

"The willingness with which our young people are like<mark>ly</mark> to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their

> George Washington President of the





MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 29, 2017

Thank you for joining the American Village

Please join us again this summer for family-friendly fun!







Welcome to the American
Village and thank you for spending the day with us in remembrance of

those who served and sacrificed for our nation and liberty.

We invite you to join us in special tributes on this Memorial Day to America's veterans. We hope you will take this opportunity to experience the *National Veterans Shrine*, and consider adding someone you know who has served or is serving in the U. S. Armed Forces to the *Veterans Register of Honor*.

I encourage you to help us tell the stories of our veterans. We owe them our thanks, respect and honor.



Tom Walker Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust

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Schedule of Events

10:30	Patrick Henry
11:00	A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS Liberty Hall
11:00	Mercy Otis Warren
11:30	Young Martha Washington Washington Hall, Mount Vernon Room Colonial Games
12:00	Patrick HenryColonial ChapelCrime and PunishmentColonial CourthouseLucy KnoxFounders Hall
12:30	Colonial GamesConstitution GreenCalling all SoldiersThe EncampmentYoung Martha WashingtonWashington Hall, Mount Vernon Room
1:00	Wreath Laying CeremonyNational Veterans Shrine PlazaMercy Otis WarrenWashington Hall, Assembly RoomLucy KnoxFounders HallFlag Retirement CeremonyConcord Bridge
1:30	Gold Star Memorial Prayer ServiceColonial ChapelCalling all SoldiersThe EncampmentColonial Medical DemonstrationFounders HallCrime and PunishmentColonial CourthouseColonial GamesConstitution Green
2:00	Young Martha Washington Washington Hall, Mount Vernon Room Mercy Otis Warren
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Also available throughout the day:

Visit the National Veterans Shrine, Oval Office, Pettus Randall Miniature Museum of American History, Embattled Farmer Statue and Concord Bridge. See the Memorial to America's Fallen Heroes in the Meeting House, and the display of vintage military vehicles next to the USO Canteen.

Thanks to the talented costumed historical interpreters at the American Village who help make this event possible:

William Stewartas Patrick Henry
Angel Tillman
Chris Long
Nancy Moore Estes
Lesli Johnson
ennifer Lee
Noel Stewartas Sarah Ballou
Rush Brunson
Rebecca Evansleads Games on the Green
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A Salute to our Veterans

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. — Lt. Gen. Hal Moore Liberty Hall

Call to Order and Introductions Brenda Ladun, News Anchor, ABC 33/40
Invocation Dr. Hugh Richardson, Jr., President, Shelby Baptist Association; Member, Colonial Chapel Board
Presentation of National Colors and Military Service Flags . 1st Pennsylvania Regiment
The Star-Spangled Banner
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome and Special Presentations Thomas G. Walker, Jr., Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust
for Outstanding Service and Patriotism Raymond Weeks, Founder of National Veterans Day (posthumous); Col. "Stretch" Dunn (posthumous), Dr. David Dyson, Col. Robert and Nancy Barefield, Patriotism in Action; Mark Ryan and the National Veterans Day Committee
Acceptance Remarks for Above and Beyond Awards Family of Raymond Weeks; Patriotism in Action and National Veterans Day Committee representatives
Patriotism in Action and National Veterans Day Committee representatives
Patriotism in Action and National Veterans Day Committee representatives Military Service Songs and Veterans Recognition



A Salute to Our Veterans Master of Ceremonies: Brenda Ladun, News Anchor, ABC 33/40

Brenda is a five-time winner of associated press awards for her TV journalism. Brenda is married, a mother of three, and has three dogs. She volunteers to help raise money for the American Cancer Society, Grace House Christian Home for Girls, and more. She is committed to helping to

raise money to find a cure for cancer. Brenda has received a day named after her in Hoover Alabama for her philanthropic work. She's also received a Governor's commendation for her service to the community. She is the author of three books and speaks regularly to encourage others to take care of their physical and spiritual health. She was the keynote speaker for the third annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the American Village.

PREVIOUS ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD HONOREES

2013

Blue Star Salute Foundation of Alabama

For their work to honor the sacrifice and legacy of America's Armed Forces veterans and active duty military forces who defend the cause of Liberty and whose achievements express their belief in the greatness of America

2014

Alabama National Cemetery Support Committee

For working to honor the sacrifice and legacy of America's Armed Forces veterans; facilitating the enhancement, maintenance, and expansion of the Alabama National Cemetery; and participating in events commemorating all U. S. military veterans

2015

Honor Flight Birmingham

For working to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices and transporting our heroes to Washington DC to visit memorials built to honor their service to the nation

2016

Lt. Gen. Harold G. "Hal" Moore, Jr.

For his devoted patriotic service to our country, his courageous leadership on the field of battle, and his faithful remembrance of all who paid the ultimate sacrifice for liberty

The late Jeremiah Denton, Jr. and Mrs. Jane Maury Denton

In recognition of the extraordinary and heroic service of Admiral Denton, who distinguished himself as a member of the American POW resistance movement from 1965 to 1973, helping his men accomplish their sworn goal to "return with honor." And to Mrs. Denton, who, while her husband was a POW, offered hope, encouragement, and support to families similarly suffering from the absence of their loved ones.



Play History Hopscotch

Play this historic children's game, and discover who signed the United States Constitution! Located in the picnic area. Available all day.

Play Bean Bag Toss

Challenge your friends to a game of bean bag toss and see who can answer the questions on the boards. Located at the plaza behind the Gift Shop. Available all day.

Can you Hula Hoop?

It looks easy, but can you keep the hoop spinning? A half century after being introduced, some are still trying! Located inside the picket fence at Founders Hall. Available all day.

Colonial Games on the Green

Play Trap Ball or Hoops with one of the American Village costumed historical interpreters. Located on Constitution Green. 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 only.





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fellow veterans and members of the military, and remember the fallen.

beside the Gift Shop.

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