

PRESS RELEASE



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**THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (AUSA)
PRESENTS
THE HUNTSVILLE / MADISON COUNTY 25th COMMEMORATION
OF THE END OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR (2 Aug 1990 – 28 Feb 1991)**

(aka Gulf War, First Gulf War, Gulf War I, Kuwait War, first Iraq War, Iraq War, or, Operation Desert Shield (2 Aug 1990 – 17 Jan 1991) and Operation Desert Storm (17 Jan 1991 – 28 Feb 1991).

The Redstone - Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will conduct two public events to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the end of the Persian Gulf War:

EVENT 1: Formal Commemoration of the end of the Persian Gulf War

- **TIME:** Friday, 26 Feb 2016. Event begins promptly at 12:00 noon; event will be approx. 30 min. in duration
- **PLACE:** Veterans Memorial Park, Monroe St. NW, Huntsville, AL
- **RAIN:** Rain location is the Huntsville, Alabama Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St., Huntsville, AL
- **PROGRAM:** Program is expected to contain an opening, singing of the National Anthem, invocation, short remarks from Team Redstone, and an acknowledgement of the timeline and casualties of the war
- **DIGNITARIES:** Expected dignitaries include:
 - Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), Mayor (Madison, Alabama) Troy Trulock, a Gulf War Veteran
 - At least one representative from Team Redstone (active duty General Officer)
 - The AMC Band
 - Various dignitaries (local elected officials and military) are invited
- **MEDIA:** Media is welcome and encouraged to cover the event. Media may release all enclosed information at their discretion.
- **POC:** Media may contact or interview the following Points of Contact regarding this story:
 - Colonel (Retired) John Wright, President, AUSA, Redstone – Huntsville Chapter and Gulf War era veteran jwright@pesa.com 256-684-9025
 - Max C. Bennett, Vice President, AUSA, Redstone – Huntsville Chapter (Corporate Affairs) and Gulf War era veteran max.bennett@gd-ms.com 256-682-6522
- **MESSAGE:** AUSA salutes the men and women of the Armed Forces who answered their country's call. Following the orders of their civilian leaders, the Armed Forces of the United States led coalition forces from 34 other nations against Ba'athist Iraq in response to Iraq's illegal invasion and annexation of Kuwait.
- **COST:** This event is free to the public

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EVENT 2: A public social event, with food and drink available for purchase.

- **TIME:** Friday, 26 Feb 2016. There is no scheduled program, however, event begins at approximately 5:00 PM and has no designated end time.
- **PLACE:** TBD. It will be a Valley Brew Pub but we could not get a confirmation prior to press release
- **RAIN:** No alternate location
- **PROGRAM:** Glasses will be raised and toasts made to the men and women of the US Armed Forces. Short impromptu speeches expected.
- **DIGNITARIES:** Per the individual
- **MEDIA:** The media is welcome, however, no formal program will take place
- **POC:** See Event 1 POCs
- **MESSAGE:** See Event 1 Message
- **COST:** This event is free to the public. Purchase of food/drink/items from the Brewery is available; see brewery website for menu and pricing information

About the Huntsville Redstone Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA)

AUSA is a private, nonprofit, educational Association of individual, business and organization members dedicated to supporting and maintaining a strong national defense with emphasis on the role of the United States Army. AUSA supports the needs and interests of all components of the Total Army - Active Duty, Army Reserve, National Guard, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and family members.

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