

Patriotism in Action



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Mission

To build and promote patriotism in ACTION as well as spirit.

Vision

Support and participate in patriotic events; exhibit honor/recognition to active duty military, veterans and families; and expand volunteerism to better serve community and country.

2010 Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec 11 Wreaths Across America at Alabama National Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial Garden-South, and Jefferson Memorial Garden-Trussville.
Tuesday, Dec 14 VA Christmas Caravan at VA Hospital to visit veterans.

Ideas for Action

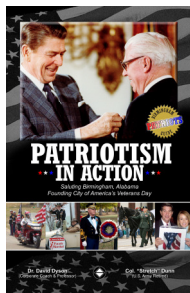
Develop a plan on what you can do to be a *Patriot in Action*.

Incorporate 21-Point Salute (*Call to Action for a Patriot*) into your daily life.

Use speaking engagements to Civic and Veterans groups to promote PIA service.

Completed Events

Saturday, Jan 9 Deployment ceremony for 2101st Trans Co, Demopolis, AL.
Sunday, Jan 24 Deployment Ceremony for 111th Ordnance Group, Opelika, AL.
Monday, Feb 15 American Citizenship Trust's Tenth Anniversary at The American Village.
Tuesday, Feb 16 Warrior Champions: From Baghdad to Beijing at the Workplay Theatre.
Friday, Mar 19 Deployment Ceremony for 1156th MP Det (CID), Clanton, AL.
Friday, Apr 9 Governor Riley's BSSF/ALNC Proclamation Signing Ceremony @ State Capitol.
Thursday, Apr 29 Ohio Top Hands (Ginger Ryals' team) represents PIA in Kentucky Derby Parade.
Mon-Wed, Apr 12-14 Battle Command Conference, U.S. Military Academy--Stretch was Senior Mentor.
Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Program at ALNC & Blue Star Salute at The American Village.
Saturday, Jun 12 Deployment Ceremony for 214th MP Co, Alexander City, AL.
Saturday, Jul 3 3rd Annual AL Gold Star Families "Vettes for Vets" @ Talladega.
Sunday, Jul 4 Blue Star Salute Foundation activities at The American Village.
Saturday, Jul 31 Tuscaloosa VA Med Center Welcome Home for OIF/OEF Vets and families.
Tuesday, Aug 10 Deployment Ceremony for 900th Maintenance Co, Brundidge, AL.
Saturday, Aug 14 "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive" (65th Anniversary of end of WWII) at ALNC.
Friday, Oct 8 Alabama National Fair @ State Coliseum.
Sunday, Nov 7 Living Timeline at Alabama Veterans Memorial.
Tuesday, Nov 9 Personal Leadership for Patriots program @ Boutwell.
Wednesday, Nov 10 Weeks Monument Ceremony & National Veterans Day Awards Banquet.
Thursday, Nov 11 National Veterans Day Memorial Service, World Peace Luncheon & Parade.



The *Patriotism in Action* program grew out of books researched and written by Dr. David Dyson and COL (USA Ret) Stretch Dunn as part of their plan for *patriotism in action* following the "911" attacks on America in 2001. *Patriotism in Action* provides a brief patriotic guide, history of the founding of Veterans Day in Birmingham, and a call to action for patriots. The book also supports teachings on professionalism and leadership outlined in *Professionalism Under Stress*, which offers lessons for professional preparation and leadership in military and civilian life. *Education Vision*: Alabama schools use this local, state, and national history for a few minutes annually to help all citizens know about Veterans Day and the meaning of Patriotism in Action connected to school values. *Tourism Vision*: Birmingham and Alabama become "branded" as a top destination for patriotic events and known as the founder of America's Veterans Day.