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### Weeks Monument:

*Wreaths*—Blue Star Salute Foundation, assisted by Glenn Nivens  
National Veterans Day in Birmingham, assisted by Bill Voigt  
Patriotism in Action, assisted by Stretch Dunn

### Color Guard/Flag Bearers:

First Pennsylvania Regiment (reenactors led by Christopher Long);  
Regimental Drummer, George Graham

### Flag Display:

Provided by Blue Star Salute Foundation

### Horses:

Black horse and White horse sponsored by Ms. Janet Mitchell,  
Whispering Dreams Farm

### Horse Handlers:

Black horse—SSG Cyndi Tiede, USA;  
White horse—CPT Kristy Jones, USA

### Road Guard/Horses:

Birmingham Mounted Police Patrol—Officers Mike Binion and  
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*Strength*



*Struggle*



*Sacrifice*



*Daddy's Honor  
Courtesy of Lori Banes*

**November 10, 2010  
Commemorating the**

## *63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of America's First Veterans Day and Founder Raymond Weeks*

Weeks Memorial  
Linn Park  
Birmingham, Alabama

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PATRIOTISM IN ACTION, BLUE STAR SALUTE FOUNDATION, AND  
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## Schedule of Events

Raymond Weeks loved his country. He was a Patriot in Action. In 1945, he saw a need for America. Weeks (right in photo) led a delegation from Birmingham to petition General Dwight Eisenhower (left) to create a national holiday to honor veterans of all wars. Birmingham started the tradition of Veterans Day in 1947.



Seven years later, in 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law Veterans Day as a national holiday. Weeks directed America's first Veterans Day as well as annual celebrations for nearly four decades. Bill Voigt succeeded him as president and still serves.

Birmingham, Alabama is one of America's top cities known for Veterans Day and patriotic reunions.



President Ronald Reagan honored Raymond Weeks with the Presidential Citizens Medal at the White House in 1982, after 35 years of serving Veterans Day.



The monument to Raymond Weeks across from Boutwell Auditorium, home of Veterans Day events, dedicated 1989, with 60th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque added in 2007.



*Patriotism in Action* by Dr. David Dyson and COL Stretch Dunn (Retired) features the founding of America's Veterans Day in Alabama. Photos highlight President of the United States Ronald Reagan honoring Raymond Weeks at the White House for his servant leadership to America and Weeks petitioning General Eisenhower to establish Veterans Day. Also featured is the Weeks Memorial in Linn Park of Birmingham, which was donated by a "grateful nation," America's oldest Veterans Day parade, plus many other interesting and inspiring photos.

We ask that you encourage educators to include this local, state and national history and the meaning of *Patriotism in Action* in curricula. We also encourage leaders of Alabama to **brand Birmingham** as a top national destination for Veterans Day.

### Information:

COL Bob Barefield 205.305.9561, Dr. David Dyson, 205.422.6484, or COL Bill Voigt 205.325.1432

### Time/Location:

Wednesday (1630/1700-1720) Weeks Memorial, Linn Park  
(across from Boutwell Auditorium)

### Receiving:

COL Bill Voigt, USAFR (Retired), President, National Veterans Day in Birmingham; LTC Glenn Nivens, USA (Retired), Blue Star Salute Foundation; Col. Stretch Dunn, USA (Retired), co-author, *Patriotism In Action*; Bill O'Dell, Operations Chair, Patriotism in Action; plus program participants

### Patriotic Music:

(1630-1655) Provided by William H. McFerrin

### Welcome:

(1700) Dr. David Dyson, co-author, *Patriotism In Action*; founder, Patriotism in Action

### Posting of Colors:

First Pennsylvania Regiment (Introduced by Tom Walker, Founder & CEO, American Citizenship Trust/The American Village)

### Prayer:

Chaplain (LTC-P) Carl Fisher, Command Chaplain, 87<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Support Command (East)

### Thanks to Sponsors, Special Guests, and Speaker

(see back page for more contributors) David Dyson

### Call to Action:

The Honorable Spencer T. Bachus, III, US House of Representatives, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Alabama

### Wreath Dedications:

General Charles C. Krulak, USMC (retired) 2010 National Veterans Award Reward Recipient;  
Mr. Jimmie L. Foster, National Commander, The American Legion, Banquet Speaker;  
Barbara Weeks Minor and Brenda Weeks Parker, daughters of Veterans Day Founder Raymond Weeks

### Announcement and Closing:

David Dyson

### Directing:

Col. Bob Barefield, USA (Retired), and Mrs. Nancy Barefield, Chairs, Patriotism in Action

### Distinguished Guests Reception

(1730) (by invitation from the National Veterans Day Committee)

### National Veterans Award Banquet

(1900) Boutwell Auditorium (tickets may be available at the ticket window)

*We thank you for your participation in this 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary dedication.*