



# *Veterans Voice*

## *Alabama Veterans Museum & Archives*

**Dec 2011**

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Pictures featured throughout  
newsletter courtesy of Teresa  
Todd

This year's parade entry  
winners were:

Most Patriotic – The  
Limestone County Burial  
Detail

Best Overall – East  
Limestone High School  
Support our Soldiers (SOS)  
club.

Special "Thank You" to  
Sally Marks for donating  
the funds for trophies!

## **We bid a fond farewell to Bob Smaltz!!!**



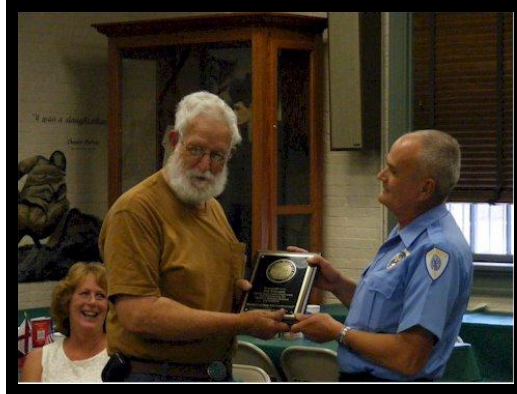
**After many years at the museum, Bob finally decides to take  
a well deserved rest! You will be missed!**



## **Army SSgt Theo Calvin leads the way as Grand Marshall of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade!**



**Longtime volunteer Jim Patteson is honored at the September board meeting for his many years of service. We could not have come this far without you!**



Join us on facebook, we have over 885 fans!

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**We had a record attendance at our Nov Coffee Call, we welcomed special guests LTG Richard P. Formica, his wife Diane and Col Dan Shanahan**



**LTG Formica is the Commander of the Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) at Redstone Arsenal, Col Shanahan is his Chief of Staff.**

Were you or someone you know stationed in France from 1944-1945? If so, you may be eligible for the French Legion of Honor. Contact Sandy at the museum to find out more information.



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**Our new Christmas ornaments are here! This is the second in our war series. Don't forget one comes free with a "Friend" or above level membership.**



We are always looking for a few good volunteers!



Kids - come to the Museum from 19 December, 11 – 7 Jan 12 and play "Spot the History"

Enter for a chance to win a \$50.00 savings bond!!

Age categories: Category I – age 6-9; Category II – age 10-12

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A big "THANK YOU" goes out to our coffee call sponsors:

Sept – Jean Kelly of Lawlers BBQ

Oct – Grover & Rose Gardner

Nov – Jimmy Smith Buick - GMC

Dec – Paul & Susan Neely

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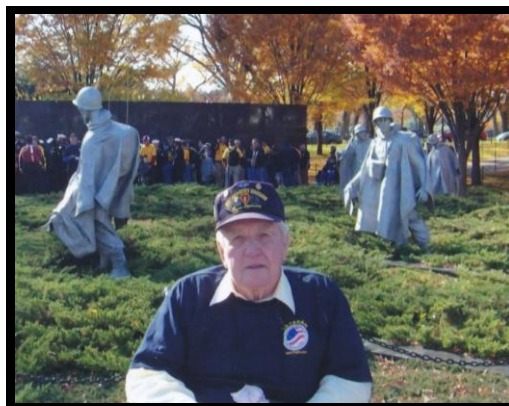
**Woodmen of the World donate flags to keep the "Flags over Athens" program flying!**



Our flags were flying proudly again for Veterans Day thanks to a generous donation of flags from The Woodmen of the World! Started in 1890, Woodmen help build strong communities through patriotism, education, community betterment, diversity, wellness, and the arts. According to Rick Johnson, FIFC, Field Representative for Woodmen "We take patriotism very seriously." Since the 1947 initiation of the Patriotic Program they have presented over 2.9 million flags to schools, libraries and civic organizations. In 2010 alone we presented over 122,766 flags; we also provided schools and libraries with 18,846 American Patriot Handbooks. Woodmen are second only to the US Government in the purchase and presentation of American flags.



Our local Korean War Veterans get the trip of a lifetime on Valor Flight. "The Flight of the Not Forgotten"



**Museum alumni Wendell Powers in front of the Korean Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

## New/Renewal Memberships for Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec 2011!

Robert & Jane Reville  
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Dale "Lone Elk" Casteel  
Mary Nell Byrd  
Mary Stratford



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### Why become a member of the Alabama Veterans Museum?

The focus of our museum is to tell the stories of our nation's veterans through the eyes of Alabama locals who have served in times of war and peace. We seek to tell their stories, emphasize the impact of their service on our country, and to preserve their past so that we can educate our future generations. Your membership will ensure our museum can continue to preserve community heritage, produce new exhibits, plan exciting public programming and provide a unique forum to discuss our country's past, present and future. Won't you join today? **As a nonprofit 501(C) (3) organization we rely on you through membership and donations to keep our museum alive! Your contribution is tax-deductable within the limits prescribed by law. Contact the museum for further information.**



## **Membership levels**

### **Foundation Benefactor - \$5,000.00 and above**

**Sponsor** - \$1,000 and above. With sponsor membership your business name will not only go on our membership board, a corporate logo will be placed in our quarterly newsletter. In addition, you will receive an Alabama Veterans Museum polo shirt a commemorative museum ornament and two free tickets to any paid event held by the museum.

**Patriot** - \$501.00 - \$999.00. Name will be displayed on our membership board. Name or business logo printed on our quarterly newsletter. Free Veterans Museum hat and commemorative museum ornament.

**Champion** - \$200.00 - \$500.00. Name will be displayed on our membership board; name will be printed in our quarterly newsletter and commemorative ornament.

**Friend** - \$51.00 – \$199.00. Name on membership board, commemorative ornament.

**Veteran Rate** – Up to 50.00. Name on membership board.

**All levels will receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter.**

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Yes! I would like to support the Alabama Veterans Museum please accept my donation of:

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