

Alabama

2010 Memorial Day Events

Alexander City, Bay Minette, Huntsville

May 31st – 10:00 a.m. - The Alabama State Veterans Homes will hold Memorial Day programs at the following locations: Bill Nichols Veterans Home, 1784 Elkahatchee Road, Alexander City. Contact Kathryn Fuller (256) 329-3311; William F. Green Veterans Home, 300 Faulkner Drive, Bay Minette. Contact Kathleen Voll (251) 937-8049; Floyd E. “Tut” Fann, 2701 Meridian Street, Huntsville. Contact Charlotte Eason (256) 851-2807.

Andalusia

May 29th – 10:00 a.m. – A Memorial Day program will be held at the Covington County Memorial Park with State Rep. Seth Hammett serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Athens

May 31st – 9:00 a.m. – The American Legion Post 49 will host the annual Memorial Day program at the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives, 100 W. Pryor Street, Athens. The program will include a wreath-laying ceremony by the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans of America. There will be a roll call of veterans who have died since Memorial Day 2009, a 21-gun salute, and the playing of “Taps” performed by Bugles Across America. Contact Limestone County Veterans Service Officer Richard Neill (256) 233-6459

Auburn

May 31st – 8:00 a.m. – The 12th Annual Mayor’s Memorial Day Breakfast will be held at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. Retired Associated Press reporter and Auburn University Professor of Journalism Jack Simms will receive the Distinguished Veteran Award during the program. Mr. Simms served with the 4th Marine Division during WWII and fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the City of Auburn will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Monument located at the northeast corner of Ross Street and Glenn Avenue.

Brewton

May 31st – 9:00 a.m. – A Memorial Day program will be held in Brewton. Contact Escambia County Veterans Service Officer Mike Hanks (251) 867-0257.

Centreville and Greensboro

May 27th – 10: a.m. - A wreath-laying ceremony will be held in Bibb County. May 31st a wreath-laying ceremony will be held in Hale County. Flag ceremonies will be held in both counties on May 31st. Contact Bibb County Veterans Service Officer Roger Kinard at (205) 926-3116.

Decatur

May 31st – 10:00 a.m. – The Combined Patriot Organization of Decatur and Morgan County will host a Memorial Day program at the Roselawn Cemetery, 709 Danville and Memorial Drive. The program will include guest speaker Col. (Ret.) James Henderson; high school ROTC units; special music; reading of patriotic poems; a roll call of POWs from Morgan County; a wreath laying ceremony by the Gold Star Mothers; a 21-gun salute and the playing of “Taps”. Contact: Pat Valinino at (256) 353-5501.

Dothan

May 31st – 2:00 p.m. – A Memorial Day program will be held at the Sunset Memorial Park with guest speaker Army Col. Sonny Moore. The program will include an honor guard detail from Fort Rucker, professional skydiving team, patriotic music, cook-out, static military displays and a flower-laying ceremony.

Guntersville/Arab

May 31st – 11:00 a.m. – A Memorial Day program will be held at the Marshall County Courthouse with guest speaker Captain Christopher “Chance” King, a veteran of the Iraq war. The program will include a wreath-laying ceremony at the courthouse memorial. Captain King will also speak at a Memorial Day program at Arab City Park, Arab, AL beginning at 2:00 p.m. Contact Marshall County Veterans Service Officer Rhonda Tidmore (256) 571-7761.

Huntsville

May 31st – 11:00 a.m. – A Memorial Day program will be held at the Maple Hill Cemetery, 202 Maple Hill Street, Huntsville. Contact the cemetery (256) 539-5537.

May 31st – 3:00 p.m. – The Urban Emphasis Scout Leaders Council, Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America will sponsor the third annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery located on the corner of Cemetery and Hill Streets in Huntsville. The ceremony will include a military salute to those who have died in defense of freedom and remarks by Army Col. Robert Pastorelli, Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Redstone Arsenal. Contact Albert Farrar (256) 683-7536.

Montevallo

May 31st – 9:00 a.m. - A Memorial Day program will be held at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Retired Navy Rear Adm. W. Clyde Marsh, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs will provide remarks. The program will include a wreath-laying ceremony, flyover, rifle salute, and the playing of “Taps.” Memorial Day events will continue in Montevallo at 11 a.m. with the Sixth Annual Blue Star Salute at The American Village. The program will have special music by the Alabama National Guard 151st Army Band; historical reenactments; military equipment displays, and remarks by retired Army Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, co-author of the book “We Were Soldiers Once...and Young.” The “Day of Remembrance” will include a special tribute to America’s Korean War Veterans past and present. Food and beverages will be available to the public throughout the day. Gates open at The American Village at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$5.

Veterans and children under 5 admitted free. The Alabama National Cemetery and The American Village are located on Hwy 119 in Montevallo. Contact Glenn Nivens (205) 672-2887.

Montgomery

May 31st – 1:00 pm. – The American Legion Wright Brothers Post 210 will host a Memorial Day program on the south lawn of the State Capitol. The program will include a flag ceremony by the American Legion and Patriot Guard Riders, guest speaker Martha Roby, a wreath-laying ceremony and the playing of “Taps”. Contact Tim Smith (334) 546-0601 or (334) 593-5320.

Ozark

May 31st – 11:30 a.m. – The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 94, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4448 and the City of Ozark, will co-host a Memorial Day program at Woodlawn Memory Gardens located on US 231. The program will include remarks by Army Lt. Col. Scott Halverson, Commander, 1-14th Aviation Brigade, Fort Rucker; a Color Guard detail from the Carroll High School JROTC; special music by Fort Rucker’s 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band ensemble and a military flyover.

Talladega

May 31st – 9:30 a.m. – An unveiling of the engraved name of Terry Lee Merritt, who was killed in Vietnam, will take place at the Vietnam Memorial, Talladega Veterans Memorial Park. At 10:30 a.m., the American Legion Post 17 and VFW will place a floral arrangement at the Veterans Memorial Park and Talladega County Courthouse. Beginning at 12:00 p.m., there will be a flag raising ceremony at the Talladega County Courthouse followed by remarks and special music at the Talladega Ritz Theatre. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Hall of Heroes Gallery at the Talladega Public Library will be open for tours.

Troy

May 28th – 10:00 a.m. - A ceremony leading up to Memorial Day will be held at the Green Hills Cemetery, 1621 South, Hwy 29, in Troy. During the ceremony, a section of the cemetery will be dedicated as a final resting place for veterans. The City of Troy and the cemetery also will display for the first time a memorial wall and cannon that have been erected in honor of veterans who have passed. The ceremony also will include remarks by special guests, a flyover and a 21-gun salute.

Tuscaloosa

May 31st – 10:00 a.m. - The annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center in the Sports Atrium of Bldg. 137. The event will include a welcome by Mr. Alan J. Tyler, medical center director; presentation and posting of the colors by Holt High School JROTC; the Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. Annie Byrd, United States Coast Guard veteran; the National Anthem performed by Mr. Billy Barton, Tuscaloosa VAMC volunteer; keynote address by Mr. William Brian Butler, Lieutenant Commander, United States Naval Reserve and Director of Human Resources for the City of Tuscaloosa; Memorial Wreath ceremony by veterans service organizations; and the retiring of the colors and Military Taps by the Holt High School JROTC.

