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NOVEMBER DATES FOR OUTREACH PROGRAM

Nov. 2nd: Nov. 9th: 9-12Batesburg-Leesville9-12Chapin

Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Lexington Main Office: From Batesburg/Leesville: From Chapin:

785-8400 332-8400 941-0231

NOV. ZNA	Election Day
Nov. 7th	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 7th	Lexington County Veterans
	Parade 3 P.M.
Nov. 10th	US Marine Corps Established
	(1975)
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day
Nov. 11th	Signing of WWI Armistice

Election Day

DATES TO REMEMBER:

(1918)

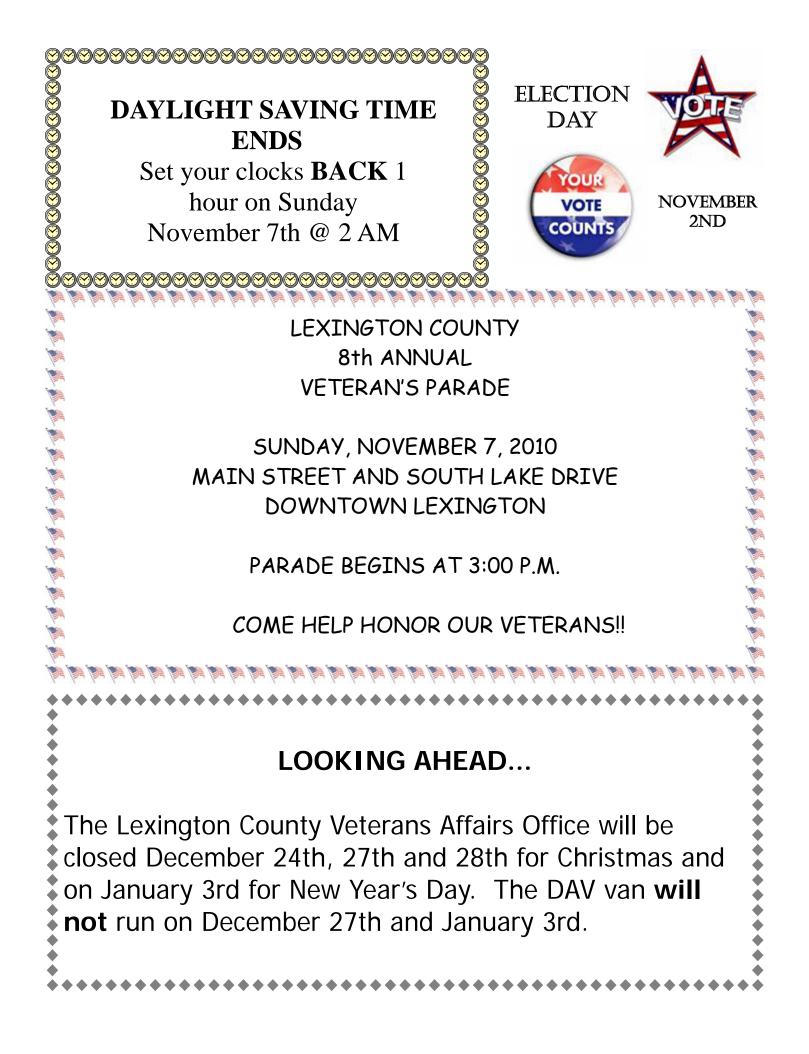
Nov. 25th Thanksgiving Day



Lets Give Thanks for the Freedoms We Enjoy

REMINDER

The Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and on November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving. The DAV van will not run on November 11th and November 25th.





REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH

2010 will mark the 19th anniversary of Worcester Wreath Company donating Maine wreaths to adorn the headstones of our Nation's veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to 15,000 wreaths destined for Virginia, Worcester Wreath will again donate 7 ceremonial wreaths to over 410 State, National and local cemeteries across the Country. In 2009 wreath-laying ceremonies were coordinated in 24 foreign cemeteries and aboard Naval ships in all Seven Seas, this tradition continues into 2010.

In response to the many voices who wanted to share in the project, the non-profit Wreaths Across America organization was formed (EIN: 20-8362270) to expand the program by offering supporters the opportunity to sponsor a wreath. Our goal is to one day see every veterans grave in the country covered to honor every veteran during the holidays. In 2008 we expanded once again to give even more organizations the chance to help bring our goal to fruition by providing the opportunity to fund raise for their organizations needs along with helping Wreaths Across America gather sponsorships for wreaths.

Sponsorships are \$15 each. Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries, help support our fundraising partners, educational and veterans services outreach. *Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.*

There is no stipulation for participation in these activities. We welcome all to join us at Wreaths Across America as the organization was formed to promote and coordinate sponsorship of wreaths for the other national, state and local cemeteries that have shown a desire to emulate the Arlington wreath-laying event. If you would like to participate or help bring sponsored wreaths to your local community, please contact us and we will help connect you with other groups already working in your area.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 5th, 2010

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to participating locations all across the Country Monday, December 6th State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico Saturday December 11th, 12:00 noon (EST)

Simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 350 locations all across the World.

For more information visit <u>www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org</u>, or call 207-483-2039.

You can also email <u>Marcy@wreathsacrossamerica.org</u>, <u>Amy@waa08@yahoo.com</u> or <u>Wayne@wreathsacrossamerica.org</u> Locally, you can contact Carol at <u>waaftjackson@yahoo.com</u> or call (803) 739-2774



MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE HOMEBOUND ELDERLY

For More Information Please Call: Heidi @ 957-3602 or LCRAC @ 356-5111



Tax ID 20-8362270 Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at <u>www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org</u>

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name:		
Address:		
City:		
State:	Zip:	
Email:		

(To receive our FREE email newsletter)

Sponsoring Group ID Number: <u>SCNDV001</u> For every 2 Wreaths purchased on this form, we receive a third one free Cemetery Designation: <u>Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia, SC</u> (please select one cemetery per group)

Cemetery ID Number: <u>SCFJNC</u> (located on our website under locations tab)

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths or more	\$15.00 each wreath		
WAA Pins (25 pins per pack)	\$10.00 / pk		
WAA Patch	\$3.00 each		
		Grand Total	

WE DO NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS

Please make All checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America TM P.O. BOX 3356 West Columbia, SC 29171

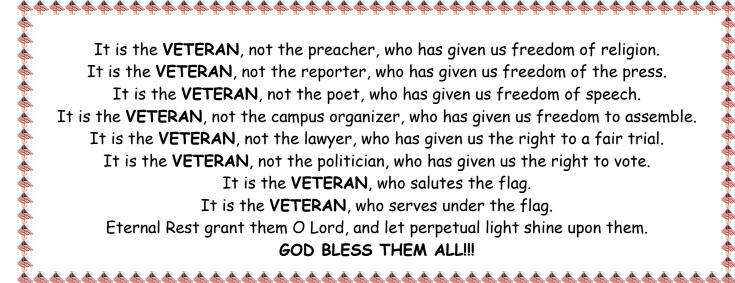
Local Contact:

Carol Davis (803) 739-2774

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

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We Honor Those Who Serve

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day originated as "**Armistice Day**" on November 11, 1919, on the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and

November 11th became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in **1954** to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American Wars. The day has evolved into also honoring living military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation. A national ceremony also takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, where the President typically places a wreath.

