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**APRIL DATES FOR  
OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Apr. 5th: 9-12 Batesburg-Leesville  
Apr. 12th: 9-12 Chapin

**Please call the office to schedule an  
appointment.**

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**TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 1 April Fools Day
- April 6 Army Day
- April 11 Veterans Advisory  
Committee—7:00pm
- April 11 Persian Gulf War Official  
Ceasefire (1991)
- April 15 Income Tax Day
- April 17 Palm Sunday
- April 19 Passover
- April 22 Good Friday
- April 24 Easter Sunday
- April 27 Administrative  
Professionals Day



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

*“Volunteers are seldom paid;  
not because they are worthless, but  
because they are PRICELESS!”*

*--author unknown*

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

The Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed on May 10 in observance of Confederate Memorial Day and May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

The DAV Van will not run on May 30.

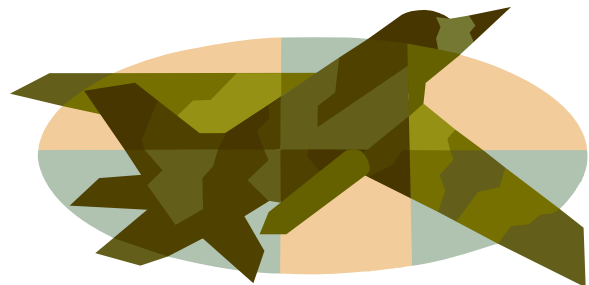


## HONOR FLIGHT CONCERT

A special tribute to all WWII Veterans will be held on April 3, 2011 at the Township Auditorium in Columbia, SC. The Glen Miller Band will be the featured entertainment. WWII Veterans will be admitted FREE. Tickets will be available for all family and friends.

NEXT HONOR FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR

April 27, 2011  
For more information:  
[www.honorflightsc.com](http://www.honorflightsc.com)



**2011 Palmetto Patriots Ball**  
**Date: May 14, 2011**



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Lt. General Russel Honore'**  
**US Army (Ret)**

# **SOUTH CAROLINA VETERAN'S ADVOCACY COUNCIL**

## **VETERANS AND FAMILIES FIRST**

Founding Organizations:

The American Legion, The Disabled American Veterans, The Military Order of Purple Hearts, Military Officers Association of America, The Retired Enlisted Association, South Carolina Association of County Veterans Affairs Officers, The Vietnam Veterans of America, and The Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

South Carolina Veterans to Rally at the State House  
Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Several hundred of South Carolina's Veterans will gather at State House Grounds on Wednesday, April 27th from 10am to 2pm On the North End Steps at the Capitol.

The Purpose of this rally is for the 413,000 South Carolina Veterans to have their voices heard when it comes to Veterans access to physical and mental Health care, spousal benefits and programs for the homeless Veterans.

Veterans of all branches are encouraged to Stand Up and Be Heard.

You have fought for your Country, Now Fight for your Rights.

For more information, contact Richland County Veterans Affairs Office at 803-576-1906

**\*\*There are more than 23.2 million Veterans in the United States\*\***

# SOUTH CAROLINA VETERAN'S ADVOCACY COUNCIL

\* RALLY FOR OUR VETERANS \*  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011 10:00am-2:00pm.  
State House/Capitol North End Steps

## Purpose

To Rally and Advocate for Veterans benefits and services, by bringing issues to the fore-front, for action.

## Issues

Restoration and increased funding for County Veterans Affairs Offices, the State Division of veterans Affairs and Service Organizations.

Change the status of The State Division of veterans Affairs Office, by establishing a Commission on Veterans Affairs as a stand a-lone entity.

Permit veterans Service Organizations to conduct raffles and other fund-raiser activities, to support their causes, as clarified and identified by state law.

Provide access to health and mental health care for eligible Veterans, low-income and Homeless Veterans, mainly in rural areas.

Additional State of South Carolina Veterans Nursing Homes and possible improvements to existing Nursing Facilities/ plus access to adult Daycare Services.

Generate maximum use of State tax revenue for the benefit of Veterans and for certain eligible Surviving Spouses.

Increase Homeless Veterans Services/Advocate for Veterans employment opportunities.



## **WWII Tribute Show and More**

### **Special Events for All WWII Veterans of South Carolina!**

#### **Saturday, April 2 - McEntire Joint National Guard Tribute To WWII Veterans -**

- All WWII Veterans are invited as "Honored Guest" at the McEntire Joint National Guard Military and Families Appreciation Day. The event will be a thank you to all our Guard persons and Active service persons and their families. Special events are planned. **A special invitation will be sent to all WWII Veterans, which will allow their car to enter the base.**

**Sunday, April 3 - First Baptist Church Tribute to WWII Veterans** - - Pastor Wendell Estep and the members of First Baptist Church invite WWII Veterans and their families to be special guest at the 10:30 am worship service on April 3. After the worship service, enjoy lunch in one of Columbia's downtown restaurants before the Tribute Concert at 2:30 pm.

**WWII Tribute Concert** - - This will be a special Tribute to all WWII Veterans. The tribute will be held in Columbia at the Township Auditorium. The Glen Miller Band will be the featured entertainment. WWII Veterans and one guest will be admitted FREE. Show begins at 2:30 PM.

#### **Ticket Information**

Complimentary tickets for WWII Veterans and their one guest can be obtained by mailing reply card included with your invitation or by calling 803-582-8826. Tickets for the general public will be available through Ticketmaster by calling 1-800-745-3000 or online at ticketmaster.com and at the Township Auditorium box office. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

#### **Hotel Information**

Hotels listed below have offered special rates for WWII Veterans and families during the Tribute Weekend.

**Clarion Hotel:** \$65.00 with discounted breakfast.

Call (803) 771-8711 and ask for "WWII Tribute" rate.

**Marriott Downtown:** \$62.00.

Call (803) 771-7000 and ask for the "Salute the Troops" rate.

**Courtyard by Marriott Columbia Downtown at USC:** \$63.

Call (803) 799-7800 and ask for "Salute the Troops" rate.

**Hilton-The Vista:** \$109.00.

Call (803) 744-7800 and ask for "WWII Tribute" rate.

**Sheraton Downtown:** \$105.00.

Call (803) 988-1400 and ask for "WWII Tribute" rate.



Joint Base Charleston - Air Base will be host to the Thunderbirds on 9 April 2011. There will be a list of performers and events on-line at [charlestonairexpo.com](http://charlestonairexpo.com). Check back often to see how this year's show will unfold!

