GUEST SPEAKER - DR. TERISA C. RILEY

Dr. Terisa C. Riley was named chancellor of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith by University of Arkansas System President Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt on April 16, 2019, and began her appointment on July 1 that year.

For nearly 30 years, she has dedicated her career to fostering access, opportunity, and success through education. Throughout her career, she has served in virtually every facet of higher education at both public and private universities. As a first-generation college student herself, Dr. Riley values public universities' missions to provide excellent and affordable educational opportunities, and she is committed to cultivating an inclusive campus where students and employees are valued, respected, and supported.



Chancellor Riley leads UAFS with a commitment to open communication, transparency, and shared governance. She has collaborated with campus leaders and stakeholders to prepare and implement strategic plans to drive enrollment and improve graduation rates, optimized spending practices, implemented campus reorganization and rebranding processes, and launched university-wide investments in student success practices. She has also invested heavily in technology to enhance education, open access, and reduce economic burdens for students.

She is dedicated to serving her community, currently serving as the chair of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce and on board of directors of the Van Buren chamber of commerce, Fort Smith United Way, US Marshals Museum, Fort Smith Regional Council, Fort Smith Workforce Council, and Arvest Bank. Dr. Riley is the vice president of the Lone Star Athletic Conference and holds several membership positions on boards within the University of Arkansas System.

Dr. Riley earned her bachelor's degree in communication and master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Missouri at Columbia and her doctorate in higher education administration and research methodology from Saint Louis University. She is also a graduate of the National Police Institute and the Governor's Executive Development Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

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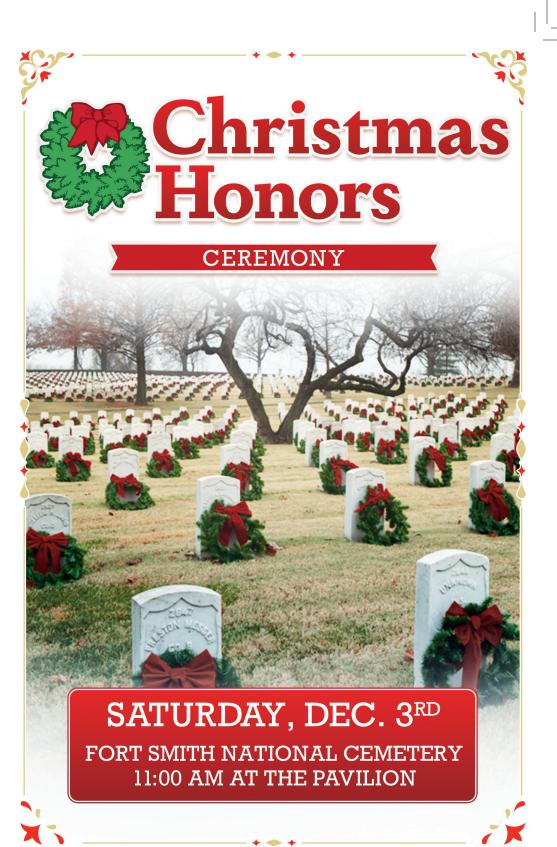
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8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Family Time

Please respect this time to allow the families of our heroes to lay wreaths on their loved one's headstone(s).

11:00 a.m. – Ceremony at the Pavilion

11:30 a.m. – Laying of the Wreaths

Immediately following the ceremony, attendees will be asked to lay wreaths on all remaining headstones.

- Please do not start to lay wreaths until the ceremony is complete.
- One wreath per headstone unless both spouses are veterans.
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Wreath Pick Up and Storage

Thursday, January 5, 2023
Fort Smith Convention Center Hall C at 9:00AM

PROGRAM

Vocal Prelude "My Country Tis of Thee"
Welcome
Presentation of Colors
National Anthem
Invocation
WelcomeThe Honorable Mayor George B. McGill City of Fort Smith Mayor and United States Army Veteran
Wreath Ceremony
Justin Legris—AR Army National Guard, 2nd Lt. James Anderson—United States Navy Veteran Robert Cates—United States Air Force Lt. Col. Ret. Will Dawson—United States Marine Corps Veteran Police Chief, Greenwood, Arkansas Zac Phillips—United States Coast Guard Petty Officer First Class Larry Todd—United States Navy CDR, Ret. representing United States Merchant Marines Danny Baker—All Branches POW/MIA, United States Army Veteran Police Chief, Fort Smith, Arkansas
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PROGRAM (cont'd)

Guest Speaker Introduction
Guest Speaker
Choral Selection "Joy to the World"
Genediction Rev. Tasha Blackburn Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith
Closing Remarks
Ceremonial Rifle SaluteRiver Valley Marine Corps League Detachment #1248
<i>Caps.</i> Justin Legris
Laying of the Wreaths
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