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# ATHENS/ARDMORE



### Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives (D-14)

114 W Pryor Street, Athens

256-771-7578; www.alabamaveteransmuseum.com

Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives collection contains an impressive display of artifacts from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm and "Operation Enduring Freedom." Visitors can walk among the actual uniforms, medals, photos and weapons. Guided tours are provided by local veterans. A database of veterans and a rental venue are also available. An outdoor park is under construction and is set to be completed in November 2024. Donations accepted

### **Ardmore Veterans Memorial (A-15)**

30163-30199 1st Ave W, Ardmore

Maintained by Ardmore Veterans Group, several memorials at the base of three flags representing the community (USA, Alabama and Tennessee) recognize area veterans.

# Veterans Park at the Alabama Welcome Center in Ardmore (A-15)

Exit 365 off of I-65, Ardmore

Greeting visitors upon entering the state from Tennessee, the Alabama Welcome Center contains two memorials. The Alabama Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in honor of all those from the state of Alabama who made the supreme sacrifice in Vietnam 1959-1975. The Alabama Korean War Memorial (KWVOA) Remember Our Lost Friends And Neighbors contains names of Alabamians who died serving during the Korean conflict. The Alabama Welcome Center is under construction and the exit is closed temporarily (to re-open mid-2024).

# CENTRE

### **Cherokee County Historical Museum (L-28)**

101 East Main Street, Centre

256-927-7835

www.museumatcentrealabama.com

Tu-Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Along with historical artifacts relating to Cherokee County, the Museum houses military apparel, memorabilia, exhibits, journals and other personal items from those from the area who served in the armed forces of the United States.

Admission charged

# CULLMAN

### **Cullman Veterans Memorial Park (K-15)**

1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman 256-734-3052; www.cullmanveteranspark.com Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Located at the entrance of Sportsman Lake Park, Cullman Veterans Memorial Park honors those of all branches of service who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The Park is home to the Alabama Veterans Memorial Wall, listing the names of 1,209 Alabama soldiers killed between 1963 and 1975. In addition, the park includes monuments from World War I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. There is also an Army tank, helicopter and a large, one-of-a-kind cement waving flag. There is a large pavilion designed to seat 150 people for shade as well as use in Veterans Day events.

Free admission

# DECATUR/HARTSELLE/PRICEVILLE



### Gold Star Families Memorial Monument (F-14)

905 Canal Street NE, Decatur www.vetslikeus.org

The Gold Star Families Monument is a tribute to the brave veterans and their families who have made significant sacrifices for our nation's freedom and serves as a lasting symbol of gratitude and respect for their service and sacrifice. This initiative was undertaken by the esteemed organization Vets Like Us, an organization dedicated to serving veterans in Morgan County, with help from the Woody Williams Foundation. There are approximately 200 Gold Star families in the Decatur area and over 8,000 veterans in Morgan County.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Memorial (H-14)

1102 Madison Street, Hartselle

256-773-2581

Located in Sparkman Park, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Memorial honors citizens of Morgan and neighboring Cullman County who were killed or wounded in action during military service. The memorial was dedicated in 2004 and holds an annual ceremony to add new names to the list of those honored on the memorial.

### Morgan County Archives (F-14)

624 Bank Street NE, Decatur

256-351-4726; morgancounty-al.gov/departments-services/archives Tu-Fr 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

While record collections remain the hub of important genealogical and other research, the Archives have grown to encompass much more, including a special tribute to Morgan County veterans.



### Morgan County Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park (F-15)

600 Highway 67 South, Priceville

256-355-5476; www.cityofpriceville.com/visit

This park is dedicated to all Morgan County veterans who have given their lives while serving in the armed forces of the United States during active wartime. Each of the five granite monuments on the inner circle represents the five military branches of our armed forces. Upon these monuments are listed the names, rank, and wartime served for each individual who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Additional monuments in the park honor the Prisoner Of War (POW), Missing In Action (MIA), Blue Star Mothers/Gold Star Mothers and Purple Heart recipients.

### **Veterans Memorial at Morgan County Courthouse (F-14)**

Downtown Decatur

Several monuments are located within walking distance of the Morgan County Courthouse: Vietnam War Monument (Line Street), dedicated in memory of Decatur born men who fought and died in the Vietnam War; World War I Monument (Line Street), in memory of those who died during 1917-18; Korean War Monument (Line Street), in memory of those who died fighting from 1950 to 1953; Confederate Memorial (Ferry Street); and World War II Monument (intersection of Cain St NE and Ferry St NE), in honor and in memory of those who died 1941-45.

# FORT PAYNE/COLLINSVILLE/RAINSVILLE

### **DeKalb County Confederate Monument (H-27)**

Intersection of Gault Avenue N and 5th Street, Fort Payne Located in City Park, the monument was erected in 1913 by the sons and daughters of Confederate soldiers.

### **DeKalb County War Memorial (H-27)**

Grand Avenue, Fort Payne

Located at the courthouse in downtown Fort Payne, the memorial lists the names of those killed in WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam and in international incidents from DeKalb County.

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### Museum of Collinsville History (J-26)

113 W Main Street, Collinsville

256-523-2513

W, Th, Fr 1-4 p.m.

Located directly across street from Cricket Theatre in downtown Collinsville, the museum has several thousand items including photographs, newspapers, a printing press, military objects and post office memorabilia preserved, catalogued and on display for public viewing.

Free admission

### Patriots Memorial Park (H-27)

351 4th Street NE, Fort Payne

https://fortpayne.org/community/city-parks/

Patriots Memorial Park recognizes those individuals from DeKalb County that have lost their lives or made significant sacrifice to their country and county.

Free admission

### **Veterans Memorial (G-26)**

498 McCurdy Avenue N, Rainsville 256-638-2122

Located in Rainsville City Park, the Veterans Memorial features names of locals who served our nation in conflicts since World War II.

### Veterans' Memorial Park (J-26)

Main Street, Collinsville

The town of Collinsville honors all veterans with a memorial composed of native stone columns standing on a brick field.

## GADSDEN/GLENCOE

# Colonel Ola Lee Mize Patriots Park and Etowah County War Memorial (M-23)

1296 Noccalula Road, Gadsden

256-467-4042

greatergadsden.com/attractions/etowah-county-war-memorial/

Open daily

Located adjacent to Noccalula Falls Park, the park, museum and monuments pay tribute to Etowah County veterans who lost their lives in combat. The Patriots Park, dedicated and named for Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Ola Lee Mize, features



the Etowah County War Memorial, a tribute to all those who gave their lives in the service of their country from WWI through present day. A museum houses displays of local military interest and military equipment including a UH-1 helicopter, M-60 tank, Liberty Ship propeller and various artillery pieces.

Free admission

### **Etowah Memorial Bridge (M-23)**

E Broad Street, Gadsden 256-549-4680

Crossing the Coosa River, the 1094-foot bridge opened in 1927 and is



dedicated to the World War I heroes from Etowah County who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

### War Memorial (N-25)

201 Chastain Blvd W, Glencoe

The memorial contains 183 names of those who served their country in conflicts abroad. Twelve of them are also recognized with a star by their name as soldiers killed in action.

# **GUIN/HAMILTON**

### Confederate Veterans Bicentennial Memorial (L-3)

132 Military Street S, Hamilton

The monument recognizes the reunion of Confederate soldiers in Hamilton, Alabama in August 1904.

### First Alabama Cavalry U.S. Army (L-3)

132 Military Street S, Hamilton

Marker recognizes the 1st Alabama Cavalry, U.S., organized of southerners, mostly from northwest Alabama, who fought against the Confederacy.

### Freedom Eagle / United We Stand Mural (N-4)

US 278 at Hwy 118, Guin

Gourd artist and muralist Missy Miles of Hamilton painted Freedom Eagle, also known as the United We Stand mural, as a tribute to veterans. The mural is located in downtown Guin.

### Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (M-3)

Between Guin and Hamilton

A tomb to an unknown soldier of the War of 1812 stands near Pikeville on an original portion of General Andrew Jackson's Military Road, which is still in use today.

# **GUNTERSVILLE/ARAB/BOAZ**

### Cost of Freedom Veterans Museum (I-18)

135 N Main Street, Arab

256-738-4791; costoffreedomveteransmuseum.org/

Fri and Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The nonprofit Cost of Freedom Veterans Museum opened in 2013 and documents every war the United States has fought in since the Revolutionary War.

Donation accepted



### Veterans of Boaz Mural (K-23)

10202 AL Highway 168, Boaz

The painting showcases six former Boaz mayors who served in the military and has photographs of two community members who were killed in action. Family of Boaz veterans can make a small donation and have their loved one's name painted beneath the colorful mural.

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### Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial (I-22)

424 Blount Avenue, Guntersville

Located on the front lawn of the Marshall County Courthouse facing Guntersville Ave., the Memorial honors the veterans of Marshall County, Alabama who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of the nation.

### **Veterans Memorial Park (I-22)**

Sunset Drive, Guntersville To be completed in late 2024

# HALEYVILLE/DOUBLE SPRINGS



### **Dual Destiny Monument (K-10)**

11 Main Street, Double Springs

Located in downtown Double Springs, the Dual Destiny monument represents the county's dual affiliation during the Civil War. Created by Branko Medenica, the statue of a Civil War soldier, portrayed as one-half Union and one-half Confederate, symbolizes the war within a war and honors the Winstonians in both armies.

### **Veterans Memorial (J-7)**

Highway 13 and 20th Street, Haleyville

This memorial features three different plaques: Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans memorial, honoring the members of Det 1 B Co 155th Signal Battalion, Alabama National Guard, who served in in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2005; Honor Roll monument, honoring those Halevyille residents who lost their lives in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan; and Korean War Veterans memorial, honoring the members of the 107th Transportation Truck Company who served in the Korean War.

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### Winston County Veterans Memorial (K-10)

11 Blake Drive, Double Springs

With this memorial, the citizens of Winston County express their deepest gratitude to fellow citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom and to the many others who have been and are willing to do so.

### HUNTSVILLE



### **Buffalo Soldiers Memorial (D-17)**

2800 Poplar Ave NW, Huntsville

The 10-foot memorial honors the memory of the "Buffalo Soldiers," who served in the first peacetime all-black regiments in the Army. Established in 1866, the regiments fought in several conflicts, including the famous "charge up San Juan Hill" during the Spanish-American War in Cuba in 1898. They spent several months in Huntsville recuperating afterward at what became known as Cavalry Hill Park.

### Huntsville-Madison County Veterans Memorial Park (D-17)

200 Monroe Street NW, Huntsville

256-604-3896

Open daily, including holidays, from sunup to sundown https://hmcvm.org/

Easily accessible from downtown Huntsville and I-565, the memorial honors and pays tribute to all veterans, recognizes by name the Madison County veterans who were killed in action during all wars from WW I to present and recognizes and honors Madison County veterans awarded the Medal of Honor. Along with the main Veterans Memorial, the park contains a number of smaller memorials and points of interest.

Free admission

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### U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum (E-18)

2060A Airport Road, Huntsville

256-883-3737

www.memorialmuseum.ora

Wed-Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

The museum is dedicated to promoting and disseminating the accomplishments of American military men and women. The emphasis is on participants of World War I and subsequent conflicts, whose survivors and families can use the museum's facilities to reminisce on their own experiences and those of parents, grandparents, and other close relatives. The museum displays more than 30 historical military vehicles from World War I to the present, including the oldest surviving jeep, the Ford Pygmy.

Admission charged. (Free admission for those currently serving in the United States Military as well as Active Duty and Reservists, National Guardsman, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and first responders, up to five family members with valid ID.)

# MOULTON/COURTLAND

### Courtland Heritage Museum (E-10)

262 College Street, Courtland 256-637-2707

Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or upon request

Located on the Courtland town square in a 1900 building, the museum features historical displays relating to area's agriculture, business, transportation, history and military connections.

### **Lawrence County Archives (H-11)**

698 Main Street, Moulton 256-974-1757

www.lawrencecoarchives.com

Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

The Lawrence County Archives houses much of the written history of Lawrence County dating back to 1818. While these are official county records, there are also collected materials pertaining to family history, including family research, obituaries, and war records. War records

are a compilation of available or donated documents for each soldier born in Lawrence County who fought in any war beginning with the Revolutionary War.

Free admission

### Lawrence County Veterans Memorial (G-11)

14451 Market Street, Moulton

Monument is dedicated to all veterans from Lawrence County, Alabama, who served and sacrificed in all our nation's conflicts as well as during times of peace. The courthouse is undergoing a renovation and the monument has been moved to storage until work is completed (estimated May 2025).



# **ONEONTA/SNEAD**

### Blount County Memorial Museum and Historical Society (N-19))

204 2nd Street North, Oneonta

205-625-6905; www.blountmuseum.org

Tu-Th 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The museum is dedicated to the memory of Blount Countians who served in our country's wars. The building is constructed from old brick from Howard College (now Samford University).

Free admission

### **Blount County Veteran's Memorial Park (M-19)**

1225 Palisades Parkway, Oneonta

9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

Scheduled to be completed in 2025, the park is dedicated to and in honor of all veterans of Blount County who served and in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice. Once completed, the park will be equipped with ADA accessible walkways leading visitors through the memorial. The memorial itself will be a compilation of several structures and fixtures including military aircrafts, tanks, benches, a memorial wall and a roundabout sidewalk area with armed forces flags on display.

### Freedom Bridge (N-18)

Highway 27 and Jones Chapel Road, Oneonta

Freedom Bridge pays tribute to the men and women who serve in the military and who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. It also recognizes Oneonta native and Medal of Honor recipient, Osmond Kelly Ingram who was one of the first U.S. Sailors killed during WWI when a German submarine torpedoed the USS Cassin.

### **Veterans Memorial (N-18)**

220 2nd Avenue E, Oneonta

Located at the Blount County Courthouse, the memorial lists names of the Blount County veterans who were killed in every war starting with the Civil War.

### Veteran's Memorial (L-20)

87654 US-278. Snead

Donated by the Snead VFW, Post 5624, the memorial located in Snead Town Park includes engraved brick pavers that recognize and honor veterans.

# RUSSELLVILLE/RED BAY/PHIL CAMPBELL



### Bay Tree Park (H-2)

210 4th Avenue SE, Red Bay

256-356-4473

Serving as the cornerstone for many annual events, Bay Tree Park offers walking paths, benches, restroom facilities and a central gazebo. The patriotic marker honors those who fought in World War I and II, Korea, Persian Gulf and Vietnam.

### Franklin County Archives (G-6)

300 East Limestone Street, Russellville

256-332-8827

M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.)

The Franklin County Archives houses all records and archives for the county and has a Hall of Honor of those serving in different branches of the military. Located outside of the Archives building is Veterans Park, honoring those serving in different wars. Free



### Memorial at Franklin County Courthouse (G-6)

410 Jackson Avenue North, Russellville

256-332-8851; Franklincountyal.org

The monument located on the grounds of the Franklin County Courthouse is a memorial to those who fought in World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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### Phil Campbell Memorial Park (I-7)

Broad Street, Phil Campbell

205-993-5313

www.philcampbellal.com/recreation

The Phil Campbell Memorial Park is dedicated to victims of the April 27, 2011 EF-5 tornadoes, along with veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country.

### Red Bay Museum (H-2)

108 4th Avenue SE, Red Bay

256-356-8758

www.redbaymuseum.org

Tu and Th 1-4 p.m.

The Red Bay Museum houses various displays of the town's past. It also showcases the different branches of the military where Red Bay citizens served.

Admission.

# SCOTTSBORO/LANGSTON

### Jackson County War Memorial (E-23)

102 East Laurel Street, Scottsboro

Located on the square in downtown Scottsboro, the memorial commemorates Jackson County men and women who lost their lives in the wars of the 20th century: WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, as well as the Philippines (2002) and Iraq (2007).

### Langston WWII Memorial (F-23)

9161 County Road 67, Langston

678-698-0218

The 12 feet long by 8 feet high granite face monument bears the name of the men from Langston who served during World War II are inscribed on its granite face. The motto "Lest We Forget" is centered on the face with an American Flag above it. The monument is located adjacent to historic Langston United Methodist Church.



### Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County (E-23)

1616 Heroes Drive, Scottsboro

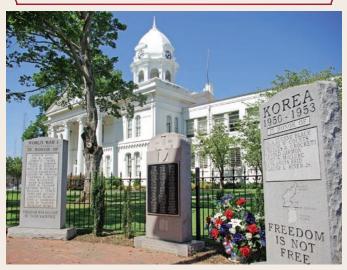
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https://vmpjc.com/

Located on a 6-acre site, the Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County honors all military service men and women from Jackson County. The central focus of the Park is the names of those from Jackson County inscribed in the black granite Honor Wall who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms. Displays of military equipment

and informative kiosks educate citizens and visitors on military history and U.S. wars. The Patriots Walkway honors 10 Medal of Honor recipients from Alabama. At sunset each day the Park is illuminated and TAPS is played.

# SHOALS: FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS/ SHEFFIELD/TUSCUMBIA/GREENHILL



### Circle of Valor (D-6)

201 N Main Street, Tuscumbia

Located on Colbert County Courthouse lawn is a collection of memorials honoring veterans of foreign wars: WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Gulf (1st Iraq and Desert Storm, 2nd Iraq, Afghanistan) as well as the Purple Heart/Military Order of the Purple Heart.

### Colbert County Confederate Memorial (D-6)

201 N Main Street, Tuscumbia

Erected in 1911 by Tuscumbia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, the memorial is a tribute to the Confederate soldiers of Colbert County.

### Homer Givens, America's First World War I Hero (C-6)

Intersection of North Wood Avenue and Chisholm Road, Florence

Homer Givens of Florence was named America's first WWI hero. A historical marker at Seven Points where the Givens home was once located recounts his heroic actions: "Following a bloody two-hour battle on Nov. 1, 1917, Corporal Givens stood alone after his comrades had fallen. He then managed to

kill three enemy soldiers before



being severely wounded by 23 pieces of shrapnel."

### In Memory of Our Comrades of Sheffield 1917–1919 (D-6)

215 S Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield

In memory of those serving in the armed services from Sheffield, the memorial was erected in 1923 by James R. Crowe Post, American Legion.

### **Memorial Amphitheater (C-6)**

On the campus of the University of North Alabama, Florence Built in 1934, the amphitheater is dedicated as a memorial to the valor and patriotism of the UNA students who served in World War I.

### Never Forget Garden (D-6)

Intersection of North Water Street and West 3rd Street, Tuscumbia

Located in the rear of the Colbert County Courthouse, the garden is a living tribute to all of America's veterans and their families and a place to remember why millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom.



### Oakwood Cemetery (D-6)

Intersection of South Commons Street and South Hickory Street, Tuscumbia Open during daylight hours

This burial ground contains graves of veterans from all wars beginning with the American Revolution, including graves of approximately 100 unknown Confederate soldiers. Captain Arthur Keller, CSA, father of Helen Keller, and Brig. General James Deshler, CSA, are buried here.



### TVA Goes to War Marker (D-7)

Reservation Road on the TVA Reservation, Muscle Shoals Open during daylight hours

Located at TVA's Visitor Center Kiosk, the marker describes TVA's role during WWII. TVA answered an urgent call for more electric power by building 12 hydroelectric plants and one coal-powered steam plant—simultaneously. The resulting increase in power helped fuel factories that churned out more than 50,000 planes. As part of the Manhattan Project, TVA supplied millions of kilowatts of electricity to a top-secret facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This facility produced uranium that was used to make the atomic bomb which ultimately ended WWII.

Free admission

### U.S. Army M60A3 Main Battle Tank (D-6)

South Water Street / Spring Park, Tuscumbia Spring Park hours 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Located on the right upon entering Spring Park via South Water Street, the tank was obtained from Ft. Rucker, Alabama by American Legion Post No. 31 on April 28, 1999. It entered service in 1960 and was used by 22 countries.

Free admission

### **Veterans Memorial Park (D-6)**

1201 N. Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield

Open during daylight hours

The Veterans Park is home to several monuments to local residents who have died while serving their country. The park is also home to a bird sanctuary and joins Whippoorwill Park.

Free admission



### **Veterans Memorial Park (C-6)**

Veterans Park Drive, Florence

256-760-6416

www.visitflorenceal.com/directory/veterans-memorial-park/ Veterans Memorial Park honors all veterans of Lauderdale County who served and died for their country. Displays include an AH-1F cobra helicopter, a F-4D Phantom jet, a Medal of Honor recipient display and markers listing Lauderdale County veterans of WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country. It is also a multi-use sports complex.

### Winston Cemetery (D-6)

730 SW 14th Avenue, Sheffield

Veterans from the American Revolution through the Vietnam War are interred here. The cemetery is owned and maintained by descendants.

### World War I Memorial (A-8)

300 Rogers Lane, Greenhill

Located in front of Rogers High School gymnasium, the marker is in memory of loved ones who were heroes in WWI 1917-1918.

# FESTIVALS/SPECIAL EVENTS

- ONGOING -

### **City of Patriotism**

Highway 431, Glencoe

The city of Glencoe holds a special recognition among Alabama communities as a "City of Patriotism" designated by Governor Bob Riley in September of 2003. This title was given by the state legislature in expressing their immense gratitude for the city's outstanding

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display of patriotism. Several times a year, including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day, Glencoe's VFW Post displays nearly 200 flags and crosses in the median of Highway 431. Each flag and cross bears the name of a serviceman and woman from Glencoe who served in the military and fought in WWI, WWII, Vietnam and Korea and have passed away.

### The Avenue of Flags

Highway 411 between Centre and Leesburg The Avenue of Flags consists of over 450 crosses and flags in memory of deceased veterans of Cherokee County. The American flags are flown on holidays throughout the year: President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day, September 11th (flags only), Thanksgiving Day (weather permitting). The flags are purchased from the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC and have been flown over the Capitol. Certificates verify the date they were flown.



### **Tuscumbia Military Banner Program**

Downtown Tuscumbia

www.troopbanners.com/Tuscumbia

Banners depicting images of veterans adorn the streetlight poles throughout downtown Tuscumbia from Memorial Day to July 4th and again for Veteran's Day.

### - MAY -

### Alabama Veterans Museum Memorial Day Program

114 Pryor St W, Athens

The Museum hosts a Memorial Day Observance program at 11 a.m. to commemorate the lives of fallen military personnel. The program includes a keynote speaker, music and refreshments.

### **Banners on Display**

downtown Moulton and Courtland

Banners honoring Lawrence County veterans are placed around downtown Moulton and downtown Courtland from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. The 24-by-36-inch banners display a portrait of an honored veteran, whether alive or deceased, their name and branch of service.

### **Colbert County Memorial Day Celebration**

201 N. Main St., Tuscumbia

Sponsored by American Legion Post 31, the annual event honors veterans of all wars at the Circle of Valor at the Colbert County Courthouse. It is one of the state's oldest Memorial Day events.

### McCord's Crossroads Women's Club Veteran Day Celebration

7290 County Road 16, Centre

256-473-1557

Held on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, this celebration honors past and present veterans, saluting the brave men and women who sacrifice so much to preserve our rights and freedoms. Festivities include a patriotic program with live music, crafts, quilts auctioned and food (veterans eat free).

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### **Memorial Crosses**

10435 Coffee Road, Moulton

More than 100 wooden crosses honoring Lawrence County veterans who have died in service are placed alongside Alabama 33 on the grounds of the American Legion Post 25 in Moulton for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. The crosses stand for approximately three weeks following Memorial Day.

### - JUNE -

### **Armed Forces Celebration Week**

Huntsville/Madison County

256-535-2000

Everyone is invited to participate in a variety of special events and activities in June to honor all military in the Huntsville/Madison County community. Several area attractions offer free admission during the week for active duty and retired military and their family members.

### - SEPTEMBER -

### The Taste of Cherokee and 911 Memorial Service

801 Cedar Bluff Road, Centre

Held on the Thursday evening closest to September 11, the service memorializes the people lost on 9/11 and deceased veterans of Cherokee County. Veterans are recognized as the Armed Forces Medley is played, the Cherokee County Volunteer Firemen Honor Guard advances the flag and the Fire Chief reads the 9/11 Remembrance and The Last Alarm. Proceeds from The Taste of Cherokee fund the Avenue of Flags.

### - NOVEMBER -

### **Blount County Veteran's Day Parade**

Downtown Oneonta

Typically held the first Saturday in November, the annual parade through downtown Oneonta features local marching bands, floats and cars carrying veterans.

### Morgan County Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

Priceville

www.cityofpriceville.com/event/veterans-day-parade-and-ceremony Held annually on Nov. 11, the Veterans Day parade begins at the corner of North Bethel Road and Greenfield Drive, travels through the Greenfield Subdivision and ends at the Morgan County Veterans Memorial. A patriotic ceremony follows the parade.

### Tuscumbia Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony

Main Street, Tuscumbia

Parade 10 a.m., Ceremony 11 a.m.

Each Veteran's Day, Tuscumbia hosts a parade honoring all veterans. The Parade runs along Main Street through downtown. Following the parade, a ceremony, presented by the American Legion Post 31, is held on the east steps of the Colbert County Courthouse.

### **Veterans Day Celebration**

231 County Road 1360, Vinemont cullmanveteransday@gmail.com www.cullmanveteransday.com

Each November on the Saturday before Veterans Day at the Cullman Regional Airport, the Cullman community comes together to honor all who served with a day-long event. Activities include helicopter rides, tours of military equipment, a VFW weapons display, reenactments and more. Free admission

### **Veterans Day Parade**

Downtown Decatur

This patriotic parade makes its way through downtown Decatur each year on Veterans Day.

### **Veterans Day Parade**

Downtown Hartselle

Held annually on Veterans Day, the Hartselle Veterans Day parade travels down Railroad Street and Main Street following a special patriotic program in front of the historic depot.

### **Veterans Day Parade**

Downtown Huntsville

Each year, the city of Huntsville honors all military veterans with a grand Veterans Day Parade on November 11 in downtown Huntsville. Parade route begins at lot K on Woodson St. includes the Veterans Memorial on Monroe Street and ends near the Lumberyard on Cleveland Avenue.

### **Veterans Day Parade**

Downtown Moulton

Each year, the city of Moulton has a Veterans Day parade to honor local and national veterans. The parade begins and concludes at the Lions Club and travels through downtown Moulton. (Date TBA each year)

### **Veterans Day Parade**

103 Jackson Avenue N, Russellville

256-332-2332

Organized by local veterans and the American Legion Post 64, the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Russellville occurs every November on the Sunday before Veterans Day at 2 p.m. and features veterans representing all branches decorated in their military uniforms.



