

## EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE FOOTHILLS HOMELESS VETERAN STAND DOWN 2012

The Foothills Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be held on April 20, 2012 at the Hickory American Legion Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Counties participating in this first ever Foothills Stand Down include Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Watauga and Wilkes.

Planning is still ongoing and donations are still needed. Services that will be provided will include Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Claims Assistance, Education Assistance, Clinical Assistance, Clothing, Food, and Haircuts.

To donate or to volunteer please contact Jim Starkey at 828-294-0184 or Larry McMullen at 828-320-2842. Please visit the website at [www.foothillsstanddown.org](http://www.foothillsstanddown.org) or our Facebook page.

## VIETNAM VETERANS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

A "Welcome Home" celebration will be held on March 31, 2012 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will be live entertainment and events, including a Rolling Thunder Rally, a Vietnam Memorial Display, US Military entertainment, wreath laying ceremony, military films, fireworks display, and military salutes.

Admission is free. Please reserve your complimentary ticket by visiting their Web site at [CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com/WelcomeHome](http://CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com/WelcomeHome).



## LOCAL CITIZEN SUPPORTS THE VIETNAM VETERANS HOMECOMING

A local citizen, Thomas Tipps, is showing his support to Catawba County Vietnam Veterans by offering them free transportation to the upcoming Homecoming celebration at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Thomas Tipps has chartered a Christian Tours bus to transport 28 Vietnam Veterans and their significant others to the event.

Representatives from the Veteran Service Organizations will be on-site to assist Veterans prior to the departure. Veterans will be required to present their DD-214 as proof of Vietnam Service. This opportunity is specifically for Catawba County Veterans. Space is limited. Please call Mr. Tipps at (828) 851-2871 to reserve your seat.

MARCH 2012

## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION

Beginning June 25, 2012, the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee (KW60) will launch "the Year of the Korean War Veteran".

The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs wants to recognize the contributions of all those who fought in or supported the "Forgotten War". The NCDVA is arranging for a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to be awarded any veteran of that war (whether he or she served in theater or elsewhere) as well as a certificate for any family members and /or supporters of any veterans of that war.

The NCDVA has set up a link on their website – [www.ncveterans.com](http://www.ncveterans.com) – to identify certificate recipients. This form can be filled out by the veteran, family member or a friend. Also on the form page is a link – <http://koreanwar.defense.gov> – for any Korean War veteran who would like to share his or her story with KW60.

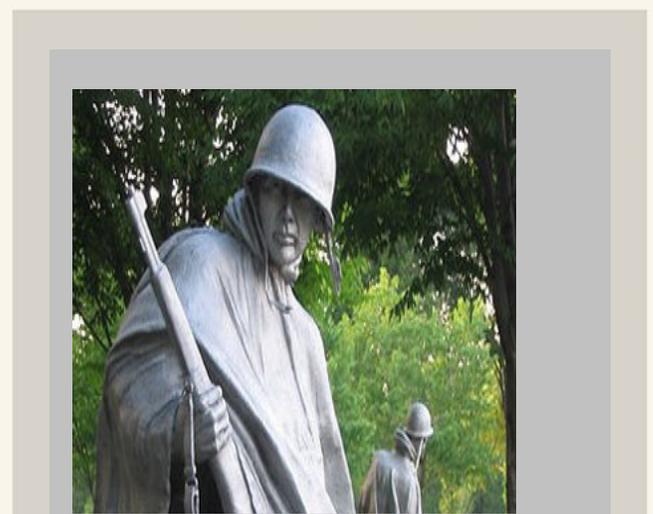
The only information needed for the certificate is the first and last name of the veteran or family member. Additional information (rank, branch of service) is optional.

**"Those who deny freedom to others  
deserve it not for themselves; and, under a  
just God, cannot long retain it."**

**- Abraham Lincoln - April 6, 1859**



KOREAN CONFLICT



KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL



### Services of the Catawba County Veterans Service Office

- Assisting in filing for medical benefits at the new VA OPC in Hickory
- Assist in filing claims for service connected compensation
- Assist veterans and dependents in filing for monthly pension benefits.
- Assist with nursing home and assisted living care options.
- Assist with educational programs such as the Post 911- GI Bill.
- Assist widows and families with burial and death benefits.

### VA OFFERS ADDITIONAL LIFE INSURANCE

Under certain conditions, the basic Service Disabled Life Insurance policy provides for a waiver of premiums in case of total disability. What this mean is, if the veteran is 100% service connected then the VA can waive premiums for that life insurance.

Policyholders who carry the basic S-DVI coverage and who become eligible for a waiver of premiums due to total disability can apply for and be granted additional Supplemental S-DVI of up to \$30,000.

The Veteran's Benefits Act of 2010, provided for \$30,000 of supplemental coverage to S-DVI policyholders. Premiums may not be waived on this supplemental coverage. S-DVI policyholders are eligible for this supplemental coverage if:

- They are eligible for a waiver of premiums
- They apply for the coverage within one year from notice of grant of waiver
- Are under the age 65

To apply for the Supplemental S-DVI, you must fill out the VA Form 29-0188, Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans (RH) Life Insurance.

For more information visit the website – <http://www.insurance.va.gov>, or call the toll free life insurance phone number at 1-800-669-8477.

