



# Missing In America Project

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## AFTER ACTION REPORT

### CALL TO HONOR #7

Alabama National Cemetery

Montevallo, Alabama

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

1:15 pm

The unclaimed remains for this service were found at the Cremation Services of East Alabama located in White Plains, Alabama.

MIAP-AL interred one Veteran, Hugh Franklin Waling Jr. He was born on June 10, 1944, in Keene, New Hampshire to Hugh Franklin Waling Sr. and Bernice Waling. Mr. Waling entered into a world deep in World War II. In Keene, NH, folks managed victory gardens, air raid drills and war bond drives—small town life tied tightly to the war effort. After the war's end on September 2, 1945, he grew amid the post war boom: the late 40's and 50's brought economic growth, the start of the Cold War, the space race kickoff and the early civil rights movement.

Hugh Waling Jr enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 6, 1961, serving to September 24, 1968—a period that included the Berlin Wall crisis, the Cuba Missile crisis and the escalation of the Vietnam War. During his service, the Air Force conducted major bombing campaigns such as Operation Rolling Thunder and provided air support in Southeast Asia. His discharge came as public opposition to the war was growing sharply. After his military service, Mr. Waling went on to serve as the Zone 2 Facility Maintenance Supervisor with the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Ft. Walton, Florida. Later, he and his wife, Doris, moved to Albertville, Alabama, where he passed away on November 3, 2024.

Mr. Waling's service was held on a cool Spring day with thunder and lightening as a backdrop. There were approximately 30 people attending. The organizations represented included the Alabama National Cemetery staff, members of the Support Committee, VFW, American Legion, Patriot Guard, Maxwell Air Force Base Honor Guard, Bugles Across America and the Alabama Law Enforcement Memorial Pipes and Drums. Salute to the cemetery staff and contractors for the immaculate condition of the grounds, customer service and professional interment. This service would not have happened without the support of Mr. Dudley Miller of the Cremation Services of East Alabama.

April 27, 2026 - MIAP travelled 200 miles round-trip to pick up the urn and transport to the ALNC.

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1:00 Guests arrive ALNC

1:15 Service begins in ALNC Admin Bldg due to inclement weather, Urn placed, TAPS, Flag folding and presentation, Welcome, Prayer, Remarks, Closing Music

Salute to:

ALNC Chaplain Duke Martin

ALNC Cemetery Staff

Maxwell AFB Honors

Bugles Across America Matthew Burford

Alabama Law Enforcement Memorial Pipes and Drums Brian Conary

Respectfully submitted,

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