



May 12, 2012

DAV, Chapter 11, Newsletter F.D. Roosevelt, Florence, SC

Upcoming DAV Events

May 17-20

State Convention - Columbia

May 23 - 10 am

Commander Nursing Home

May 25-26 - 10 am

Sam's Club - Fund Raising

May 28 - 10 am

Memorial Day Service at
National Cemetery-Florence

Aug 4-7

DAV National Convention
Las Vegas, NV

Other Events

May 17 - 10 am

PeeDee Vets Advisory
Committee - Florence Library

May 27 - 8-9:30 pm

Memorial Day Concert on
Sunday on PBS TV

PRAYER LIST



- Curtis Graham - health
- Wayne Johnson - health
- John Tedder - sister's health and granddaughter in accident
- Montgomery's - Daughter Donna - in hospital, life threatening
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From your Commander -Bob Eldridge



Today is the beginning of a new start in our new home. And just like in the military, now it's time to get to work. And boy do we have a lot of work ahead of us. We're going to need everyone to volunteer themselves to help get it all done. With Memorial Day right around the corner, we owe it to our vets to show them we care and we're here for them.

On May 23rd, we have our visit to Commander Nursing Home. These folks really do love it when we visit with them. May 25 & 26, we have fund raising going on at Sam's club. This is during a holiday weekend but the more people who sign up, the shorter the shifts will be. And May 28th is the Memorial Day service at National Cemetery. It's only about an hour long. There are some chairs there but you may want to bring your own and an umbrella to keep the sun off you or in case it rains.

It's a lot going on and we need everyone to really show our vets that we're here for them.



We're honored to have Jeremy Staat, Wesley Barrientos and their crew with us here today. Both are Iraqi War veterans, Jeremy, in the Marines and Wesley in the Army. On Wesley's 3rd tour of duty, he was injured in a bombing. As a result, he had to have both legs amputated. He does not let that stop him.

These two distinguished veterans have been cycling from Bakersfield, CA since Feb. 19, 2012 and are heading to Washington D.C. The plan is to be in D.C. by Memorial Day. Their mission is "to raise awareness of and support for our Nation's Veterans, Veteran organizations, Veteran suicide awareness, and to promote Veteran centers on all college campuses throughout our Nation" and to promote "good lifetime fitness activities" to help prevent childhood obesity.

If you would like to donate to their cause or to find out more about their ride and their foundations, please visit their website at

www.walltowallbicycleride.com
www.thejeremystaatfoundation.org
search on facebook for *Life Over Legs*



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Working Together Works

One of our new goals as a Chapter is to work more closely with other local area veteran organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, Rolling Thunder, Elk's, etc. We each have much to offer and the end goal for all of us is the same, "**We want to help vets**".



Recognizing the Fallen (2011)

WWII

Jerome Brunson
Darrel Garner
Skeeter Warren

Vietnam

Randolph Dixon
Buren Rothwell

Our relationship with the Elks Lodge #1020 here in Florence has proved to be a blessing. If you will recall, I made several announcements that the Elk's had an electric wheelchair that was available on loan to any vet who needed it. Through that collaboration, we were able to equip a fellow Chapter 11 member with that wheelchair. This member had requested one from the VA and they responded by giving him a walker. He fell several times while using the walker so this wheelchair came at just the right time. He now has the freedom and the comfort of safety.



Camp Corral is a free camp for children of wounded or disabled veterans. It's funded by Golden Corral and their guests.

This camp provides a week of fun and adventure for kids 8-15 whose parent(s) were wounded or disabled during military service. Families only need to provide transportation

to and from the camp. There is no other cost to the families.

There are 9 camps around the country. The closest one to our location is Ellerbe, NC, which is about 80 miles away. This location has 3 dates for camp. July 15-20; July 22-27 and July 29-Aug 3, 2012.

To register or for more information on this camp and its other locations, please visit their website at www.campcorral.org.



Today's 50/50 drawing will actually be a 50/25/25. Tickets will be \$10 each and the breakdown will be 50% of the money raised goes to the winning ticket, 25% will go to Chapter 11 DAV and the remaining 25% will go to the Jeremy Staat Foundation.



Give us your e-mail address and we'll e-mail the newsletter to you every month so you can always keep up with what's going on even if you miss a meeting.



IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank all those who helped make our first meeting in our new home so special. First, we'd like to thank God for his many blessings bestowed on our Chapter.

Second, we'd like to thank the West Florence Baptist Church for offering this wonderful facility. Truly, another blessing.

Below you'll find information about all the others who generously gave in one way or another. We wholeheartedly thank you for your support.



2 Locations in Florence

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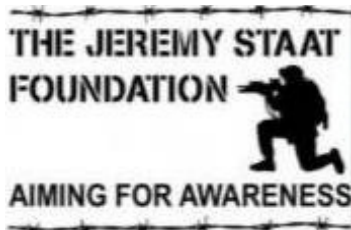
842 Woody Jones Blvd.
(behind Civic Center)



2213 B W. Palmetto St



Meet last Sunday of
each month @ Elk's
Lodge # 1020



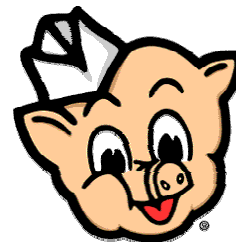
200 Beltline Dr.



West Florence High School
Air Force JROTC



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