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TO: All State Agencies
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey *Kay Ivey*
DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
RE: Flags Lowered Honoring Former ADVA Director Roy McGinnis

I am directing flags to be lowered to half-staff on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and at all state veterans' facilities, to honor former Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Director Roy C. McGinnis, who passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Director McGinnis served the ADVA for 15 years in various positions until his retirement as commissioner in 1983. He was also an American war hero, serving in the Alabama National Guard and the United States Air Force for 27 years. As an engineer-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in World War II, his plane was shot down over Germany. He survived and became a Prisoner of War of the German Government for 19 months. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a chief master sergeant in 1968.

I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to Director McGinnis' loved ones and thank him for his incredible service to this nation and the state of Alabama.

The flags should be flown at half-staff on the day of Director McGinnis' interment on Saturday, February 27, 2021 until sunset.

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