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Thank You Dan Green First Museum Foundation Benefactor!



Dan east of the Cambodian border (1970)

Dan (Danny) Green was born in Athens in 1949 to Florence and Jake Green. His Mom was a nurse who worked in Decatur and his Dad owned an automotive repair business. He attended Athens Elementary and graduated from Athens High School in 1968. After graduation, Dan attended Calhoun Community College for about a year before volunteering for the Army in 1969. Dan went to Ft Benning, Ga for basic training and Ft Polk, La. for advanced infantry training. In 1970 Dan went to Vietnam served as an infantryman in the First Cavalry Division and had a tour in Cambodia. Dan returned home and finished out his time in the Army at Ft Knox, KY. Luckily, he was close enough to return home to Athens many weekends, until he got out of the Army in 1971.

After attending Calhoun Community College for another year, he enrolled at the University of Alabama in the fall of 1972 where, with the help of the GI Bill and playing music on the side, he graduated in 1974 with a degree in Finance. After graduation from Alabama, Dan moved to Memphis to work for a bank and subsequently has had a good career in the investment business...Cont on page 2



Look for the Museum's Cookbook "Veterans Vittles" on sale NOW! Price is only \$12, available in the Gift Shop of the Museum. Thank you to everyone who submitted to our cookbook.



Our new Christmas Ornaments are here! This year we start our war series with the Revolutionary War's "Minuteman" This year's colors are green and white



We still have a few of our debut ornaments left, get them while they last!

He has served on various professional, civic and charitable boards and helped with various non-profit activities over the years. In 1988, in memory of a long time Athens friend from childhood, Dan endowed the "Mimi" Pittman Hays Scholarship at Alabama, which is awarded to a Limestone County freshman attending Alabama each year. This scholarship has been awarded to 22 students from Limestone County so far, with most being from Athens.

Dan's military medals include the Combat Infantryman's Badge; the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor in combat; the Air Medal; the Army Commendation Medal; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; and others.

Dan said, "I have a deep appreciation for men and women who are serving our country and for Veterans, especially those in combat. Having had the opportunity to tour the Veterans Museum in August as a guest of Lakin Collins, I was impressed with not only the artifacts, but with the atmosphere of reverence and respect shown by our tour guide and the staff. This Museum is something of which Athens and Limestone County residents can be very proud and I am glad to be able to help."

He and his wife Betty live in Collierville, TN. and have two wonderful daughters. As Dan says, "when I think about all the close calls I have survived in the military and otherwise, my daughters are the only reason I can understand why God let me live." "I am a blessed man."

Over 100 weapons enthusiasts visited the museum for a show put on by Tony Gooch of Precisions Defense Systems



Once again, our fish fry was a whopping success!

Approximately 450 people came out to enjoy the catfish and chicken tenders prepared by Bob McAbee and other volunteers. Our many thanks to all the people who purchased tickets, the merchants who donated supplies, the volunteers and the museum staff and board members, without your help this wouldn't have been possible.



We now have over 784 fans on Facebook!

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

Sept – Henry and Marsha White

Oct – Mayor Dan Williams

Nov – Sherriff Mike Blakely

Dec – Bill Hightower, Tom Dean, Walter Walker, Fred Bickley

We could not do it without you!

Next "Adopt a Spot" cleanup will be on Dec 17th, come out and join us.

We are always looking for "a few good volunteers!"

Stop in and see the many changes that are taking place. We have relocated our gift shop and added new items. Business is really picking up!!

Vietnam Veterans Association hosts POW/MIA ceremony



Commander Mike Davis explains the significance of the missing man table... More than 88,000 Americans are missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the 1991 Gulf War.

Welcome Home 203rd MP Batallion!



State Sen. Tom Butler welcomed the soldier's home along with Representative Henry White. Mayor Dan Williams offered the key to the city and County Commissioner David Seibert gave his support and offered his assistance to the soldiers. A great time was had by all, thank you to all who helped make this day possible!

Nov 6th was a very busy day... first coffee call, then Veterans Day parade and finally winding up with a concert from the Governors Own 151st Jazz Band!



Congratulations to Christy Higgins, who won our Christmas ornament that was given away at our Fish Fry!



Support the Museum! McClary Ford Lincoln Mercury and Don Todd will be donating \$100.00 to the museum in their honor, for every vehicle sold to a local veteran or their family member. Contact Don at 256.426.2886 (This is an exclusive offer made only by Don Todd)

Upcoming Events...

Dec 18th – Jan 10th Spot the History Contest for ages 6 - 12

Martin Luther King Program

Annual Membership Program!!!

Join our growing list of members for 2011!

New members for month of Nov

Dan Green	Sponsor
Fred Martin	Sponsor
Jerry & Glenda Egbert	Champion
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Jeanette Dunnivant	Friend
Lu Bryan	Friend
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Jennifer White	Friend
Ruth Fleming	Veteran
Clifford Fleming	Veteran
Merritt Haney	Veteran
S.A. Callander	Veteran
Ray Neese	Veteran
Ronnie Marks	Veteran
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Lewis & Annie Miller	Veteran
Athens Advertising Specialists	Veteran
Clifford Martens	Veteran
Thurman Burns	Veteran
Bobby Burgreen	Veteran

Why become a member of the Alabama Veterans Museum?

The focus of our museum is to tell the stories of our nations 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-deductible within the limits prescribed by law. Contact the museum for further information.**



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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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