

**Veterans Affairs Office
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SEPTEMBER DATES FOR OUTREACH PROGRAM

September 7th: 9-12 Batesburg-Leesville
September 14th: 9-12 Chapin

Please call the office to schedule an
appointment.

TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Lexington Main Office: 785-8400
From Batesburg/Leesville: 332-8400
From Chapin: 941-0231



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 2nd V-J Day (1945)**
- September 6th Labor Day**
County Offices Closed
- September 11th Patriot Day**
- September 11th Anniversary of 9-11 Terror**
Attacks on U.S. (2001)
- September 14th "Star Spangled Banner"**
Written by Francis Scott
Key (1814)
- September 17th US Constitution Approved**
(1787)
- September 18th U.S. Air Force Established**
(1947)
- September 19th DOW/MIA Recognition Day**
- September 23rd Autumn Begins**
- September 29th VFW Day (Established**
1899)

REMINDER

ALL COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON **SEPTEMBER 6TH** IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. THE DAV VAN **WILL NOT** BE IN SERVICE THAT DAY.



*To Honor Our
WWII Veterans*

HONOR FLIGHT—SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
Information at www.honorflightsc.com
803-582-8826

Sheriff presents check for Honor Flight

Lexington County Sheriff James R. Metts and Lexington County Sheriff's Department Sgt. David L. Amick on Wednesday, July 28 presented a check in the amount of \$6,020 to Bill Dukes, chairman of Honor Flight South Carolina.

The check reflected proceeds from a motorcycle benefit run that Amick recently organized in order to raise money for Honor Flight, which provides airline and ground transportation for World War II military veterans to visit military memorials in Washington, D.C., Metts said. Nearly 100 motorcycle riders participated in the motorcycle benefit run.


Metts and Amick presented the check to Dukes during a quarterly Sheriff's Department awards ceremony. During the awards ceremony, Metts recognized Sgt. Robin Walters, Master Deputy Dana Catoe, Field Training Officer Scott Barber, Deputy Richard Jacob, Deputy Shaun Gause and Chapin Resident Deputy Donall Stoudemire for assisting Amick with the benefit run.

"As a military veteran, David Amick recognizes the importance of honoring persons who have defended America's freedoms in military combat," Metts said. "Honor Flight South Carolina enables military veterans who are living on fixed incomes to visit memorials that our nation has constructed in order to recognize the sacrifices that have been made by men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces."

Amick lives near Chapin and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

(source Lexington Chronicle, August 5, 2010)





LEXINGTON COUNTY
8th Annual
VETERAN'S PARADE

Sunday, November 7, 2010
Main Street and South Lake Drive
Downtown Lexington

PARADE BEGINS AT 3:00 P.M.
(No entry fee)

COME HELP HONOR OUR VETERANS !!
Grand Marshalls: Gulf War Veterans
1990- (present)

A memorial service will be held at the Veterans's
Monument following the parade

SPONSORED BY:

LEXINGTON COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS
AMERICAN LEGION POST 7
VFW POST 8738
TOWN OF LEXINGTON

For More Information Contact:
Sharon Willis 785-1454
Veterans Affairs office 785-8400



Welcome Home 2010
Thursday, September 9, 2010
11 am - 3 pm
USS Yorktown
Naval and Maritime Museum at Patriots Point
Charleston, SC

Welcome Home 2010 is a free event that is open to all Veterans, service members and their families.

It will feature:

Job fair with employers on site

Health fair

Mobile Vet Center

Expert advice and enrollment for Veteran health care and benefits

And more

Veterans and their family members will also enjoy free guided tours of the USS Yorktown and the Charleston Air Force Mini C-17. The event will begin promptly at 11 am following the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sponsors include:

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center

VA Southeast Network

Veterans Benefits Administration

Vet Center

South Carolina Department of Employment and Work Force

Governor's Office Department of Veterans Affairs

Members of the Charleston Defense Contractor's Association

Heather Friesen
Public Affairs Specialist
Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center

2010 Lexington County Veteran's Parade Application
Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

ENTRY IS FREE! DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 15, 2010

***** ALL MARCHING BANDS AND ROTC GROUPS WILL MEET IN THE PARKING LOTS OF BUSINESSES THAT ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAY IN THE BUTLER STREET AND MAIN STREET AREA. PLEASE USE CAUTION. PLEASE DROP OFF ALL MEMBERS AND YOU CAN PARK AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT FOR PICK UP. PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE UP SPACES AT MCDONALD'S FOR PARKING. THANKS, PARADE ROUTE WILL LINE UP AT HAYGOOD AND WEST BUTLER STREET, ENTER MAIN STREET TAKE A LEFT, GO DOWN MAIN STREET, TURN RIGHT ON SOUTH LAKE DRIVE AND THEN LEFT, ENDING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT.

Name of Entry: _____

Description of Entry: _____
(i.e., truck, car, float, tractor trailer - include the length of your entry)

Number Participating: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Entry Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (W) _____ (H) _____

Email address: _____ Fax : _____

Mail Applications To:
Lexington County Veteran's
Parade Committee
Attn: Sharon Willis, Chairperson
212 South Lake Drive Ste 302
Lexington SC 29072

For More Information Contact:
Sharon Willis 803-785-1454
Cell # 803-237-9617
Fax # 803-785-8300
Veterans Affairs office 803-785-8400

***** Applications can be emailed to you also. Contact Sharon at swillis@lex-co.com
ONCE THE LINE UP FOR THE PARADE HAS BEEN DETERMINED YOU WILL RECEIVE A MAP AND LOCATION FOR YOUR PLACE IN THE PARADE. PLEASE ENTER THE PARADE LINE UP ROUTE FROM SOUTH CHURCH AND GO UP BUTLER STREET. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER FROM COLUMBIA AVENUE OR MAIN. TURNING FLOATS AND TRAILORS AROUND IS VERY DIFFICULT. HAYGOOD STREET MUST BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE LINEUP. IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL REQUESTS, PLEASE CALL ME AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP, REMEMBER NOT EVERYONE CAN BE UP FRONT. MAIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED DOWN AT 2:45 SO PLEASE BE AT YOUR LOCATION BY 2:30. *THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BE A PART OF THIS PARADE. SHARON*

(A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE VETERANS MONUMENT FOLLOWING THE PARADE.)

**ALL OF THE VETERANS APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND THEY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**



You and your family, along with Members of the South Carolina General Assembly,
are invited to join

South Carolina Students Honoring Valor
to KICK OFF

Medal of Honor Week

~A tribute to America's Greatest Heroes~

Featuring

The 282nd Army Band

Medal of Honor Movie

Monday, September 27th, 2010

11 a.m.

First Baptist Church

1306 Hampton Street

Columbia, South Carolina

By Sept. 1

Reservations #of guests

Phone 803 212-8321

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803-744-5240

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Sponsored by:

City of Columbia

SC Military Department

Rogers Townsend & Thomas

The Values of the Medal of Honor Society

Courage

We embrace the indomitable courage demonstrated by the recipients of America's highest military honor for valor as an ideal that should endure in all ways of life

Sacrifice

We support sacrifice and service above self as principles that all Americans should strive for as citizens of a free and prosperous nation.

Patriotism

We promote love of country and are committed to support and defend the freedoms we enjoy as Americans

Citizenship

We believe that America's destiny lies in its youth and are committed to helping them become worthy citizens of our country in the belief that ordinary Americans have the potential to challenge fate and change the course of history

Integrity

We believe that the mark of a true hero is to have the moral courage to do what needs to be done because it is the right thing to do.

Commitment

We steadfastly support the valiant men and women who serve our country in the same spirit of commitment and sacrifice as those who preceded them.