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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

at the Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, Alabama

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery Presents the

16th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony

December 14, 2024, 11:00 am



REMEMBER—HONOR—TEACH

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

—Ronald Reagan 40th President of the United States (1911-2004)

Ceremonial Wreaths

US Army - Ms. Rhonda Phillips Reed
Daughter of TEC 5 George R. Phillips

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Daughter of Sgt Nelson Eugene ("Gene") Livingston

US Navy - Mr. David Hamilton
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Wreaths Across America is committed to remembering the fallen, honoring those who are serving in uniform today and teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms and importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

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.

*American Legion and Patriot Guard Riders Procession
Flyover, Patriot Flyers*

Master of Ceremonies

Ms. Janice Rogers
*News Anchor, WBRC Fox 6
Sister of Cpl James Alvin Rogers, US Marines, Vietnam Veteran*

Invocation

Duke Martin
SCALNC Chaplain and US Navy Veteran

Presentation of Colors

Thompson High School Air Force JROTC

National Anthem

Mr. Isiah Coleman, *Senior Music Major University of Montevallo*

Pledge Of Allegiance

Oak Mountain Boy Scout Troop 533

Remembering Our Heroes

Ms. Emma Noble
*Mississippi State University Student and
2022 American Legion Oratorical National Champion*

Ceremonial Wreath Laying

Escorting Wreath Layers Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Musical Tribute

Miss Ruth Turner, *High School Student*; and Mr. Isiah Coleman

Taps

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

Cemetery Wreath Laying

Led by piper, Donald Neil playing Amazing Grace followed by family members with loved ones who are laid to rest at the Alabama National Cemetery.

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