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Pictures featured throughout newsletter courtesy of Teresa Todd!

Our volunteers logged over 4,300 hours last year! WOW!!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims of the recent tragic tornadoes.



Our History is our Strength Honoring “True American Heroes”



Women's History Month Program honors Mrs. Nell Lutz, US Navy, WWII. Other special guests include: Mrs. Carmen Montgomery a WWII Army Nurse from 1944-1946 and Mrs. Alice Rogers a Cadet Corps Nurse of WWII 1943-1944.



Mission: To fly Tennessee Valley Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorial and others for a day of remembrance and gratitude for their service to our Nation and courage in the cause for freedom.

We now have over 800 fans on Facebook!

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

Jan – Jerry Hill

Feb – Tommy Carter

Mar – Nick and Cora Patterson and Bill and Ruth Coulter

Apr – Reece Pest Control

We could not do it without you!

Upcoming Events...

May 30th, Memorial Day Program sponsored by the American Legion, Post 49 (at the museum.)

Congratulations to our "Spot The History" winners! Age 6-9: Dylan Hilliard & Deven Hargrove - Age 10-12: Jaclyn Long & Jacob Todd, each was presented with a \$50 Savings Bond.



This year's sponsor was Vietnam Veteran, Al Martin, who wants our children to learn of the sacrifices that all our veterans made that paved their way for freedom!



Fish fry has people swimming upstream!

Approximately 400 people braved the pouring rain and 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 volunteers and the museum staff and board members, without your help this wouldn't have been possible.



Hope you got a chance to see our special display in honor of "Black History Month" in February

At our June coffee call on the 4th, author Delbert Reed will be signing copies of his book "When Winning was Everything"



July 23rd 8:00, A Star Spangled Golf Tournament benefiting the Alabama Veterans Museum at Southern Gayles Golf Course. Cost per player \$60 - Hole sponsors \$50 For more information contact John Cotton 256.431.7953 or Tom Walker 256.278-1508

August 21st VJ Day Remembered - More information coming soon!!

Wow! We finally get our highway signs up!



Sure have been a long time coming! Thanks to Tom Butler who appropriated the money to make this happen.



This patriotic picture board, which was donated to the museum by Tammy Tanner, was a big hit at KALBs Earth Day celebration!

Athens High Class of 1961 celebrated its 60th reunion at the museum on Friday April 29th. Class alumni Fred Martin and others present a donation to the museum.





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by:

Sandra Thompson,
Director

Annual Membership Program!!!

Join our growing list of members for 2011!

Athens Advertising Specialist
Clifford Martens
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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 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-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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