



**MOBILE BAY AREA VETERANS DAY
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I am writing to request Mobile County funding support of \$5,000 to assist the Mobile Bay Area Veterans' Day Commission in conducting Veterans Day Activities on November 11, 2019.

Veterans Day activities include:

- The Veterans Day Parade through downtown Mobile at 1000 am which includes over sixty area marching units, bands and floats. The Commission coordinates a military vehicle for County Commissioners to ride at the front of the parade along with vehicles for the Patriot of the Year, Veteran of the Year and Mobile County Commissioners. Mobile County JROTC units, Mobile County High School Bands and Mobile County Veterans groups are also invited to march in the parade.
- The Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Luncheon is held at 12:00pm at Fort Whiting. The luncheon is attended by over 600 guests annually and recognizes a national figure as Patriot of the Year and a local veteran as Veteran of the Year. Over half of all veterans recognized are Mobile County residents. The Mobile County Commission will be provided a table at the luncheon and recognized for the support provided.
- The Commission also holds a Freedom Celebration at 3:00pm at the aircraft pavilion at USS ALABAMA Battleship Park. The event includes 4th Graders participating in a flag ceremony and essay contest. Presentations by the Distinguished Young Woman of America, an area veteran and last years essay winners are included in the event. Mobile County schools are well represented in the event each year.
- Veterans Day activities end with a free Mobile Pops Patriotic Concert at 7:00pm, also at the aircraft pavilion.

The citizens of south Alabama have a proud history of serving the country and of recognizing those who have served. The Commission's funding support will help ensure the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission has the funds to continue to show our youth and our veterans the importance we place on selfless service. Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully submitted

Steven D. Carey
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Commission President