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Honoring Our Heroes: A Tribute to Veterans

Birmingham, AL – Join us in a heartfelt celebration of the brave men and women who have served our nation. On **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, the Alabama Veterans Memorial Park will host a **moving tribute to veterans**, and the community is invited to take part in this patriotic event from **1:30 PM to 2:30 PM**. The celebration will be held outdoors, and admission is **free** to all. The park is easily accessible near the Liberty Parkway exit off **I-459**.

Special Guest Speaker:

The event will feature remarks from **Ms. Alisa Stack**, Executive Secretary, Office of the Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. Her words will underscore the importance of recognizing the sacrifices made by our veterans.

Musical Tribute & Student Participation:

The powerful voices of the **Brock's Gap Intermediate School Choir** will fill the air with patriotic songs, while the winners of the local essay competition will be recognized for their thoughtful reflections on service and sacrifice. Additionally, touching "Thank You" letters from **Hoover and Jefferson County elementary students** will be shared, offering a glimpse of our youth's gratitude for veterans.

StepStones Dedication Ceremony:

A special moment in the ceremony will be the dedication of the newest **StepStones**, engraved bricks permanently installed at the park to honor veterans, both living and deceased. This bi-annual tradition offers a chance to recognize those whose names will now be forever memorialized in the park.

Pre-Event Experience:

Before the event, guests are encouraged to explore the park's powerful exhibits, including the **Regiment of Columns**, where personal stories, letters, and artwork tell the tales of Alabama's veterans, and the **Hall of Honor**, which solemnly lists the names of 11,000 Alabamians who gave their lives in service to our country. The park also honors the state's **24 Medal of Honor recipients**, a reminder of the extraordinary acts of courage displayed by some of Alabama's finest.

Community Support for Veterans:

In the spirit of giving back, the nonprofit organization **Three Hots and a Cot**, which serves

homeless veterans, will be collecting **non-perishable donations** on-site to help support those in need.

Event Logistics:

Free shuttles will be available from the parking area to the park, and seating will be provided at the event. We encourage everyone to come and be part of this day of honor and remembrance.

For more information, visit: www.alabamaveterans.org