

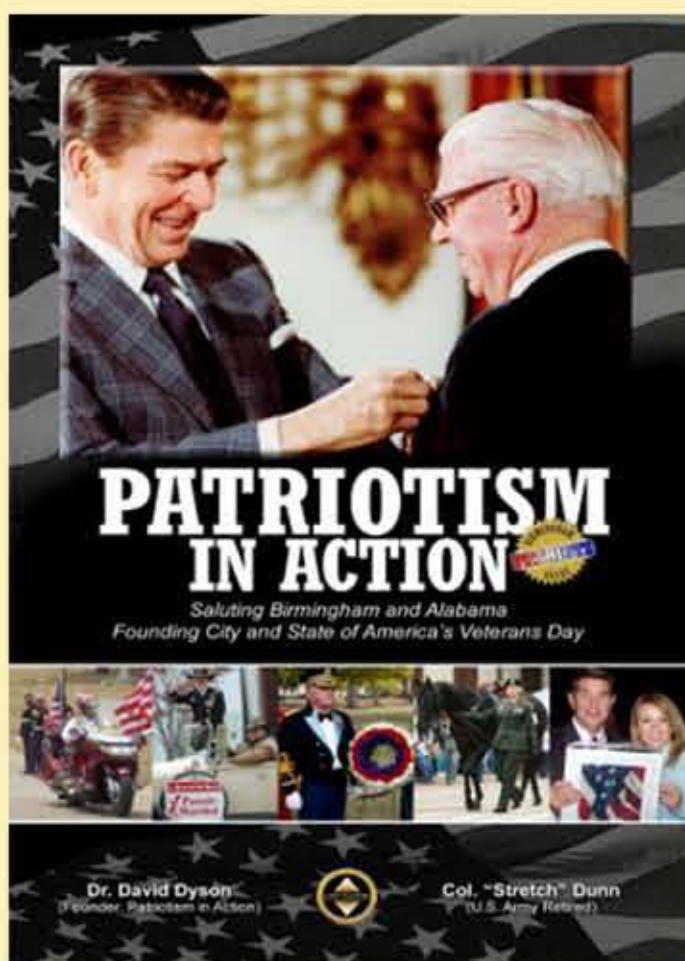


# Founded In Alabama



November 11, 1946

General Dwight D. Eisenhower  
receives a program announcing  
*National Veterans Day 1947*  
presented by Raymond Weeks of Alabama



***Patriotism in Action* cover: President Ronald Reagan honors Raymond Weeks with the Presidential Citizens Medal at the White House in 1982 as the "driving force" for establishing America's Veterans Day.**

**U.S. history: Birmingham, Alabama hosted the first national celebration honoring all veterans in 1947 and started America's National Veteran Award in 1954, the year President Eisenhower signed Veterans Day into law as a federal holiday.**

**Alabama: a national leader organizing Veterans Day celebrations and educational events to honor veterans, perpetuate world peace, and teach character traits to build good citizenship for America:**

***Patriotism - Courage - Perseverance - Loyalty  
Citizenship - Peace - Leadership***

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