

The ceremony included the raising of the POW/MIA Flag, featuring patriotic music, a wreath-laying ceremony, and the playing of Taps. Traditionally held on the third Friday in September, the ceremony was moved to Saturday to accommodate and encourage public attendance.

The observance is one of six days of the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the POW/MIA flag at federal buildings. The Alabama Legislature passed legislation in 2008 that allows for the POW/MIA flag to be flown at state buildings as well.





Our Peer Support Team is available 24/7 to help those in need. Meet Ivy, our Peer Support Pup. Ivy regularly provides Peer Support with her human, Lloyd Michael Austin. Call us if you have someone in need at 251-405-3677.

IVY JOY AUSTIN
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Ivy is a 4-year-old standard poodle certified by Tails of Hope as a service dog.
- In her spare time, Ivy loves to fetch the ball.
- Ivy, along with her trainer, Austin (Combat Veteran) regularly visits the USA Trauma Center offering comfort to patients.
- To date, Ivy has visited 521 patients.



You Have Served Us - Now It's Our Turn

For some, their training equipped them to handle almost any situation—except coming home. If you are a Veteran facing difficulty returning to civilian life, we're there with empathy and specially-trained professionals. That way, we can help you and your family members find renewed strength and confidence in life.

Not just Veterans. First Responders, Too.

Police, Firefighters, and EMTs face many of the same traumas as combat in their everyday work. Sometimes, the consequences don't surface for years. Yet through our peer-to-peer approach, we help individual municipalities develop the means to identify and mitigate Post-Traumatic Stress in their personnel.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 21, 2023

VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families

WASHINGTON — Today, VA announced that Veterans, and their families, caregivers, and survivors now have access to expanded burial benefits to help with end-of-life expenses related to a Veteran's gravesite, burial, funeral, and transportation of remains to their final resting place. Burial benefits are available to individuals who pay for a Veteran's burial and funeral costs that are not reimbursed by any other organization. The updated burial benefits are:

- Expanded reimbursement of transportation expenses, to include costs for transporting remains, to state or Tribal Veterans' cemeteries in addition to previously eligible national cemeteries.
- Broadened eligibility to more individuals who are eligible to receive the transportation benefit.
- Instituted a more generous single payment rate for non-service-connected burial benefits.
- Extended the VA plot or interment allowance to Tribal organizations.

"Last fiscal year, VA delivered more than 84,000 burial benefits to families of Veterans," said **VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs**. "Expanding burial benefits means we can ensure Veterans are honored in their final resting place, and assist their family, caregivers, and survivors during the difficult time of their loved one's passing."

VA provides burial benefits for all legal burial types, including cremation, burial at sea, and donation of remains to a medical school. Eligible individuals include a surviving spouse or legal partner, surviving child, parent or executor of the Veteran's estate. Additionally, VA may pay burial benefits to a funeral home or third party who handled burial arrangements for a Veteran whose remains are unclaimed.

Veterans are encouraged to plan with end-of-life benefits provided by VA. These benefits include VA life insurance, care preferences, survivor benefits, and burial benefits that can be applied for in advance of a Veteran's passing. Visit www.va.gov/plan-ahead to learn more.

There is no time limit to file for a service-connected burial, plot or interment allowance, or the transportation benefit. However, claims for non-service-connected burial benefits must be filed within two years of the Veteran's burial or cremation. A non-service-connected burial benefit is one where the cause of death was not related to military service.

Learn more about [burial benefits](#) and additional information regarding [flags, headstones, and markers](#).

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Mobile



Paul Broadus

Patient Advocate, Mobile Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
VA Gulf Coast health care

Phone: [251-219-3908](tel:251-219-3908)

Email: Paul.Broadus@va.gov

Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

Our Patient Advocate program seeks to personally give you and your family the security of knowing someone is available to focus on your individual concerns and rights as a patient. If you, or a Veteran you care for have not been able to resolve important issues related to VA, please contact one of our Patient Advocates.

LOCAL NAVY NEWS

USS Zumwalt



USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) departed San Diego, Aug 1, and will shift its homeport from San Diego to Pascagoula, Mississippi to enter a modernization period and receive technology upgrades including the integration of the Conventional Prompt Strike weapons system. The upgrades will ensure Zumwalt remains one of the most technologically advanced and lethal ships in the U.S. Navy.

USNS Comfort



USNS Comfort at Alabama Shipyard

Hard on the heels of winning a \$10.7 million Military Sealift Command (MSC) contract for a fleet oiler availability, Alabama Shipyard LLC, Mobile, Ala., has been awarded a \$19,685,492 firm-fixed-price contract for a 120-calendar day shipyard availability for the mid-term availability of the Military Sealift Command's hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20).



Navy League of the United States - Mobile Council

OUR MISSION

The Mobile Council of the Navy League of the United States is dedicated to enhancing and supporting local active-duty sea service members and their families within the Southern Alabama area; informing local public and elected officials of the importance of strong sea services; and supporting local youth programs such as the Sea Cadets, NJROTC and college NROTC programs.

The Mobile Council of the U. S. Navy League
Cordially invites you to a

US Navy Birthday Dinner Celebration

Recognizing 248 Years of Service to our Nation!

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Mobile Country Club,

Mobile, Alabama

Social: 6:00 PM

Dinner Hour: 6:45 PM

\$49

per person/Cash Bar

Make Reservation <https://navyleaguemobile.org> by
October 4th, 2023



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AMERICAN LEGION POST 250 OCTOBER 15, 2023 2:30 pm

10950 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Theodore, AL 36582

American Legion Post 199 Auxiliary

Fundraiser for "Forgotten Veterans Project"

Raising money for Christmas gifts for Veterans living in
nursing homes in Baldwin County

Contact Linda Tipp 251-459-3282



The Moving Wall

Honoring Veterans & Their Sacrifice

The Moving Wall, a powerful tribute to honor the Vietnam Veterans of the United States, will be on display in Theodore, AL from October 12th through 16th at Serenity Funeral Home, located at 8691 Old Pascagoula Road, Theodore, AL 36582. An opening ceremony is scheduled for 6:00 pm on October 12th at Serenity Funeral Home.

The Moving Wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and it travels across the country to provide communities the opportunity to pay their respects and remember those who served during the Vietnam War.

The Moving Wall serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals who served their country during the Vietnam War. This event is an opportunity for the Theodore community and visitors alike to come together, pay their respects, and remember the heroes who served during that tumultuous time in American history.

"We are deeply honored to host The Moving Wall in Theodore, AL," said Bill Clark, Managing Funeral Director of Serenity Funeral Home. "It is our hope that this memorial will provide a meaningful and healing experience for all who visit, as we pay tribute to the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War."

Sponsored and hosted by



If you would like to work as a volunteer at The Moving Wall, visit SerenityFuneralHome.com for more information.

Serenity Funeral Home, 8691 Old Pascagoula Road, Theodore, AL 36582 • (251) 653-4781

Mark your calendars for this poignant occasion, as we invite you to join us at The Moving Wall – a half-scale replica of the revered Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. For 38 years, The Moving Wall has traversed our great nation, making its way through all 50 states, carrying with it the stories and sacrifices of those who served during a pivotal era in our history.

We're seeking compassionate volunteers to assist families visiting The Moving Wall exhibit. If you're interested in making a positive impact on our guests, please consider scheduling your volunteer shift today.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JOSHUA BOONE 251-653-4781

[The Moving Wall | Serenity Funeral Home - Theodore, AL](#)

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<https://airprosusa.com/veterans-day-giveaway/>

Do you know a Veteran who could benefit from a new air conditioning unit?

Hansen Super Techs wants to honor the men and women in our community who have served or are currently serving, as well as their families, by donating and installing a new air conditioning unit free of charge, with an estimated value of up to \$10,000.



airprosusa.com/veterans-day-giveaway/?fbclid=IwAR0VCmb1SSGHm5KPxW6OvYtPs1uC-e-WnF0jduFzSI914leHJrOPTspLPjUQ

PARADE ENTRY FORM

Veterans Day - Friday, November 10, 2023
Gates open 0730; arrive no later than 0845.

Parade entries for (organization name) _____
to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, November 10, 2023.

Please print clearly as this information is used to introduce your parade entry.

- Name of Unit: _____
Name of Commander/Director/Leader: _____
Size of Unit: _____
- Type of Unit (Military, VSO, Civic, Band, etc): _____
- Float: (Describe float theme and size) _____

- Rolling Stock, Vehicles, or Other > **Limit 5:** (Explain) _____

- Historical Information, Awards, Etc: _____

Individual designated as point of contact for the parade from your organization:

TYPE/PRINT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
SIGNATURE/POSITION: _____
PHONE: (OFFICE) _____ (CELL) _____

NOTE: Return this form with the pertinent information not later than October 20th, so plans can be completed in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Barber with the Veterans Day Commission by e-mail at vetsdaycommission@gmail.com.

Please return the form via email to vetsdaycommission@gmail.com or mail to:

Parade Chairman
Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission
P.O. Box 321
Daphne AL 36526

Flags of Glory

Flags of Glory is a week-long tribute in honor of America's military service personnel presented by Mobile Memorial Gardens and The South Alabama Veterans Council. It officially begins with an opening awards and tribute ceremony under the oaks near the Three Notch entrance. More than 250 full-sized U.S. Flags are placed along the central roadway as an inspiring drive-through display during the week of Veterans Day. Each Flag may be sponsored in honor of a Veteran or active Service Member as your opportunity to participate in the tribute. You may pay tribute to one or more honorees. Sponsored Flags will have a keepsake ID tag attached to the pole with the name of the honoree on it and will also be added to the Flags of Glory Online Honor Roll. Flags of Glory, with your help, honors those that have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom. Sponsorships help provide financial support for local Veteran-related causes such as aid for sufferers of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, rehabilitation of homeless Vets, and other Veteran oriented programs and causes

MOBILE MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY
MEMORIALIZING MEMORIES® 

6100 Three Notch Rd., Mobile, Alabama 36619
(251) 661-1333



In partnership with the SAVC and Scuttlebutt Radio Network, we are creating a Veteran Owned Business List. Please register if you are a VOB or an organization helping veterans/military and share with other Veteran business owners. This effort aims to provide support to and increase awareness of Veteran Owned Businesses.

 **Flags of Glory**
Veterans Day Tribute
2023 Opening award ceremony - 2 pm, Sunday, November 5th / Flags on display Nov. 5th - 12th
Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery 6100 Three Notch Rd, 36619



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Three levels of sponsorship are available:

Level	Total Contribution	# Honorees	Keepsakes of Appreciation
Gold+	\$125 or more	1- 5 or more	Flag ID Card, Commemorative Certificate, 1 Photo Collage
Gold	\$100	1- 4*	Flag ID Card, Commemorative Certificate, 1 Photo Collage
Silver+	\$75	1-3	Flag ID Card, Commemorative Certificate
Silver	\$50	1- 2	Flag ID Card, Commemorative Certificate
Bronze	\$25	1	Flag ID Card



List the heroes you want to honor here (please print)

Honoree (1) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Honoree (2) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Honoree (3) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Honoree (4) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Honoree (5) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Honoree (6) _____
Primary Service Branch: Army, Navy, AF, Marine, CG, MM

Gold level = \$100 (up to 4 names); Silver+ = \$75 (up to 3 names); Silver level = \$50 (1 or 2 names); Bronze level = \$25 (1 name)
*Gold+ add \$25 for each additional honoree (attach a separate list with details if honoring more than six)

Amount of contribution: \$ _____ (Make check payable to Flags of Glory) I plan to attend the ceremony


2023 Flag Sponsor Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

 **Mail Completed Form & Check Before November 1st To:**
Flags of Glory - c/o Mobile Memorial Gardens,
6100 Three Notch Rd., Mobile, AL 36619

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Stringent training, deployments, frequent moves and, for some, combat, put unique stresses on our Veterans and their families. Our team of health professionals created a unique approach that speaks to a unique set of mental wellness challenges.

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JOIN THE VETS RECOVER TEAM AT OAKLAWN CEMETARY

THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

October 8, 2023 - Ms. Veteran America Pageant
[Learn more...](#)

October 9, 2023 - Columbus Day
A day set aside to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492. [Learn more...](#)

October 13, 2023 - Navy Birthday

October 26, 2023 - National Day of the Deployed
A day set aside to honor all of the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges their families that they are separated from. [Learn more...](#)

October 31, 2023 - Halloween
LINK - [Organizations that send Halloween candy to deployed military personnel](#)
LINK - [Coloring page for military children](#)

[Flags-of-Glory-flier-bus-org-GENERIC-2022-download.pdf \(mobilememorialgardens.com\)](#)

[Flags-of-Glory-flier-online-ltr-personal-2023v1.pdf \(mobilememorialgardens.com\)](#)

South Alabama Veterans Council
September 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Breakfast was provided by Robert Prater, Territory Marketing Representative at Viva Health

CALL TO ORDER: President Lou Lartigue called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with 45 in attendance - Location Saucy Q BBQ

OPENING PRAYER: Julius Powell with Mobile Memorial Gardens, for Chaplain Michael Austin who has Covid.

PLEDGE: Pat Downing, VP SAVC

WELCOME: Lou Lartigue welcomed everyone, and recognized new attendees.

MINUTES: Minutes for the August meeting were mailed in the newsletter. Nine snail mail newsletters and 550 emails. Minutes approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Schwarz - hat/Mobile Memorial Gardens \$183.00, donation from \$500.00 PL Wilson Car Show, SAVC distributed 2 grants.

GRANT: Chief Jason Lewis Organization. A letter was sent to Reach Ministries thanking them for the grant, which we were able to help 30 different veterans and veterans organizations.

VSO Report - Jim Jeffries could not attend, Lou reported on the POW/MIA event in Montgomery, the POW/MIA Candlelight Ceremony at BMP, and the PL Wilson Car show at BMP.

CEMETERY FOUNDATION – Col Pat Downing, a report from Joe Buschell, cemetery director: Averaging 9 internments per week. A total of 3744 veterans, 6 National Guardsmen since they passed the Guard and Reserve Act. Cemetery expansion is on track for completion in early 2024, with 4281 pre-registered. All the service seals are back in place from the robbery last year, space force and one for the National Guard were added. There is now a kennel for animals of visitors. Site 29 on the Alabama Coastal Boarding Trail, fishing pier, covered picnic tables.

Department of Veterans Affairs: Col Pat Downing: American Rescue plan money Veterans Affairs getting \$7 million dollars in ARCA funds, ADVA working up procedures for applying for these grants must be a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization, more to follow.

Battleship Park: Danny Lipford and his crew worked for 10 days, and his last program highlighted their improvements. The full episode is available online "Today's Homeowner". Teak deck update – phase 3 has been completed, go on the BMP website to order pieces of the original teak deck.

ADVA - Sissie Louise – Town Halls wrapped up for the year, next town hall latter part of February in Fairhope, AL. The new Veterans home in Enterprise is on schedule, and on budget.

Operation We Remember during September – Flag display representing every veteran who died by suicide last year. Schools and colleges are putting out 143 flags on campus

TBI CONFERENCE – October 26, Marriot in Birmingham on 280, speakers across nations will be bringing information. CEU 6.5 will be earned.

VSO ext. 211.org please update your information.

Armed Forces Day/Blue Star Salute – Lou - will have first meeting after Thanksgiving

VETERANS DAY – Pete Riehm – USNS Comfort will be in docks for repairs for several months. Reported on the Veterans Day Parade. There will be detailed information and special orientation meetings.

Flags of Glory: Julius Powell presented a check for \$250.00 to the American Legion Post 250 Honor Guard and thanked them for their participation in the Flags of Glory Ceremony. Julius reported on the Flags of Glory Ceremony on November 5.

THE MOVING WALL – At Serenity Funeral Home Oct 12-14.

VMRT – Received donation from JBT Power, Troy Build push week eater, Vets Recover, and Montford Point Marines helping, and families.

92nd Infantry Buffalo Soldiers – Eddie Irby, Jr. – St Austin Cemetery special cleanup Nov 7.

Campbell's Caring Hands – Nonprofit Organization helping veterans attend the Golden Age Games, this year in Utah 2024, and help them attend other sporting events. VA Coordinator Taylor Blackmore. Mrs. Campbell announced Taylor Howard - 105-year young birthday Celebration on October 13, the party starts with a motorcade beginning at the Senior Center on Dauphin Island Parkway with a motorcade through local schools, celebrating at Riverside Church with a reception to follow at the Senior Center.

Mobile VA Clinic Patient Advocate – Paul Broadus available to answer questions and assist veterans

DeAndrea Gullett reported on Walkathon on October 19 at the VA Clinic in Mobile

226 MEB - Lt Col Wil Hurd reported approximately 156 soldiers from 226 MEB being deployed to the border.

Navy League- Pete Riehm, USNS COMFORT – in for repairs will be here through January, Navy League Birthday Banquet October 10, Country Club Mobile – USS Zumwalt
Pete reported on Veterans Day Activities

Housing First – SSVF Supportive Services for Veterans Families, s Monica Washington

American Legion District 33 – Willie Dunning reported on upcoming events, Flag Ceremony

Quilts of Valor – Baldwin County, Linda Tipp reported on a fundraiser for "Forgotten Veterans Project"

FLAGS OF GLORY – November 5th at 2:00 pm Lou reported organization over the past 11 years has given our grants totaling over \$40,000.00 VSO causes and efforts

Mobile Exchange Club – Lisa DeShazo reported on their fundraiser, also Flags of Valor at Battleship Memorial Park,

Guest Speaker Medicare Specialist – Charlie Wilson, Senior Advisor with VIVA Medicare a veteran who served in Panama, and Afghanistan, spoke on what services they offer

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am
Fran Barber
Secretary, SAVC
September 19, 2023

**VETERANS HELPING VETERANS CAR SHOW
AND JEEP BASH ON THE BAY**

**QUILTS OF VALOR BALDWIN COUNTY
Presentation of Quilts**

- *Talmage Byrd-USN WWII & Korea
- * Maj George Williams-USMC USAF DEA
K-9 Handler Vietnam
- *Ray Cox-USMC PFC Vietnam
- *Craig Elam-USAF E-9 Vietnam
- *Joseph Mulready-US Army
- *Horace "Bubba" Jackson USMC WWII & Korea
(not shown)



Mr. Byrd celebrated his 102nd birthday, he has witnessed decades of history first-hand. When Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, Byrd decided to enlist in the armed forces. His first post was near the Alaskan Aleutian Islands. Then, he moved to Astoria, Oregon where he repaired ships damaged in combat. In the 1950s, Byrd was stationed in Guam.

Special Presentations



Walter G. Ballard, US Army Korean War Veteran



P L Wilson MCL presents grant to South Alabama Veterans Council



WILSON MCL presents grant to Quilts of Valor, Linda Tipp



P L WILSON MCL presents grant to
VMRT Neil & Fran Barber-Bruyn



P L WILSON MCL presents grant to Mission 22
accepted by Greg Looney



P L WILSON MCL presents grant to Infinite Opportunities Veterans Housing



P L WILSON MCL presents grant to Judge Windom Veterans Court



Gregg Woods, JBT Power donated a push weed eater to VMRT Tom Claxton, Neil, Fran Gregg Woods



Great food from Panini Pete's



Thank you Cops for Kids



Equine Therapy – Mike Dow & Kari Whaley



CVLMA 28-6 Mobile presented a donation to Equine Therapy



Great awards for best of show



Registration Team



Toys For Tots



More good food



Cars



Jeeps



Lucille in Mobile
Great coverage of the Event in pictures

Thank you Constance Barber

IMAGES AVAILABLE @

[Veterans Helping Veterans Car & Jeep Show](http://www.veteranshelpingveterans.com)
[Photos \(shootproof.com\)](http://www.photoshootproof.com)