



# 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

**Subject: Armed Forces Day May 17, 2025**

Dear Valued Supporter,

The South Alabama Veterans Council, with the support of the USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park, and Out of the Deep Gulf Coast Veterans Service, will hold its annual Armed Forces Day Celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the USS ALABAMA Memorial Park, 2703 Battleship Memorial Parkway.

The Armed Forces Day event will honor those who serve, have served, and have fallen in military service. The event will start at 8:30am in the Aircraft Pavilion with an Expo of VSOs and other Vendors. The Expo will feature displays by military organizations and vendor tables for visitors to explore and learn about various products and services available. The Armed Forces Day Ceremony is at 9:30am. Following the Armed Forces Day Ceremony, the families of all those who have lost their lives in military service will receive special recognition in a Gold Star Ceremony.

Following the Gold Star Ceremony, a parachute performance by the Silver Wings Parachute Team from Ft. Benning, GA, and an MRE Cook-off will be held outside where teams from local VSOs will compete. Food trucks will be available for those looking to eat on site.

Follow the link to view the Armed Forces Day video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoQw0jUTidg>

The event is free and open to the public. The USS Alabama Battleship parking fee is \$5. We seek your help with sponsorship donations and financial or in-kind donations. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact:

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We encourage you to go <https://savic.info/armed-forces-day> to learn more about our levels of sponsorship, the event, and event schedule. We need your help to make it happen for our military heroes and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of our request of support and sponsorship.

Robert "Frank" Barrow

President

LTC, USA (Ret)

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