



## Alpharetta Community Invited to Annual Memorial Day Tribute

*Veteran Tommy Clack to Deliver Keynote at City Hall Ceremony on May 25*

**ALPHARETTA, GA - March 3, 2026** - The Rotary Club of Alpharetta, in partnership with the City of Alpharetta, will host Alpharetta's Memorial Day Tribute on Monday, May 25, 2026, from 9 - 10:15 a.m. at Alpharetta City Hall, located at 2 Park Plaza. This is the twelfth year the event will be held and is free to attend.

An invocation will open the program at 9 a.m., followed by the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a keynote address by veteran Tommy Clack. The program will end with "Taps."

" On this special day of reflection, we remember the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces. It is because of them that our great Republic has endured," said Alpharetta Rotary Memorial Day Chair, William Perkins.

The program is designed to be both respectful and uplifting, creating a space where attendees can reflect on the cost of freedom and the enduring impact of military service on families and future generations.

"Memorial Day is a time to honor the men and women who gave their lives defending our freedom," said Alpharetta Mayor Jim Gilvin. "We're proud to welcome keynote speaker Tommy Clack, whose life of service and sacrifice reflects the true meaning of this day. I encourage everyone in our community to join us in remembering these heroes and the legacy they left behind."

### **About the Keynote Speaker:**



Tommy Clack, a 1965 honor graduate of Decatur High School and standout track and field athlete, has dedicated his life to service, resilience and the honoring of America's veterans. Having been pronounced dead in Vietnam, God has directed his path in life to serve as an example of what faith, discipline, determination and positive attitude can achieve.

After a year at the University of Houston on a track scholarship, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for over three years and attaining the rank of Captain. During his Vietnam tour as an Artillery Forward Observer, he sustained severe combat injuries that resulted in the loss of three limbs, internal injuries and partial hearing loss. Following 22 months of recovery and more than 40 surgeries at the Atlanta VA Medical Center, Clack continued his education, graduating with honors from Georgia State University in 1975 with a degree in Urban Administration and City Management.

Clack went on to complete a distinguished 47-year career in military and government service, including 19 years as a Georgia Veterans Service Officer. His lifelong mission has been to honor and support America's military men and women. He helped develop more than 300 memorials across the nation and represented Georgia at the National Vietnam War Memorial. He also contributed to efforts led by the late Senator Bob Dole to establish the National World War II Memorial.

His leadership and dedication have earned him more than 200 honors at the local, state and national levels. Among his most meaningful recognitions are laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in May 2023, serving as Grand Marshal of the 1970 Atlanta July 4th Parade and his induction into the inaugural class of the Georgia Military Hall of Fame in 2013.

For more information about Alpharetta's Memorial Day Tribute event, please visit <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/event/memorial-day-tribute/>

## Rotary Club of Alpharetta

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## Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau

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