



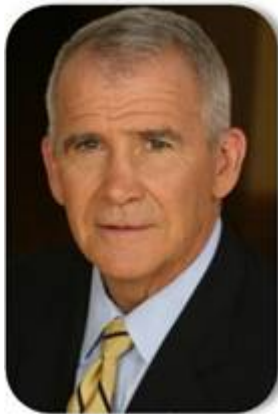
# ◆ Honor and Support Your South Carolina Veterans ◆

The Blue Star Mothers of the Midlands are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Palmetto Patriots' Ball on May 22, 2010 at the Medallion Center in Columbia, SC. The event will raise money to support our South Carolina Veterans. This year's beneficiaries are Dorn Veterans Hospital Veterans Transportation Network, Fisher House Foundation and Angels House. For more information, please visit [www.palmettopatriotsball.org](http://www.palmettopatriotsball.org).



**Saturday May 22, 2010**  
**The Medallion Center - Columbia, SC**  
**Reception and Silent Auction 6:00 / Dinner and Dancing 7:15**  
**Semi-Formal or Military Dress**

**Keynote Speaker:**



**Oliver North**

**Combat-Decorated Marine, Best-Selling Author  
and Former US Counter-Terrorism Coordinator**

This event will leave you with a new sense of pride in the service and sacrifice of South Carolina's veterans and their families. Join us as we recognize those who have dedicated their lives to protect our country and our freedom. Be moved by stories of heroism and service as you visit with many who have served. Join us as we salute South Carolina's Finest.

***Tickets May Be Purchased by Clicking the Link Below***  
***Veterans/Enlisted - \$50.00***  
***Officers/Civilians - \$60.00***



# VETERANS



## **Veteran's Widows and Family Members**

**Are you getting all the VA benefits you are eligible for?**

**You may qualify for:**

**Pension, Service Connected Compensation, Health Care,  
Nursing Home Services, Hearing Aids**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**VA Representatives Available to Discuss Benefits,  
(DD-214s) and Awards and Decorations**

**Vendors - Door Prizes**

**A light lunch will be available between 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M.**

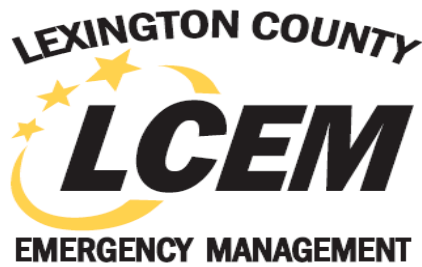
**FOR LUNCH, PLEASE RSVP 803-796-8700**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER — 1:00 P.M.**

**T. MOFFATT BURRISS  
AUTHOR OF "STRIKE AND HOLD"**

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*Help Lexington County Emergency Services  
get vital information to you!*

### INFORMATION

Lexington County has the ability to do mass notifications during an emergency event in the County.

Most Lexington County business and residential landlines have been registered in the system.

Citizens are urged to register any additional contact information such as cell phone numbers, pager numbers and email addresses to ensure that they receive emergency notifications ---- regardless of where they are at the moment - By.....

Accessing the Lexington County Emergency Notification System Portal at:

<http://www.lex-co.sc.gov/emd>

Under "Register to Receive Emergency Warnings" click on Register Your Information Here;

**Stay Safe, Stay Informed..... Sign-Up!**



**APRIL 17,21-24  
COLUMBIA, SC**

**FIRST NATIONAL  
VIETNAM ERA  
VETERAN'S  
HOMECOMING**



**Schedule of Events**  
(Subject to change)

**Saturday, April 17th**  
Ho Chi Minh Trail Ride (Poker Run)

**Wednesday, April 21th**  
Honor Flight  
(1st time for a few Vietnam and Korean Vets)

**Thursday, April 22nd** Golf Tournament  
rescheduled!

**Friday, April 23rd**  
Battalion Graduation 0900hrs  
Hilton Field, Ft. Jackson.  
"Welcome Home to Ft. Jackson, SC"  
Weston Lake Rec Center (BBQ) 1200hrs

Medallion Center  
Welcome Home Banquet 1800hrs  
Bobbie "The Weather Girl"  
Master of Ceremonies  
Jack Van Loan, RVN POW Keynote  
War Story Contest, mini-reunions

**Saturday, April 24th 1200hrs**  
Spouse Shopping  
Gold Star Families Luncheon  
Botanical Gardens, Riverbanks Zoo  
Four Corps USO Hangar Dance 1900hrs  
State Aeronautics Hanger,  
Metropolitan Airport

[WWW.CelebrateFreedomFoundation.Org](http://WWW.CelebrateFreedomFoundation.Org)



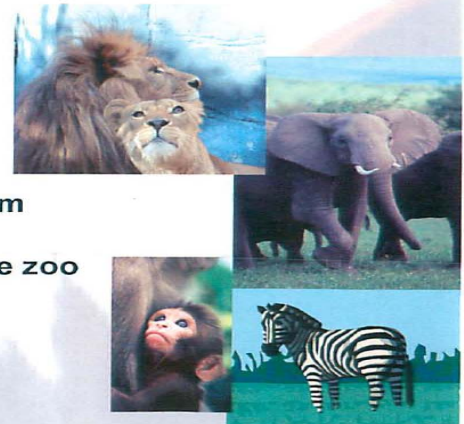
**Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom Combat  
Veterans/Family Day at  
Riverbanks Zoo**



**Dorn VA Medical Center**  
*Honors combat vets who served in  
OEF-OIF theaters since 9/11/2001*

- **Wednesday, March 24, starts at 10:30 am**
- **Riverbanks Zoo**  
500 Wildlife Parkway  
Columbia, SC 29210-8093
- **Pick up Free Guest Passes from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm**
- **Free Lunch available from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm**
- **Receive gift bag loaded with goodies as you exit the zoo**
- **Surprises for the kids**
- **RSVP required by March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Contact: Stacey Davis 803-776-4000 x7303**





# “RALLY FOR OUR VETERANS”

**April 21, 2010, 11am –2pm**  
**State House, Capital North-end steps**

***Come out and bring a chair!***

This is an invitation for all Veterans in South Carolina. It is time for us to come together and show our Legislators who we are and advocate for veterans’ benefits and services.

Organized by the South Carolina Veterans’ Advocacy Council.



**Suggested Itinerary**  
**2-23-10**

## Capitol Tours

*A Full Service Motorcoach Tour Company*

Military Order of the Purple Hearts Chapter 402 presents. . .

### Washington, DC

August 24-26, 2010



**Tuesday, August 24**

7:30am Meet your fellow travelers at Capitol Tours office in West Columbia.  
 8:00am Depart the West Columbia area and start your journey to Washington, DC. We will make a brief biscuit break (on your own) and rest stops and lunch (on your own) en route.  
 6:00pm Dinner will be in the area on your own. Following dinner and as time permits we will drive by the **Iwo Jima Memorial and the Air Force Memorial**.  
 8:00pm Check-in at the **hotel**. Relax and settle in for the evening.

**Wednesday, August 25** –Breakfast included at the hotel.

8:30am Depart for Fort Myers. Today you will tour **Fort Myers (Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall), Arlington National Cemetery** as well as see the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**. You will have lunch at Ft Myers (on your own).  
 Following lunch as time permits we will tour the **Monuments and Memorials** not already seen such as the **WWII, Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial**. The bus can take you near the WWII and the Lincoln Memorial but you will be walking to the other memorials. Have your comfortable walking shoes on.  
 4:30pm Meet the bus and travel back to the hotel to freshen up.  
 6:00pm Depart for dinner at **Sine’, a Irish Pub and Restaurant (included)**. Return to the hotel following dinner.

**Thursday, August 26** – Full American breakfast included at the hotel.

7:30am Have your bags packed and ready at your door for pick-up.  
 8:30am Time to say good-bye to Washington, DC.  
 9:00am Arrive at the **National Museum of the Marine Corp** for a self-guided tour of this fascinating museum. *World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology will surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action.*  
 11:00am Have lunch at the **Tuns Tavern** in the museum. (included).  
 12:00pm Time to depart the museum and head for home. We will be making rest stops and a light dinner break if needed (on your own) en route.  
 8:00pm Estimated arrival in Columbia.



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Contact James Miller with the Military Order of the Purple Heart @ 803-755-0304 if you are interested in going.