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PRESS RELEASE

First National Vietnam Era Veterans Homecoming April 17, 21-25th, 2010

Every year, for almost a decade, Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) has honored numerous "Heroes of Freedom". Last year we honored the Doolittle Raiders. This year we will honor the Vietnam era veterans. We want to place special emphasis to our support services veterans. The ones who received little acknowledgement but yet still played a very important part in the war against communism.

Saturday April the 17th, we'll have a motorcycle poker run, called "The Ho Chi Minh Trail Ride".

Wednesday the 21st we'll help Bill Dukes with another Honor Flight with this trip including some Korean and Vietnam vets.

Thursday the 22nd CFF we'll host a golf tournament at our popular Spring Valley Country Club.

Friday the 23rd the Vets will be honored at a U. S. Army Battalion graduation ceremony on Hilton field at Ft. Jackson. A "Welcome Home" banquet will start at 6:00 p.m. at The Medallion Center. Bobbie Keith of "Bobbie the weather girl" fame is currently slated to be our keynote speaker pending a request from Senator McClain's office.

Saturday the 24th our Vets will be treated to a "Welcome Home to Ft. Jackson", where over 50% of enlisted Vietnam Veterans were trained, will be honored with a special "Pass in Review" parade, tours of the post, Veterans Screenings (VA benefit reviews, ID card updates, retiree appreciation day etc.) The ladies will get a chance to go on a shopping spree visiting various vendors that have offered discounts and sales. There will be a special "Gold Star Families" luncheon to be held at the Botanical Gardens at Riverbanks Zoo.

Saturday night CFF and the USO will host a "Four Corps" hangar dance, with the USO Liberty Bells providing the entertainment. The dance will be held in the South Carolina State Aeronautics facility at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

The homecoming will end with a patriotic church service held at 1st Baptist Church in Columbia.

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