

Quarterly Report

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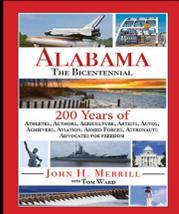
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Alabama's 2018 General Election Results



Secretary Merrill wants to hear from you! Send him an email at John.Merrill@sos.alabama.gov.

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Alabama General Election 2018

The Alabama General Election took place on November 6, 2018, and despite the inclement weather conditions, all polling locations opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. After the polls closed 12 hours later that evening, each county immediately began tallying their votes and posting the results on the Secretary of State's Elections Night Reporting website. The below information reflects the official results for the seven Constitutional Officers. To view the official results for the other state offices, please visit <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/election-information/2018>.

General Election 2018 Results (Constitutional Officers):

Date: November 6, 2018

Voter Turnout: More than 1.7 million (Midterm Election Record)

Final Results (Constitutional Officers):

Governor: Kay Ivey (R)-1,022,457 ; Walt Maddox (D)-694,495

Lieutenant Governor: Will Ainsworth (R)-1,044,941 ; Will Boyd (D)-660,013

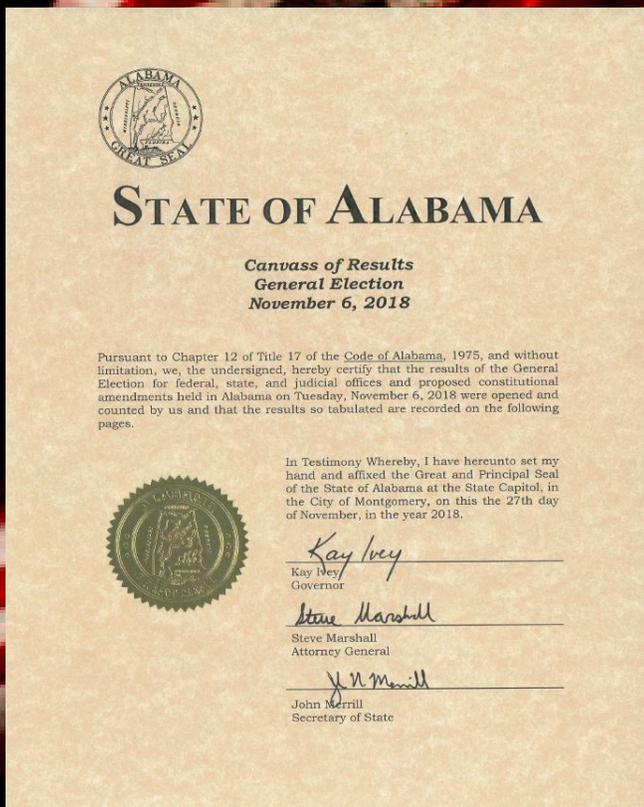
Attorney General: Steve Marshall (R)-1,004,438 ; Joseph Siegelman (D)-702,858

Secretary of State: John Merrill (R)-1,032,425 ; Heather Milam (D)-658,537

State Auditor: Jim Zeigler (R)-1,018,466 ; Miranda Joseph (D)-665,679

State Treasurer: John McMillan (R)-1,085,054 (unopposed)

State Commissioner of Agriculture: Rick Pate (R)-1,081,431 (unopposed)



The General Election results were officially certified at the Secretary of State's Office on November 27, 2018.

Alabama's Seven Constitutional Officers



**Governor
Kay Ivey**



**Lieutenant Governor
Will Ainsworth**



**Attorney General
Steve Marshall**



**Secretary of State
John H. Merrill**



**State Auditor
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**State Treasurer
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Secretary Merrill Releases a New Book

Throughout Alabama's rich history, its people have invented, created, inspired, led, and even changed the world.

Who invented the portable hearing aid, the windshield wiper, Wikipedia, and the Super Soaker? *Alabama: The Bicentennial* has already become more of an event than a book. The 365 profiles of the people, events, groups, and places that have defined the state's history weave a story that will entertain and capture the imaginations of people of all ages and backgrounds. The book's photos and graphics keep the attention of just about anyone opening its pages.

Who was kidnapped as an infant, but later became the first American non-president honored with a national monument?

Who was the first American doctor to surgically repair a wounded heart?

Which small Alabama town once had the busiest airport in America?

What town of 1,399 people produced a baseball hall of fame pitcher and a presidential candidate?

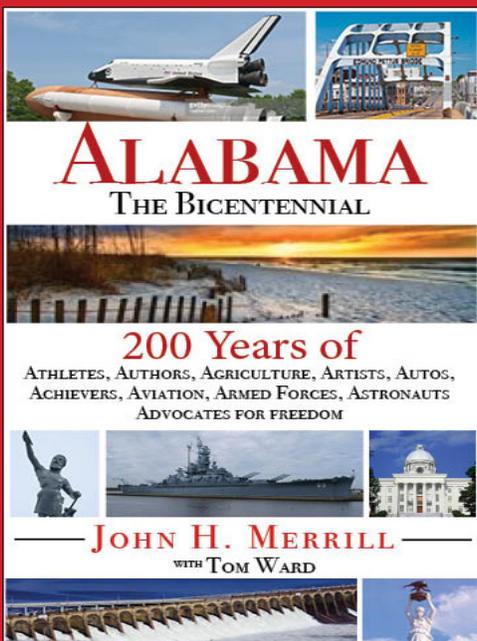
What musical act produced 21 songs in a row that hit number one on the charts?

*Who spent ten years trying to convince his employers that his magazine idea of *Southern Living* could succeed?*

Which nun took a vow of poverty then founded a global television network?

Who turned down Woodrow Wilson's offer to become Vice President of the United States?

The seemingly endless stories - hidden gems of global impact and transformed lives - deliver the type of book that the State of Alabama and its people truly deserve.



Note: Although Secretary Merrill is the author of *Alabama: The Bicentennial*, he has not and will not receive compensation in any form. 75% of the proceeds will go towards scholarship funding for the "Friends of the Alabama Archives," which will provide opportunities for underprivileged students to take class field trips with no additional cost to the schools.

Alabama: The Bicentennial can be purchased through the "Friends of the Alabama Archives."

Visit <https://www.friendsofthealabamaarchives.org>.

Secretary Merrill's Quarterly Travels



**Annual Northport Citizen of the Year Luncheon
October 4, 2018**



**Pam Harris' Retirement Ceremony
November 16, 2018**



**Boy Scouts of Troop 477
November 30, 2018**



**Burk-Kleinpeter Annual Christmas Party
December 7, 2018**

As a means to increase transparency and extend the services of the Secretary of State's Office to all Alabamians, Secretary Merrill's annual goal is to travel to each of Alabama's 67 counties at least once a year to speak to various groups of all ages, which includes but is not limited to fourth grade classes, graduation ceremonies, dinners, award presentations, and more.

The following list contains a select few of Secretary Merrill's travels for the **October through December 2018** quarter.

- Spoke with a group of homeschool students from Walker County during their tour of the State Capitol Building. October 1, 2018
- Interviewed by Lydia Nusbaum of WSFA-12 at the Capitol to discuss the measures taken by several state agencies to work together to keep the elections safe and fair against potential cyber security attacks. October 1, 2018
- Served as the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Northport Citizen of the Year Luncheon for the 10th year in a row. October 4, 2018
- Visited with the Choctaw County Board of Registrars Office. October 5, 2018
- Spoke to the members of the North Alabama Realtor Leadership Class at The Ledges. October 9, 2018
- Spoke to students enrolled in The University of Alabama's Honors College at The University of Alabama. October 17, 2018
- Spoke to the members of the Phenix City Rotary Club in Russell County. October 22, 2018
- Spoke to the Sirote and Permutt business division attorneys in Birmingham. October 25, 2018
- Spoke to the members of the Silver-haired Legislature at the Alabama State House Chamber. October 30, 2018
- Announced the Hillcrest High School football game against James Clemens. November 4, 2018
- Attended the retirement celebration for Pastor Curtis Kelley at Taylorville Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County. November 11, 2018
- Attended the Veterans' Day program at Tuscaloosa Christian School. November 12, 2018
- Attended the retirement ceremony for Pam Harris of the State Comptroller's Office at the State Capitol. November 16, 2018
- Met at the University of Alabama in Huntsville to discuss election security, election preparedness, election training, and the future of elections at UAH. November 29, 2018
- Visited with Limestone County Probate Judge Charles Woodruff and the members of the Board of Registrars in Athens. November 29, 2018
- Spoke to the Boy Scouts of Troop 477 at Lakeview Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County. November 30, 2018
- Attended the Alabama Farmers Federation 97th annual meeting at the Renaissance in Montgomery. December 2, 2018
- Interviewed by Reshad Hudson of WIAT CBS 42 at the State Capitol to discuss the late President George Herbert Walker Bush's influence and accomplishments. December 3, 2018
- Visited with Bibb County Probate Judge Stephanie Kemmer and the Board of Registrars in Centreville. December 3, 2018
- Attended the annual Burk-Kleinpeter Christmas party at the North River Yacht Club. December 7, 2018
- Visited with Tallapoosa County Probate Judge Tal East in Dadeville. December 11, 2018
- Spoke to the Alabama House of Representatives Republican Caucus during their luncheon. December 12, 2018
- Attended the annual PowerSouth Christmas lunch at the Montgomery Country Club. December 13, 2018
- Attended a live taping of Huckabee on TBN in Nashville, Tennessee. December 15, 2018
- Attended the Opry at the Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville. December 16, 2018
- Visited with Washington County Probate Judge Nick Williams in Chatom to discuss the modifications in election technology, as well as the electronic business filings process that will expedite the creation of jobs in Alabama. December 20, 2018
- Interviewed via telephone by Matt Murphy and Andrea Lindenberg on Real Talk FM 99.5 to discuss the recent news articles about artificial intelligence on FaceBook and Twitter related to the Roy Moore and Doug Jones campaign of 2017. December 27, 2018

Quarterly Accomplishments

- As of **December 2018**, there are **3,474,796** registered voters in the State of Alabama. **1,171,604** Alabamians have registered to vote since Secretary Merrill took office in **January 2015**.
- Secretary Merrill has traveled to all **67** of Alabama's **counties** at least once a year for seven consecutive years, with **more than 530 visits** in 2018 alone. **#All67**
- Since the beginning of the **2018** Election Cycle, the Secretary of State's Office has collected **more than \$122,000 in FCPA fines**. (For more information, visit <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/newsroom/alabama-secretary-states-office-has-recovered-over-100000-fcpa-fines>).
- On **December 31, 2018**, all business corporations filings have been filed on the **same day** they are received by the office (and no later than the next business day) for more than two consecutive years (more than **131** weeks).



Attention All Undergraduate Students!

Secretary of State John Merrill is looking for interns to work within the office during the Summer of 2019. If you are 18 years or older and currently enrolled as an undergraduate student, or if you know someone who fits this criteria and may be interested in applying, please see our internship application at <https://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/form-files/sosInternshipPacket.pdf>.

FAQs

When is the deadline to apply?

All applications and requested materials must be received by **February 1, 2019**.

Are the essay and recommendation letter mandatory?

Yes. Applicants who do not submit a completed essay along with at least one letter of recommendation from their school will be immediately disqualified. Essays that do not adhere to the assigned topic and word count are also subject to immediate disqualification.

Is this a paid internship?

Yes. All interns will be paid on an hourly basis. The pay will be approximately \$8.03 per hour worked.

How long will I have to work?

The office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and each employee and intern is allowed a one-hour lunch break each day. Interns must set their work schedules with the Chief of Staff to fit within this time frame. Regardless of the number of hours worked each day and week, all interns are required to work at least 360 total hours (9 weeks) to complete the internship.

Do I have to be a resident of Alabama to apply?

No.

Where can I stay if I don't reside within or near Montgomery?

Please see the page on "Housing Arrangements" in the internship packet. You will be responsible for arranging your housing.

When will I be notified about whether or not I was chosen for the program?

You will receive an emailed and mailed copy of your internship status letter *no later than March 1, 2019*. Please be sure to include a valid email and mailing address in your application.

If chosen, which Secretary of State Division will I be assigned?

Your assigned division depends on your preference, as well as the demand of assistance needed within the office. Most interns work within the Elections and/or Executive Divisions, but some may work within Business Services, the Legal staff, or Information Technology.

I'm interested in applying but would prefer to complete my internship during the Fall, Winter, or Spring. Is this possible?

Yes. If you're chosen and would like to complete your internship during another time within the year due to a conflicting schedule or other issue, we will make the necessary arrangements.

If you have additional questions, email Brittany Hamilton at Brittany.Hamilton@sos.alabama.gov or call the Secretary of State's Office at 334-242-7200.

Internships are limited! Apply today!

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Attention:

The Alabama Secretary of State's Business Entities, Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), and Information Systems Divisions have moved to the RSA Plaza building on 770 Washington Avenue. The Government Support/Authentications & Trademarks Division will remain in the Alabama State House. All contact numbers and email addresses will remain the same, as well.

Don't Miss **Volume 5 Issue 1**,
Coming **April 2019!**