

Day of Service 2025 Wrap up



On May 3, 2025, Gentry Isom VFW Post 2702 hosted our local Day of Service, a nation wide program for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The event took place at the downtown Huntsville Veterans Memorial, a monument in the great city of Huntsville that has stood for the last 14 years. This memorial was dedicated on Veteran's Day 2011 and was entirely privately funded. The purpose of this memorial is to honor the countless individuals who have answered the call of duty by serving in the Armed Forces to protect our country and our way of life. Many have demonstrated extraordinary courage in battle, and so many have defended liberty and freedom at great personal sacrifice. This memorial serves to remind present and future generations that freedom is not free, and that a free people must always be prepared to defend that freedom at whatever cost.



AL District 1 Commander Jimmie Sapp of Post 2702 was tasked with creating the post's third annual Day of Service commemoration. He reached out to the foundation responsible for the memorial, and worked out plans and rules of engagement to clean the park. Subsequently, a call for community support was made, and the response was overwhelming.. The event brought together over 50 community members, including groups from local JROTC units, Trail Life USA kids with their parents, and the local Young Marine chapter. These groups consisted of 20 young people, and approximately 15 adults from the community. Gentry Isom Post 2702 contributed about 15 members to the project. Together, the teams worked for 3 hours to clean the Memorial grounds.

The group started with some basic instructions and an invocation from post 2702's adjutant. The larger

group divided into specialized teams, each led by a VFW Post 2702 member, tackling different tasks to complete the project. The teams utilized environmentally friendly biologic cleaner, approved for use at Arlington National



Cemetery, along with soft scrub brushes and water to clean the Memorial.

In total, the entire 10 acres of the Memorial park were cleaned, including all plaques, walkways, statues, and marble monuments. Afterwards, the VFW provided lunch for all volunteers.



Gentry Isom VFW Post 2702 would like to thank our community groups and sponsors who made this event great!

Thank you!

