

Alabamans join Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series pros Will Davis, Jr. and Jordan Lee for an inaugural Restock Alabama event where largemouth bass were released into Coosa River

LINCOLN, Ala., June 27, 2025 — Parties from all around the state of Alabama joined at Lincoln’s Landing on Logan Martin Lake on June 27 for the inaugural Restock Alabama event where 20,000 largemouth bass were released into the Coosa River system. Municipal leaders, Alabama state representatives, Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series pros Jordan Lee and Will Davis Jr. and representatives from the Alabama Department of Natural Resources all joined to take part in an initiative that over the course of time will make an impact to fisheries across the state of Alabama.

While it has taken an entire support system to make Restock Alabama a reality, one of the most influential individuals of the initiative is Lee Holmes of Sylacauga Marine & ATV. Knowing all the hard work that was put into this program made the day extremely special for Holmes.

“This is close to my heart, and this is just the beginning,” said Holmes. “We’ve had so much help from so many people to make this happen. This is the culmination of two years of really hard work with plenty of hoops to jump through to get to this point.

“I don’t know that I can mention everyone that has been a part of this, but companies like AmFirst Bank, Humminbird, Minn Kota, Davis Bait Co., Burton Advertising, American Sport Fish and the City of Lincoln have all been instrumental throughout this process.”



Progressive Bassmaster Elite Series pros Will Davis Jr. and Jordan Lee joined Restock Alabama's inaugural event, where 20,000 largemouth bass were released into Logan Martin Lake. (Photo by Solomon Glenn/B.A.S.S.)

Considering the group is made of avid anglers and advocates of the sport, the goal of the Restock Alabama program is to give back and make fishing great for future generations to come.

“I just think this is a great thing for the community and the younger generations to be able to enjoy the resource like we’ve done for all these years,” said

Holmes. “This is just the starting point. We hope that in years to come we’re stocking over 50,000 fish a year every year and that this stretches to other lakes in the state long term.”

Also on hand for the inaugural stocking was Deputy Commissioner of Conservation for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Re-

sources Ed Poolos.

“Anytime the Department of Conservation gets to come to an event like this and see local partners coming together for the outdoors and fishing it is a win, win, win for generations to come,” said Poolos. “The one thing that comes through about Lee Holmes and everyone involved is

the passion for fishing, the bodies of water and doing what’s right for conservation. None of this would be possible without great passion.”

Once the largemouth bass fingerlings were distributed, volunteers, which included local anglers, high school anglers, college anglers and Progressive

Bassmaster Elite Series anglers Davis Jr. and Lee, took the fish to strategically chosen destinations for release.

Having the opportunity to give back and be a part of a special program was an opportunity that Lee and Davis Jr. couldn’t pass up.

“I’ve always wanted to be a part of something like this,” said Lee. “The bass fishing in Alabama and the people around here have given me so much over the course of my career. A little bit goes a long way, and this is just the start, and that’s what’s so cool about it. In five to 10 years there’s no telling (what) this can become.”

Spending so much time growing up on Logan Martin Lake made this experience extremely special for Davis Jr.

“It just feels so good to give back to a lake that means so much to you and a sport that you love,” said Davis Jr. “Supplying the resource for younger generations that are growing up in the sport is special.”

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Profile: Medal of Honor recipient Air Force Capt. Steven Logan Bennett from sports-Military 2

the skies was if Bennett intervened.

The 26-year-old pilot knew it was a massive risk because of the enemy's heat-seeking surface-to-air missiles; however, he didn't hesitate to start attacking the hostile positions with his aircraft's four small machine guns.

After four passes, the enemy began to retreat. However, as Bennett completed a fifth pass, one of the missiles struck his aircraft, severely damaging the left engine and the left main landing gear. A fire quickly began spreading throughout the aircraft. Bennett realized they would likely not make it to a friendly airfield for an emergency landing, so he told Brown to prepare to eject from the plane. However, Brown quickly noticed that his parachute had been shredded by the missile.

Bennett's parachute was still intact, but he knew that Brown would have no chance of survival if he ejected alone. Instead, Bennett chose to do the most selfless thing he could think of — ditch the plane in the Gulf of Tonkin. No pilot in that type of aircraft had ever survived a controlled emergency water landing before, so Bennett knew his chances of survival were slim.

There were five or 10 minutes before we would hit the water, and knew full well his chances were virtually nil," Brown told The Daily Advertiser newspaper out of Lafayette in 2010. "He could have gotten out himself, but he chose not to do that."

But he wanted Brown to live.

When the aircraft hit the water, the plane cartwheeled and smashed the front cockpit into pieces. Brown struggled to get out at first, but he finally reached the surface. He tried numerous times to reach Bennett, but the plane began to sink before he made any headway.

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Brown, who was rescued soon after, knew Bennett had given his life to save him.

Bennett's body was recovered from the gulf the next day. He was returned home and buried in

Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery and Mausoleum in his hometown.

More than two years later, on Aug. 8, 1974, Bennett's widow and young daughter received the Medal of Honor on his behalf from Vice President Gerald Ford. Brown, who met Angela Bennett when she got older, became close with the daughter of the man who saved his life.

"I've never met a braver man than Steve," Brown said during his 2010 interview.

Bennett's sacrifice has been remembered across the Defense Department. In 1997, the Military Sealift Command acquired a container ship and renamed it the Capt. Steven L. Bennett. Buildings at other military installations are also named for the pilot.

In his hometown of Lafayette, the Cajundome Convention Center dedicated a memorial plaza to Bennett in 1985.

This article is part of Dept. of Defense's weekly series called "Medal of Honor Monday," in which we highlight one of the more than 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients who have received the U.S. military's highest medal for valor.

NRA names Kyle Lamb as Brand Ambassador ... from sports-Military 2

awareness of the program’s mission. We’re proud to welcome Kyle Lamb as a Brand Ambassador and look forward to his impact on this growing program.”

Lamb is enthusiastic for the NRA’s new initiative focused on training responsible AR owners through practical competitions designed to enhance skills and confidence nationwide.

“The new NRA leadership is making a critical commitment to properly train responsible citizens with their AR and provide them with a practical competition, which will be available across the nation soon,” said Kyle Lamb. “I’m delighted that the NRA is getting back to their core mission of practical training and providing modernized competitions. When I heard about the ARC program, its focus on the

AR, and the NRA’s desire to provide AR training and ARC competitions, I wanted to be involved. ARC is an excellent opportunity to build real skills with real purpose, specifically on the AR platform. It allows responsible AR owners at any level to get ARC training and compete from the local level to the national level. I’m excited to work with the NRA to help millions of responsible Americans become more confident and competent with their AR, while preserving the traditions and freedoms we’ve fought to protect.”

About Rifle Challenge

NRA America’s Rifle Challenge (ARC), beginning August 4, 2025, is a nationwide marksmanship and training program designed around the AR-15 platform to include the use of op-

tional suppressors. Combining structured beginner and intermediate AR training, as well as structured AR-based shooting competitions, ARC promotes responsible gun ownership, skill development, and a strong community of capable civilian marksmen.

For more information on ARC or to find an event near you, visit arc.nra.org. Interested individuals, ranges, and gun clubs can contact Chad Barber, NRA ARC Program Manager, for more information at: ARCINFO@nrahq.org.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Interested sponsors or groups should contact Steve Kupcha, Managing Director of NRA Corporate Partnerships, at skupcha@nrahq.org for more information.

Memphis Grizzlies agree in principle to acquire draft rights to Jahmai Mashack

MEMPHIS, Tenn. June 26, 2025— The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team has agreed in principle to acquire the draft rights to Tennessee guard Jahmai Mashack (juh-MY MAY-shack), the No. 59 overall pick in the 2025 NBA Draft, from the Houston Rockets as part of a trade that is not yet final.

Mashack (6-3, 197) started all 38

appearances last season as a senior at Tennessee and averaged 6.0 points, 4.2 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.7 steals in 28.2 minutes to help guide the Volunteers to the Elite 8 round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year.

The 22-year-old California native was selected to the 2024-25 SEC All-Defensive Team

after leading the conference in defensive box plus/minus (7.0) and finishing his collegiate career ranked seventh in NCAA history in the category (6.3). He also placed fourth in the SEC in defensive rating (97.3) and defensive win shares (2.3) and sixth in the conference in total steals (64) and steal percentage (3.7).

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