Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery

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Baldwin County Commissioners,

One year ago, the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spanish Fort, along with all of Baldwin County were under major COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, the Memorial Day Program and festivities held annually at the State Veterans Cemetery were canceled for public safety and to help stop the spread of the pandemic.

Recent decreases in COVID-19 contraction numbers, and the increased distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines along with the expected reduction in State and Federal restrictions leads us at the State Veterans Cemetery along with the Cemetery Foundation Board to consider a return of this important public program. Our cautious planning and consideration will exemplify the restrictions set in place by State and Federal guidelines for the event to be held on May 31, 2021. Including the possibility of another cancelation, if it appears to be necessary as we get closer to that date.

The annual Memorial Day Commemoration is an important day of remembrance and celebration of our Veterans and their families' sacrifices. The many sacrifices endured while serving our Great Nation. We expect there will be a formal program followed by the placement of an American flag at every gravesite by our local scouts, volunteers, and surviving relatives in an act of remembrance.

Every year of this solemn community remembrance, the Baldwin County Commission has generously offered a tent, 200 chairs, a stage, podium, and PA system. Along with a BRATT bus transportation from the neighboring Church Parking lot, to the Cemetery. This for the physically disabled participants. Although the changing landscape of the pandemic and restrictions cannot be predicted this far away from our ceremony, only a reduction in the needed support would be expected from any COVID-19 alterations of our plans.

With my personal gratitude and appreciation of the Commissions history of support, I respectfully request your consideration to continue the support this significant public celebration for our community.

Thank You for all your consideration,

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