

# HONOR THEM

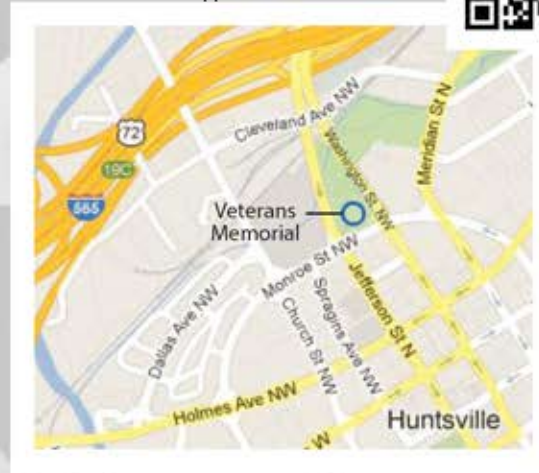
*This park was built, not as the result of an individual, but as the result of a community coming together to honor those who have served.*  
- Mayor Tommy Battle

Huntsville - Madison County

## VETERANS MEMORIAL



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### Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial

200 Monroe Street Northwest  
Huntsville, AL 35801

GPS Coordinates  
34.735211, -86.588509

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Huntsville, AL 35802

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### Because...

- So many have proven their courage in battle
- So many have defended liberty and freedom at great sacrifice
- Countless others have answered the call of duty by serving in the Armed Forces that protect our country and our way of life

**Courage • Sacrifice • Duty**

This Memorial will hold before present and future generations the principle that freedom is not free and that a free people must always be prepared to defend that freedom at whatever cost.

ON BEHALF OF A  
GRATEFUL NATION

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The Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial, officially dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, honors and pays tribute to all veterans for their "Courage", "Sacrifice", and call to "Duty".

Sacred geometry was used to determine the placement of eight polished black granite markers engraved with the names of over 365 Madison County servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. The granite markers are arranged along a timeline to accurately illustrate the United States' involvement in military conflicts around the world.

The Memorial fountain system begins with water cascading over the continuous weir, symbolizing the blood which has been spilled defending our nation's freedom. The flow of water is punctuated by the granite markers and pours into the Sacrifice Pool, the Courage Pool, and the Defender Fountain. As a visitor stands at the granite marker, facing their own reflection, water falls over the weir on each side producing a gentle sound reminding them of the great sacrifice made for our freedom. The small white headstones in the Defender Fountain are replicas of those in Arlington National Cemetery and represent all of our fallen warriors. Water streams through the Defender Fountain into the pentagon shaped Freedom Fountain, thus providing a contained circular flow. The impressive rise and fall of water from the Freedom Fountain reminds us

that this is a living tribute to all veterans and gives the sense of life, liberty and freedom springing forth from a grateful community.

Anchoring the memorial at each end of the circular fountain are bronze statues depicting "Sacrifice" and "Courage". The models for these statues are all Madison County combat veterans. Through the left portal leading to the POW/MIA flag is the Eternal Flame perpetually burning in remembrance of all those who died, were imprisoned, and remain missing in war. In the right portal leading to the Alabama flag is a Time Capsule, in which veterans have placed personal artifacts, letters, and items reminiscent of their service and the wars they fought. It will be disinterred on November 11, 2062.

The U.S. Flag, which represents "Duty", reminds us all of the serviceman's commitment to defend and serve under her. Continuing past the flag is the Patriots Walkway, featuring a series of kiosks that tell the story of our American military history focused on the individual soldier, sailor, marine, and airman.

### EVERY BRICK TELLS A STORY

Surrounding the perimeter of the Memorial is the Brick Walkway with more than 5,000 engraved pavers placed by individuals, families, corporations, and civic organizations. This walkway has added a powerful dimension to the Memorial, giving visitors a sense of respect and honor as they reflect on the stories told by the bricks.



Memorial brick pavers can be ordered and other information found at our website:

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## THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MISSION

HONOR VETERANS  
AND REMEMBER THEIR  
SACRIFICE



INSPIRE VISITORS  
TO SERVE THEIR  
COUNTRY



EDUCATE VISITORS  
ESPECIALLY THE  
YOUNG



RECOGNIZE BY NAME  
MADISON COUNTY  
VETERANS  
KILLED IN ACTION  
AND  
MEDAL OF HONOR  
RECIPIENTS

