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ADM Davis is an accomplished leader with more than 30 years of senior communication, management, legal, and military experience, retiring in 2016 as Vice Chief of Information for the Navy at the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half). He previously served for 14 years in the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a senior attorney and executive. Prior to his job with DHS, ADM Davis worked for two years as an attorney at the distinguished law firm of King & Spalding in Atlanta. Among many other deployments, in 2006 and 2012 he completed lengthy combat zone deployments in conjunction with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is the recipient of numerous military awards and Georgia's 2017 Most Powerful and Influential Attorney Award from Women Works Media Group (for work in establishing Freedom Riders National Monument).

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A native of Montgomery, Alabama, ADM Davis also grew up in Atlanta and New Orleans. A former editor-in-chief of the Georgia State Law Review, he has published numerous scholarly pieces in legal journals, college textbooks, and defense publications. He is married to Lisa and they have a daughter, Olivia and a son, Turner.



Musical Performances during Social Hour Homeland

Program

6:30 PM

Welcome

Dr. Brian Barsanti (US Coast Guard) Executive Director, Southern Museum of Flight

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Colonel Bob Barefield (US Army Retired, Vietnam) Chairman, Patriotism In Action

Prayer

Mr. Duke Martin (US Navy, Cuban Missile Crisis) Chaplain, The American Legion Department of Alabama

Presentation of Colors
Samford Air Force ROTC Color Guard

National Anthem
Homeland

Pledge of Allegiance
Tommy McCulloch (WWII Merchant Marine)

Musical Tribute to Veterans
Homeland

National Veterans Day Founding in Birmingham

Dr. David Dyson

Founder, Life Leaders, and Co-Founder, Patriotism in Action

National Veterans Day Events in Birmingham
Mr. Mark Ryan
President, National Veterans Day in Birmingham

Keynote Speaker

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Musical Performance
Homeland

Closing Dr. Brian Barsanti