

Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden Ribbon Cutting  
Brookdale University Park  
March 21, 2018

**Welcome from Brookdale** – Master of Ceremonies Susan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Greetings from J. J. Bischoff**

(Homewood Mayor's Chief of Staff)

**Recognition of Rosies and Veterans Present** – Nell Branum (Daughter of Rosie Fran Carter)

(Roses presented to each Rosie by members of the Lily of the Cahaba DAR Chapter; rose corsages presented to Rosies by Bham ARRA Chapter; lapel ribbons presented to veterans by Brookdale)

- **Mabel Myrick**, Kimberly, AL – worked in the War Department at the Pentagon and has been a national officer of ARRA for more than 12 years, currently the national Corresponding Secretary
- **Jackie Ramsbacher**, Vestavia, AL – worked in a factory in Mississippi sewing underwear for the military, and trained as a B-29 electrician (war was over before she could go to work as an electrician), member of the Birmingham Chapter of ARRA
- **Mary Louise Hodges**, resident of Brookdale Garden Homes – worked answering telephone for the Red Cross, and is a member of the Birmingham Chapter of American Rosie the Riveter Association
- **Dr. Fran Carter**, resident of Brookdale Garden Homes – riveter on B-29 airplanes in Birmingham, founder of the American Rosie the Riveter Association

**Recognition of Other Guests** – MC Susan

- ~~Glenn Nivens, Secretary and Agent for the Blue Star Salute Foundation~~ not able to attend
- Ken and Lisa Philippart, Alabama State President, Air Force Association
- Pam Nichols, formerly Honor Flight Birmingham, incoming Chairman of Ala National Cemetery
- Mark and Ann Davis, Hoover Veterans Committee, Aldridge Gardens, Vettes for Vets
- Sheri Ransome, OBB School of Education, Samford University
- Representatives from the Birmingham Chapter of ARRA - **Gloria Parvin**, Rosebud and Vice President; **Pam Belrose**, Rosebud and member; **Kay and Janay Deering**, mother and sixth-grade daughter Rosebuds

**Greetings from Bob Barefield** (and wife Nancy)

(Chairman of the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo)

**Presentation from Kay Sutley and Susan Moore**

(Regent and Past Regent of the Lily of the Cahaba Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution)

Presentation in honor of Dr. Fran Carter of 6 rose bushes to Aldridge Gardens for their new Rosie Garden, and announcement of placing ARRA's book of stories, *103 Rosie the Riveter Stories*, in the library of the DAR Headquarters building in Washington, D. C.

**Greetings from Gene Ramsay**

(Alabama State Director of Bugles Across America)

**Ribbon Cutting** - Rosies

**Singing of "God Bless America"** - led by Gloria Parvin