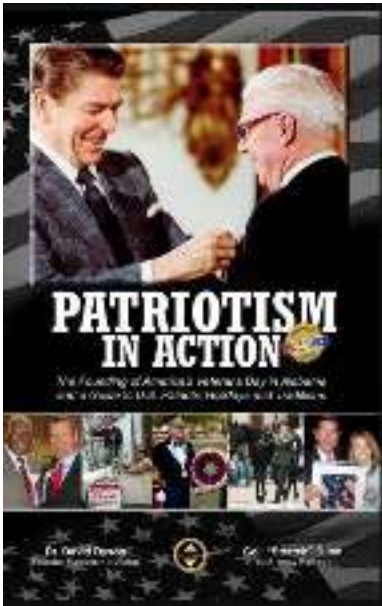


National Veterans Day Founded in Birmingham National Veteran Award Founded in Birmingham



**Presidential Citizens Medal
Honoree Raymond Weeks
1982, The White House**

“The driving force...”
-President Ronald Reagan-
“Father of Veterans Day...”
-Elizabeth Dole-



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Mayor William Bell signed a proclamation 2013:
*Birmingham, Alabama as the birthplace of National
Veterans Day in 1947 and a City where freedom lives.*
Mayor Bell with Col. Bob Barefield (USA Ret), Chair,
Patriotism in Action of Life Leaders America



The United States Senate passed a resolution November 13, 2012:

*Resolved by the United States Senate (the House of Representatives
concurring), That Congress hereby recognizes Birmingham, Alabama, as
the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day....*



Poster for schools, veterans halls,
tourism and government buildings.

Raymond Weeks petitioned
General Dwight Eisenhower at
The Pentagon in 1946 to establish
National Veterans Day 1947.

Kansas joined and helped spread
the national movement in 1953.
President Eisenhower signed into
law Veterans Day as a national
holiday in 1954.

The National Veteran Award was
established in 1954 by Veterans
Day in Birmingham.

We believe, everyone at this event and in this nation should know:

America's Veterans Day started in Alabama (Birmingham).

Birmingham started and sponsors the National Veteran Award.

Central Alabama is a Top 5 historic destination for Veterans Day events.



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www.LifeLeaders.us/Veterans-Day-Founding-Education

