

The Midlands Chapter of Blue Star Mothers presents

the

PALMETTO *Patriots'*



This event allows South Carolinians an opportunity to convey gratitude and support to our active and retired members of the United States Armed Forces. We recognize those who have dedicated their lives to the protection of our country and the preservation of our freedom and liberties.

The Palmetto Patriots' Ball is hosted by the Midlands Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. and is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization.

2012 Palmetto Patriots' Ball

Saturday, May 19, 2012

5:30pm - Guest Reception and Silent Auction

7:00pm - Dinner

This year's event will be held at

The Medallion Center

7309 Garner's Ferry Road

Columbia, SC 29209



Keynote Speaker

Mike Huckabee

Former Governor, Presidential Candidate and Host of FOX News' "Huckabee" & Daily ABC Radio Broadcast Show

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee is the host of the number one rated weekend hit "HUCKABEE" on the Fox News Channel, and is heard three times daily across the nation on the "Huckabee Report." He is the author of 9 books, the most recent being "A Simple Government," which is currently on the New York Times Bestseller list.

After his campaign for the Republican nomination for President in 2008, in which he finished second to John McCain, he formed HuckPac to assist Conservative Republicans running for office nationwide and has amassed a volunteer team with thousands of activists in all 50 states.

From 1996-2007, Huckabee served as the 44th Governor of Arkansas and was recognized nationally for his leadership, having been honored by several renowned publications and organizations for his numerous accomplishments. Huckabee became governor in July 1996 when his predecessor resigned. He was one of the youngest governors in the country at the time. Huckabee was elected to a full four-year term as governor in 1998, attracting the largest percentage of the vote ever received by a Republican gubernatorial nominee in Arkansas, and was re-elected to another four-year term in November 2002.

After an early career in broadcasting and advertising, he spent 12 years as a pastor and denominational leader. He became the youngest president ever of the Arkansas Southern Baptist State Convention, the largest denomination in Arkansas. He said those experiences gave him a deep sense of the problems faced by individuals and families.

Huckabee's efforts to improve his own health have received national attention. Diagnosed with Type II diabetes in 2003, he lost 110 pounds. Barely two years later, he had completed four marathons: The 2005 and 2006 Little Rock Marathons, the Marine Corps Marathon and the ING New York City Marathon.

Huckabee, 55, is an avid musician and is bass player in his rock-n-roll band, Capitol Offense, which has opened for artists such as Willie Nelson and the Charlie Daniels Band, and for two presidential inauguration balls and at two Republican National Conventions. He is featured each week in the musical segment of his Fox show with the Fox house band, "The Little Rockers." His hobbies include hunting, fishing, running, and music. He was named one of the 25 most influential people for conservation by Outdoor Life magazine, and has been named as Man of the Year by the American Sportfishing Association in 1997. The former governor and his wife, Janet, live in Florida and still spend part of their time in Arkansas. They have three grown children: John Mark, David and Sarah.

Mission Statement

Our military is made up of individuals who have volunteered to serve their country no matter the level of sacrifice. Our service men and women come from all walks of life and yet they all possess the same unique desire and dedication to serve our country. Not everyone possesses the ability to serve, but those of us who don't - we are very thankful for those who do.

The Palmetto Patriots' Ball has been created to allow citizens of South Carolina to recognize the uniqueness of our Military, express gratitude and give support for those individuals who have made sacrifices for our country on our behalf.

Gratitude and support goes far beyond the yellow ribbon decal on a car. It goes beyond care packages and other reminders to those deployed that their service and sacrifice is appreciated. It is more than a welcome home celebration upon their return. Support addresses the challenges and issues that these service men and women face as they return home to continue in service or transition into their civilian roles. As we continue to help meet the needs of World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans, we must also prepare for the new and growing challenges our nation's newest veterans will face.

The Palmetto Patriots' Ball seeks to bring attention to these issues and focus its efforts on awareness and funding for organizations who have committed to helping our heroes meet these challenges.

Previous Palmetto Patriots' Ball Beneficiaries:

Dorn Veterans Hospital Veterans Transportation Network program

Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (Care Packages)

Norwood VA Medical Center – Marriage Enrichment Retreats

Greater Columbia Marine Corps League Foundation

Christian Men's Rally (Kyle Carpenter Fundraiser)

Various Churches and Community Organizations

Vietnam Veterans of America Salkehatchie Chapter

Operation Military Stress Relief Dolls

Women of Valor - Medal of Honor Convention

South Carolina Patriot Guard Riders

USO of South Carolina

South Carolina Girl Scouts

SC Gold Star Mothers

Hidden Wounds

Angels House

Operation Thank You

NAMI

Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

Fallen Warrior Memorial (Ft. Jackson)

1221st Family Readiness Group

HomeWorks of South Carolina

171st Infantry Brigade FRG

Wreaths Across America

Task Force Marshall

VFW Post 8738

Wounded Warriors

Operation ELF

All of the organizations listed above are located throughout the state of South Carolina or serve citizens of South Carolina.

Distribution of funds from the 2012 Palmetto Patriots' Ball will be determined by a designated board. Organizations that support our veterans and military are under consideration as beneficiaries.

2012 Sponsorships

Here is how you can be a part of our event...

Five Star Dinner & Decor \$20,000

This sponsorship will help with the overall evening's presentation. Attendees will appreciate your support, through the creativity of the ballroom's layout, décor, speakers and the wonderful dinner being served. You or your organization will be listed as one of the Five Star Sponsors in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program booklet, with mentions included in any publicity for the Palmetto Patriots' Ball. This sponsorship level includes 10 dinner reservations for the evening's event . (3 category exclusive sponsorships available)

Medal of Honor \$15,000

All of South Carolina's living Medal of Honor recipients will be invited to the Palmetto Patriots' Ball. You will be seated at the table with these distinguished heroes. This sponsorship also features a Medal of Honor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and includes 4 dinner reservations. (3 category exclusive sponsorships available)

Cocktail Reception Sponsor \$12,000

Prior to dinner, Palmetto Patriots' Ball guests will enjoy a cocktail hour with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. You will receive a verbal thank you during the program and signage within the reception area. A Cocktail Sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and 4 dinner reservations.

Gold Star Tables \$10,000

Host a table for our honored guests, our Gold Star Mothers. Your company name will be prominently displayed on the table. Sponsorship will include a Gold Star sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and 4 dinner reservations. (8 category exclusive sponsorships available)

Auction Sponsor \$9,000

Guests will have an opportunity to bid on unique and valuable prizes during our cocktail reception. There will be an array of donated items for many chances to bid. The auction tickets and item directory will feature your company name and logo in the reception area. This sponsorship also includes the Auction sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and 4 dinner reservations.

The Palmetto Patriots' Ball Program \$8,000

Your company's name or logo will be featured as a Patriot Sponsor in our four-color Palmetto Patriots' Ball gala program book. This sponsorship also includes 4 dinner reservations. (1 sponsorship available)

2012 Sponsorships

Missing In Action Table: \$5,000

There will always be a special place in our hearts and prayers for our POW's and MIA's . The Palmetto Patriots' Ball is no exception. We have a special portion of our program dedicated to our POW's and MIA's. Your company's name and logo will receive a sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and 4 dinner reservations. (1 sponsorship available)

Challenge Sponsor: \$4,000

The place setting at the Palmetto Patriots' Ball will include a challenge coin for each guest. These coins are enclosed in an acrylic case that will be engraved with your message. (Message must be approved by PPB Board). This sponsorship will include 2 dinner reservations.

Patriot Toast Sponsor: \$3,000

You or your organization will provide a souvenir wine glass to be placed at each setting. During the evening's program, we will raise our glasses and salute the sacrifices of those who have served and those who currently serve. This sponsorship will include a program listing as our Patriot Toast Sponsor and includes 2 dinner reservations.

All Service Color Guard: \$2,500

A formal all Service Color Guard will present the colors at the opening of the evening . This is a special Service Color Guard Squad made up of our future Service men and women from a local high school JROTC. A sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball program book and includes 2 VIP Receptions tickets and 2 dinner reservations.

Table Sponsor: \$1,500

This sponsorship reserves a table for you and 7 guests, where you will host a veteran and their guest. You or your organization will receive a sponsor listing in the Palmetto Patriots' Ball Program as well as signage displayed at your table.

4 Star Sponsorship: \$1,000

The 4 Star sponsorship includes a listing as a 4 Star Sponsor in the Palmetto Patriots' Program and 2 dinner reservations.

3 Star Sponsorship: \$500

The 3 Star sponsorship includes a listing as a 3 Star Sponsor in the Palmetto Patriots' Program and 2 dinner reservations.

2 Star Sponsorship: \$250

The 2 Star sponsorship includes a listing as a 2 Star Sponsor in the Palmetto Patriots' Program and 2 dinner reservations.

Donations

If you are unable to attend the event and wish to donate to the Palmetto Patriots' Ball or donate an item to our silent auction, please call us. We will be honored by your participation and support.

Thank you for your support of Veterans of South Carolina.

If you wish to mail your donation:
The Palmetto Patriots' Ball
c/o The Blue Star Mothers
Contact: Ann Ricard
Post Office Box 2364
Lexington, SC 29071
Phone: 803.206.6088
E-mail: contact@palmettopatriotsball.org



Additional Information

*For more information about this event,
please visit:*

www.palmettopatriotsball.org

Auction Donation Form



The Silent Auction at the 2012 Palmetto Patriots' Ball gives you the opportunity to win luxurious one-of-a-kind items during our silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the auction go to the Ball's beneficiaries.

If you or your company is interested in being an auction donor, please fill out the form below and we will contact you to arrange for delivery or pick-up of your donated item prior to the event.

Name of Organization:

Organization Address:

Contact:

Contact Address:

Phone:

Item Donated:

Value:

Program Listing:

Donor's Signature:

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Sponsorship Form



Name of Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

Phone: _____

Level of Sponsorship: _____

Program Listing: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

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