

Answers for Alabama Veterans Memorial Park Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to the Alabama Veterans Memorial Park!

Take a walk with us today on the Memorial Trail and learn about Alabama's Veterans

Locate the sign at the front of the path

- The sign says that the Park is dedicated to **all Alabama military veterans** from **the 20th Century** forward. The park was opened **in 2001**.

Walk down the Memorial Trail

Notice many plants and trees native to Alabama as well as the brick projects by Eagle Scouts.

Turn right at the end of the path and enter the American Flag Plaza

- What is found around the flag pole that you recognize? **There are engraved bricks that have the names of veterans, their rank and branch of service.**
- List five branches of the military that are named here on the bricks called StepStones.
Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.
- Find StepStones for:

Rob Conrad

Technical Sergeant, Washington State Air National Guard

(Hint: It was placed May 2015.)

Scan the QR Code below to hear from this veteran

Virginia Branson

Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (RET)

(Hint: It was placed in November 2015)

Scan the QR Code below to hear from this veteran



- Find a brick for a veteran who served in each of the five branches of the military. Write the name of each veteran here _____

Leave the American Flag Plaza and continue down the trail to the Memorial Plaza where you will find the Regiment of Columns and the Hall of Honor

- Find the **Medal of Honor Recipient Board** at the entrance to the Regiment of Columns
The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of Congress to US military personnel only. There are three versions of the medal; one for the Army, one for the Navy, and one for the Air Force. Personnel of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard receive the Navy version. The Medal of Honor is usually presented by the President at the White House in a formal ceremony intended to represent the gratitude of the American people, with posthumous presentations made to the primary next of kin.
- In your own words, explain how a Medal of Honor is earned _____
- How many Alabama veterans have been awarded the Medal of Honor since 1900? (Hint: count all the veterans on the board, on the columns or on the website. **25**
Choose 3 recipients to study. If you have a QR Code scanner, scan their QR Code listed on the Recipient Board to read more about the recipient or find their citations on the columns in the Regiment of Columns. Complete the table on the next page:

Name of the Medal of Honor Recipient	When did the veteran live? What city was he from?	3 pieces of important information found on the QR Code information or column.

Enter the Memorial Plaza and the Regiment of Columns

- How many columns are there in the regiment? **36**
Each column is two feet in diameter and 20 feet in height. The Columns support aluminum casts of citations for Alabama's Medal of Honor recipients, veterans' stories, veterans' letters and 59 related original works of art designed by Alabama artists.
- Find the following on the columns. Place a check mark when you have found it.
 - The three Medal of Honor recipients citations that you chose above (HINT: middle of columns)
 - Tuskegee Airman reference
 - A letter written to a veteran from a friend or family member
 - A portrait of a veteran
 - Art with LOVE or Kindness as the key word or theme
 - A note written in code
 - What are some other images on the columns? **Telegrams, letters, sculptures, hands, flowers. Eagle, soldiers, hearts, etc.**

Go into the 23' by 46' Hall of Honor which is adjacent to the columns

Listed are the names of over 11,000 Alabamians (20% from Jefferson County) who died during conflict in the 20th and 21st Century wars. The names are displayed alphabetically within each war and the county of enlistment.

- What are the six wars that are shown in this memorial? **World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, War on Terrorism**
- Name two presidents who are quoted in the Hall of Honor : **Woodrow Wilson - WWI Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman – WWII; Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower – Korean War; John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon – Vietnam; George H. W. Bush – Persian Gulf War;**
- Record a veteran etching below. Hold the paper over a name and rub with a pencil over your paper. Also name the war in which this veteran served.

To show that you have finished the Scavenger Hunt, post a picture of you and your Scavenger Hunt Team on Facebook. Tag the “Alabama Veterans Memorial Park” page.