



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- September 19, 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:

August was a month we are glad to see in the books. The weather has been challenging. We are looking forward to a cooling fall weather pattern.

Our meeting in August was great. We heard from Judge Windom on the upcoming Veteran Treatment Court. We attended the initial opening of the court 25 August and it was a total success--more to follow. We also heard from Chief Jason Lewis about his career in the Navy and his local community support. During the meeting, we heard from Elbert Winfield, Veteran and owner of Saucy Q's, and we temporarily resolved our breakfast situation. Charlie Wilson, Medicare Specialist, and two other organizations offered to provide breakfast in September, October, and November--thanks to all.

September will be a busy Veteran Month with POW/MIA Day ceremonies on 15 and 16 September and our meeting on 19 September. Remember to continue your "Buddy Checks."

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



Chaplains Corner:

It's Time to seek the Lord:

Read Hosea 10:12

“Sow to yourselves In righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness as upon you.”

Time exists in three parts the past, the present, and the future. So, what we did in the past brought us to our present and what we do in the present carries us into our future. It is a continual process. No matter how we look at it, time waits for no one. Today I encourage us with everything that's in us to use our time now to seek the Lord. We must break up all the fallow ground, which is our hard hearts. This is ground that has been plowed up and nothing was planted. The ground is not in use and is inactive so, It becomes hard and needs to be broken up again. Now is a time to sow righteousness, reap in mercy, and allow God to rain down righteousness. Then we will have an amazing harvest.

In Jesus' Name Amen!

*Pastor Lloyd Michael Austin,
Chaplain SAVC*

(Ret) United States Navy Chief Jason Lewis SAVC Guest Speaker at the August meeting

His final Duty Station was the Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit (NORU) in Pensacola FL. (N7) where he served as an Instructor, Curriculum administrator and test supervisor, and Master Training Specialist executing training on several platforms, systems, and operations. It was at this time that Chief Lewis and his family decided to Return Home to continue the development of Africatown and Tell his family's and the community's story to the world.

In 2022 Chief Lewis was awarded for his heroism in serving as Casualty Assistance Officer for the Naval Air Station Terror attack on Naval Air Station Pensacola. Chief coordinated assistance to 8 victims' families and advised the Command Response Team on the emergent needs of each sailor and their family along with the years of recovery following this tragic day in American History.



Owner Africatown Souvenirs LLC and President of VETS
(Visualize Everyone That Serves) 501c3.



Lou Lartigue presented a Certificate of Appreciation
to Chief Jason Lewis

[AHERO Magazine - Spring/Summer 23 by ALABAMA COASTING - Issuu](#)

Mobile County Veterans Treatment Court Judge Mike Windom

First Docket of the Mobile County Veterans Treatment Court is on August 25 at 1:30. A Veterans Court run by Veterans. The treatment court is to help Veterans who from time to time make bad decisions, usually related to their service, and for those veterans who don't have an honorable discharge. They try to help wherever they can with PTSD, drugs, alcohol, and substance abuse.

The Veteran comes in, goes through the application process, they are vetted, evaluated, and if they go through the program, the charges are dismissed. It's not a country club, it's a serious program to try to bring veterans to the other side and bring them back to being productive members of the community.

Judge Windom asks that you spread the word if you know a Veteran in legal trouble contact Judge Mike Windom's office. Ms. Ida Coleman, coordinator 251-574-8477. The goal is to get the Veteran out of the system and back into the community.

The Veterans Treatment Court has mentors and is proud of the work Rick and Beverly Moritz are doing, and Eli Crawford is coming on board as a mentor. The court will be held every two weeks, in courtroom 6400.



Lou Lartigue presented a grant to Judge Windom for the
Veterans Treatment Court

Veteran Treatment Courts (VTCs) were developed to avoid unnecessary incarceration of veterans with mental health and/or substance abuse problems. In the program, veterans may receive medical and mental health treatment, training and help with finding a job, as well as housing and transportation assistance. Veterans who successfully complete the program will have the charges against them dismissed and may be eligible to have their records expunged

[VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS – Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

MOBILE COUNTY TO LAUNCH NEW VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Mobile, Ala – The Mobile County Circuit Court will launch a revamped Veterans Treatment Court this Friday, August 25, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. This docket will focus on addressing the specific needs of veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system. The program is aimed at treating veteran mental health and substance abuse issues and reducing recidivism.

"Unfortunately, many veterans become entangled in the criminal justice system that relates back to their service to our country. This program will allow our dedicated team to address those unique needs in a coordinated effort to get them back on the right track," said Mobile County Circuit Judge Michael Windom, who will serve as the lead judge for the program. "We are blessed to live in a community that really values our veterans and their service. This program would not be possible without the strong support of the local Veterans leaders and groups, our District Attorney, the Public Defender's office, my fellow judges, law enforcement, our local elected officials, and our dedicated team."

The Mobile County Veterans Treatment Court will offer qualified veterans an opportunity to access community resources in conjunction with existing Veterans Affairs resources. Eligible veterans will participate in a 14-month program consisting of five phases during which an interdisciplinary team will work with them and track their progress. Following completion of the program, participants will be acknowledged during a graduation, and the underlying criminal charges will be nolle prossed.

"Veterans Support Veterans--We have your Six. In combat we support each other in order to succeed and secure the objective and fulfill our mission," said Lou Lartigue, retired Army lieutenant colonel and president of the South Alabama Veterans Council. "Today our mission is to move our Veterans forward in life to help them secure their objective--start anew and make it happen."

"Our veterans deserve the best possible resources our community has to offer, and I'm so grateful to the Mobile County Circuit Court for creating new opportunities for the men and women who have dedicated their lives to keeping our nation free," said Congressman Jerry Carl. "I look forward to seeing the Mobile County Veterans Court transform countless lives."

The first docket of the new Court will take place Friday, August 25, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 6400.

Michael P. Windom, Circuit Court Judge
13th Judicial Circuit of Alabama. Courtroom 6400
Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government Street
Mobile, Alabama 36644, Telephone: (251) 574-8479

AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY RUN

The 2023 American Legion Legacy Run is one of the longest, largest organized rides in the country. Over 300 motorcycles and 343 participants joined in comradeship this year as they trekked 1,100 miles from Kokomo, IN, to the National Convention City in Charlotte, NC. The run, taking place from Aug. 20 — 24, is one of the longest, largest organized rides in the country. The purpose of the Legacy run is to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while serving their country.

Over its 17-year history, The American Legion Riders have raised more than 17 million dollars. Money that provides the funds necessary to attend a college or university. This year our goal is to raise 1.5 million dollars.



[Alabama American Legion Riders](#)

ALABAMA STATE POW/MIA RIDE SEPT 14, 9am. – SEPT 16, 11 am.

UPDATED 29 Aug 23 POW/MIA ride will start 14 Sep 23 at Post 122 Prattville. KSU about 0900. The route and approximate times will be posted shortly. Click on "Discussion" tab for more info. We plan to spend the night in Guntersville. Headed back 15 Sep 23 ending at Post 133 in Millbrook. The Alabama POW/MIA Ceremony is on 16 September at the Capital. We will meet at the VA Hospital on Perry Hill Road NLT 10:30 am. KSU to the Capital at 10:40 am with police escort. The ceremony starts at 1100.



OPERATION IRON RUCK

- Operation Iron Ruck is another Auburn tradition that you need to know about!
- Every year this ruck takes place to commemorate our brothers and sisters that we have lost to suicide. We raise money to donate to veteran-affiliated associations in their name.

Operation Iron Ruck IS taking place starting WED. 11/23 and ending on SAT. 11/26. If you are interested in supporting this event, click the link below.

<https://asvastore.com/operation-iron-ruck-donations/>

Biloxi VA Community Mental Health Summit 2023

Virtual VA Community Mental Health Summit on September 8, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We have a wonderful range of topics from Eligibility Services, Recovery Stories with Action, and so much more!!!

Registration Instructions for TMS:

VA Employee Registration if CE Credit Desired:

- Register in TMS by searching for item #4646320
- Click on "See Classes" and then "Register Now," NOT "Assign to Me"
- Or
- [Click here to register for the 2023 VISN 16 Community Mental Health Summit](#)

Non-VA Employee Registration if CE Credit Desired:

- Follow the instructions in the attached TMS Job Aid for Non-VA Emplo

Serving **ALL** Who Served



SAVE the DATE:
Free Virtual Summit
9/8/2023
5 CEUs Planned

Michael E. DeBakey VAMC
GV (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC
Overton Brooks VAMC
Alexandria VAHCS
Gulf Coast VA HCS
Central Arkansas Veterans HCS

GULF COAST VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Biloxi VA Medical Center
400 Veterans Ave. Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 523-5000 (800) 296-8872 (toll-free)
<http://www.biloxi.va.gov>



ADVA is proud to announce 43 colleges and universities will be participating in Operation We Remember next month, including Auburn University.

This campaign features an American flag display representing the veterans who died by suicide the previous year. It takes place statewide during the month of September, which serves as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. In September 2023, the display will include 143 flags to honor and remember the 143 Alabama veterans who died by suicide in 2021.

You can learn more about Operation We Remember here: <https://va.alabama.gov/operation-we-remember-honoring.../>



SAVE THE DATE Seafarers International Union Open House - Sept 12, 10 am - 2 pm

On behalf of My Maritime Career and the Mobile Seafarers International Union Hall, you are invited to their first in-house career fair!

During this time, they will discuss the many paths to a career as a merchant mariner, including the Unlicensed Apprenticeship, CCAP Program (Culinary Experience), Military to Maritime and Credentialed Mariner Programs, as well as discuss the importance of the Maritime Industry, careers on the water and our local port.

Attendees will be able to speak with current members, recruiters, and local companies and resources in the industry. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in attending, would like more information, marketing materials, or would like to contribute to the presentation, please contact:

The Mobile Recruiting Team
251-478-0916

Please feel free to share with any affiliates and we hope to see you there!
Lauren Liles

SAVE THE DATE
MY MARITIME CAREER

MARITIME CAREER FAIR
SEPTEMBER 12TH
10AM-2PM

LOCATION:
1640 DAUPHIN ISLAND PKWY
MOBILE, AL 36605

MORE INFORMATION:
251.478.0916
MYMARITIMECAREER.ORG

June 23, 2023 | By [David Vergun](#) , DOD News

Dignitaries, friends, and family members of prisoners of war and troops missing in action honored the sacrifices of those service members yesterday at the unveiling of the 2023 POW/MIA poster.



[Candlelight Ceremony](#)
[6pm – 7pm](#)
[September 15, 2023](#)
[Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)
[Battleship Memorial Park](#)



The Moving Wall Sponsored by Serenity Funeral Home **October 12 – 15**

A Tribute to Valor:

We are honored to announce an upcoming event that holds deep significance for our community. From October 12th to October 16th, Serenity Funeral Home will proudly sponsor The Moving Wall, an extraordinary and solemn exhibition that pays homage to the heroes of our nation.

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 provide assistance to 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](#)



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

10950 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Theodore, AL 36582

SARALAND, AL HIGH SCHOOL JROTC
U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Training Center

In front of a sold-out crowd, the first, and currently only Coast Guard JROTC program in Alabama presented the Colors before the home opener at Saraland High School. Colors were followed by a flyover of the 6049 commanded by LT Dave Strojny, copilot LT Katherine Beine, with an Aircrew of AET3 Joshua Colonvega and AET3 Eric Rice.



**USCG – ATC Mobile, AL Commanding Officer:
Captain Scott E. Lugo**



Captain Lugo assumed command of the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama in April 2023 and is responsible for all aspects of Coast Guard pilot and aircrew training, including the standardization for 26 air stations and 43 flight deck-equipped Coast Guard cutters, the development of Coast Guard aviation capabilities, and an operational element that provides disaster surge response and 24/7 a fixed-wing operational response and for America's Gulf Coast.

The Coast Guard Aviation Training Center (ATC) in Mobile, Alabama is a multi-mission unit, acting as the Coast Guard's aviation and capabilities development center, as well as an operational air station. Training is conducted to qualify Coast Guard pilots in the MH-60 "Jayhawk", the MH-65 "Dolphin", the HC-130 Hercules, the HC-130J Hercules, and the HC-144 "Ocean Sentry." All pilots initially trained at ATC return once a year for a one-week proficiency course in their designated airframe. Serving within the Coast Guard's Force Readiness Command's Training Division (FC-T), the ATC Mobile evaluation center is responsible for ensuring that Coast Guard aviation forces are using the best equipment and tactics to successfully complete all required missions. The Operations Department, flying the HC-144A Ocean Sentry, is a segment within the ATC command that conducts traditional Coast Guard air station missions including Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, and Environmental Protection. The Operations Department operates under the tactical control of the Eighth Coast Guard District and has area of responsibility that extends from the Louisiana/Texas border to the eastern edge of the Florida panhandle.

[Aviation Training Center \(ATC\) Mobile, AL \(uscg.mil\)](http://uscg.mil)

**'OUR MISSION IS TO CAPTURE THE
SERVICE STORY OF EVERY VETERAN'**

TOGETHER WE SERVED

If you or a loved one has served our country as a member of the United States Armed Forces, then you've come to the right place.

Together We Served (TWS) is the online community connecting and honoring every American who has worn the uniform of the United States military. This is where you reconnect with old friends and share your service story as a lasting legacy for generations to come.

More Than A Decade & Growing

TWS launched in 2003 with a website specifically for Marine Corps veterans. Since then, we've expanded to five websites, welcoming members from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army and Coastguard. Our vision: to create a unique place for all service members, run by service members, sharing real-life history IN THEIR OWN WORDS. TWS is detailed, honest, and real: an authentic recounting of history as-it-happens.

[U.S. Coast Guard Records Search & Veteran Locator | TWS
\(togetherweserved.com\)](http://togetherweserved.com)

James Spires, Sr, USAF (Ret), 103 years old.

Happy Birthday James Spires, Sr, USAF (Ret), 103 years old. Thank you Gentiva Hospice, Senior Citizens Center, and SAVC for honoring our veterans.

Pictured: Gentiva Hospice, Holly Jordan, Volunteer Coordinator/ Tina Bryant, Administrator / Jackie Woodward Barnett, Volunteer Coordinator; Lou Lartigue, LtCol USA, (Ret) SAVC President; Bill & Tom in the background 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸





Give the help they need, when they need it.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Vets Recover is proud to offer **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** to our community. Through this course, we aim to elevate our community's response to the mental health crisis in our area and educate community members on the value of building resiliency. During our eight-hour training session, you will learn to identify and provide an initial, effective response for someone facing mental health challenges.

MHFA is being offered for \$30 per person (a \$170 value). If cost is a concern, please reach out as we will not let the cost be a barrier to participation.

September Community Trainings

Friday, September 8, 2023 8:30 AM-4:00 PM Innovation Portal 358 St. Louis Street Mobile, AL 36602	Friday, September 22, 2023 8:30 AM-4:00 PM Innovation Portal 358 St. Louis Street Mobile, AL 36602
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Register today:

<https://vetsrecover.org/services/community-integration-programs/mental-health-first-aid/>



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FORGOTTEN VETS CHRISTMAS EVENT
American Legion Post 199
Auxillary Fundraiser



The American Legion Auxiliary has started gearing up for our Forgotten Vets Christmas Event

Last year we were able to bring Holiday joy, in the form of large gift packages to 63 Veterans in **Local Nursing Homes**. This is our way to individually let our Veterans know they are not forgotten, and we are thankful for their service to our country.

Our fundraising efforts have begun in hopes to reach even more Veterans this year.

The **Town of Fairhope** has allowed us to put donation drop boxes in their Municipal bldg. at 161 N. Section Street,
Nix Center at 1 Bayou Drive,
Rec Center at 803 N. Greeno Road,
Planning Bldg. at 451 Pecan Ave.
and Public Works at 555 S. Section Street

We are accepting donations for
Lap Blankets, Socks with Grips, Puzzle Books, Cards, Large Print Books, Soaps, Shampoos,
Combs, Lip Balm, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Wall, or Desk Calendars.

If you would like to send a cash donation, checks can be sent to:
American Legion Auxiliary
Eastern Shore, Unit 199
PO Box 806
Fairhope, AL 36533
You can contact us at:
251-279-0388



USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park

Facebook

It's been 18 years since Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast. The destruction caused by Katrina left the park closed for over three months. The storm floated the USS ALABAMA, flooded the park, collapsed the gangway, damaged our aircraft collection and left debris covering the grounds. Today, we remember the devastation she left in her wake for not only BMP but the entire Gulf Coast. Our Commission, staff, and volunteers have worked so hard to restore Battleship Memorial Park over the years. It was through your financial support that we were able to recover and look back to see how far BMP has come.



**Alabama Shipyard wins \$19.6 million
USNS Comfort contract**

[Alabama Shipyard wins \\$19.6 million USNS Comfort contract - Marine Log](#)



Free Entrance to National Parks for Gold Star Families and Veterans

Make sure to add "Visit a National Park" to your bucket list!

Veterans, service members, dependents, and Gold Star Families receive free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. 🌲 Learn more:

<https://www.nps.gov/.../veterans-and-gold-star-families...>

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks.

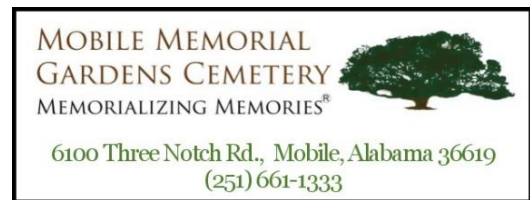
The free Military Pass is a way to thank current US military members and their dependents, Gold Star Families, and US military veterans for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

A free **lifetime Military Pass** is available for Gold Star Families and US military veterans. A free **annual Military Pass** is available for current US military members and their dependents. The passes provide free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

[Free Entrance to National Parks for Gold Star Families and Veterans \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

September

National Suicide Prevention Month	Month of September
National Service Dog Month	Month of September
V-J Day (Victory over Japan)	Sept. 2
Patriot Day	Sept. 11
Air Force (USAF) Birthday	Sept. 18
Air National Guard Birthday	Sept. 18
National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Third Friday in September
Gold Star Mother's Day	Last Sunday in September
Warrior Games	2023 dates TBD (San Diego)
VFW Day	Sept. 29



**SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023
VETERANS DAY PARADE**

The Mobile Bay Area Veteran's Day Commission would like to give you a heads-up on the 2023 Veterans Day Parade.

Veterans Day is a U.S. Federal Holiday that is always celebrated on November 11th.

If the Holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on the previous Friday. If the Holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday.

The City of Mobile and the Veterans Day Commission will have its Annual Veterans Day Parade on Friday, November 10th

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.



Veterans Recovery Resources

Committed to Veterans Like You 251-405-3677
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.

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



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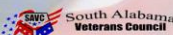
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Flags of Glory, with your help, honors those that have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom. Sponsorships help provide financial support for local Veteran-related causes such as aid for sufferers of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, rehabilitation of homeless Vets, and other Veteran oriented programs and causes.

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



Veterans Helping Veterans

SECOND ANNUAL Car Show & Jeep Bash On the Bay Battleship USS Alabama

Location: Battleship Memorial Park.
2703 Battleship Parkway Mobile, AL 36602
NO PRE-REGISTRATION
CAR SHOW ENTRY FEE AT THE GATE:
\$30.00

Sponsor: P.L. Wilson Detachment 447

Cars and Trucks will be judged by the Frankie Kucera Group/Jeeps to be judged by Jeep Clubs



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.

SPIRITUALITY OF LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING FOR JOBS WE DO,
LOVE OF GOD AND SAVIOR TRUE.
HOLY MASS ULTIMATE CELEBRATION,
FOR LABOR DAY ACROSS THE NATION.

"THE SERMON ON THE SLOPE",
HEAT AND HUMIDITY TO COPE.
APPRECIATION OF LABORERS WHO,
PERFORM MANUAL TASKS FOR ME & YOU.

Joe Lee Colman
JOMAC - Poetry in Action

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

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

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

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

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

Fallen Heroes Memorial Battleship Memorial Park

On 9/11/2001 America was changed forever, history books were rewritten, and families were never the same again. Innocent people lost their lives and brave first responders sacrificed everything to make sure they saved American lives.

Twenty-two years ago, families lost sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers, nothing will fill the void in these family's lives. We show those families we will never forget and their loved ones will always be remembered, America's spirit will never be broken; we will always show hope, faith, and reliance.

Remember this, you may not get along with every person you meet, and you may not even like every person you meet, but remember that person is an American citizen, we all share a common love and that is in our country. So, let's bond together and show we are a strong nation that cannot be broken.



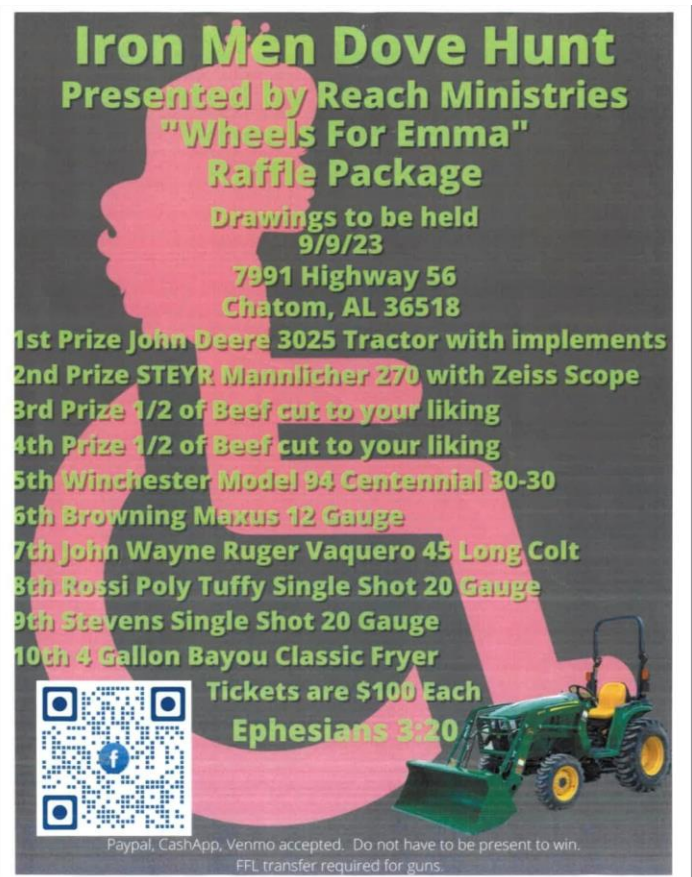
This from: [Iron Men Dove Hunt:](#)

We are officially less than two weeks away from this year's Iron Men Dove Hunt [#WheelsforEmma!](#) 🇺🇸🙌

If you've requested a bow, they should be delivered by midweek. If you want one and haven't yet reached out, now's the time to do so.

Also, raffle tickets are here! You can purchase in person at Tate's in Chatom, [Harris' Corner Store](#) in St. Stephens, [Pine City Gun & Pawn](#) in Jackson and [Fruitdale Corner Store](#). You can also reach out here and one of us can get them to you.

You guys have been amazing in your support of [#wheelsforemma](#) and we can't wait to see everyone on September 9th!



Iron Men Dove Hunt
Presented by Reach Ministries
"Wheels For Emma"
Raffle Package
Drawings to be held
9/9/23
7991 Highway 56
Chatom, AL 36518

1st Prize John Deere 3025 Tractor with implements
2nd Prize STEYR Mannlicher 270 with Zeiss Scope
3rd Prize 1/2 of Beef cut to your liking
4th Prize 1/2 of Beef cut to your liking
5th Winchester Model 94 Centennial 30-30
6th Browning Maxus 12 Gauge
7th John Wayne Ruger Vaquero 45 Long Colt
8th Rossi Poly Tuffy Single Shot 20 Gauge
9th Stevens Single Shot 20 Gauge
10th 4 Gallon Bayou Classic Fryer

Tickets are \$100 Each
Ephesians 3:20

Paypal, CashApp, Venmo accepted. Do not have to be present to win.
FFL transfer required for guns.



The Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program provides assistance with tuition, books, and instructional fees for dependents who qualify. Learn more about the program here:

<https://va.alabama.gov/dependents-scholarship/>



GIVE TODAY

John Joe,

Please welcome the new DAV National Commander, Nancy G. Espinosa!

Commander Espinosa is a service-connected disabled veteran of the Army, Reserve and National Guard. She was elected DAV National Commander at our National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, earlier this month.

INTRODUCING DAV COMMANDER
NANCY G. ESPINOSA



- ★ Held multiple leadership positions at DAV, including national senior vice commander
- ★ Awarded the Bonnie Anderson Award for Outstanding Service in 2014 by the DAV Department of Utah
- ★ Active member of DAV's Commanders and Adjutants Association and a commissioner on the Utah Legislative Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

★ Member of Army Reserve from 1975 until becoming an active-duty soldier in 1985. After four years of active service, she joined the New Mexico Army National Guard, serving until her honorable discharge in 1990

As a woman of Hispanic and Native American descent, and with a family legacy of military service dating back to the Civil War, Commander Espinosa is passionate about helping those who have faced and overcome adversity. Her experience and leadership will help further DAV's mission to reach all ill and injured veterans and, in turn, make us a stronger, louder and more unified voice.

On behalf of Commander Espinosa and all of us at DAV, thank you for standing with us — and with your fellow veterans. We are so grateful to have you by our side.

DAV Membership



**From September 2022 thru August 23
SAVC has donated \$8,750.00 to
30 organizations helping veterans in the lower
Alabama Area**

**South Alabama Veterans Council
August 15, 2023 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER: President Lou Lartigue called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with 57 in attendance - Location Saucy Q BBQ

OPENING PRAYER: Chaplain Michael Austin opened the meeting with a prayer.

PLEDGE: Jim Jeffries led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lou acknowledged receiving a thank you letter from Service Dogs of Alabama for the grant they received from SAVC

GRANT: Mobile County Veterans Treatment Court- Judge George Windom (US Army Infantry officer, graduate USoAL, UA School of Law, Board of Directors USoAL)

VSO Report - Jim Jeffries reported on American Legion District 33, and the American Legion Riders Legacy Run will carry the POW/MIA flag which will be raised at the September 16, POW/MIA ceremony in Montgomery, AL

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

ASVMC- Sissie Louise – Reported on upcoming events by the Alabama State Veterans Commission. There was a moment of silence in honor of Bob Horton, assistant to the Commissioner, who passed away recently

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.

Battleship USS Alabama – Jennifer Pierce reported on the teak deck, Items made from teak are now on sale.

92nd Infantry Buffalo Soldiers – Eddie Irby, Jr. - Podcast 97th Division

Serenity Gardens – Joshua Boone reported on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall at Serenity October 12-16, Volunteers needed.

Guest Speaker –Chief Jason Lewis. USN (Ret)

DAV John Joe Dec – DAV national convention in Atlantic City in August.

Montford Point Marines – MgySgt Cynthia House reported on the upcoming convention.

P. L. Wilson MCL – Tom Claxton reported on the car show on 9/16 at BMP

Medicare Specialist – Charlie Wilson gave a brief explanation on how he can help Veterans with insurance

Saucy Q BBQ – There was a discussion about changing the meeting to lunchtime or having a breakfast buffet, and having the meeting meal sponsored by an organization or business. A survey will be taken, results will be shared with the group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Fran Barber
Secretary, SAVC
August 15, 2023