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AGENDA FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 20, 2011

2:30 p.m.

Executive Conference Room
Administration Building

Committee Members:

Stu Rodman, Chairman
Rick Caporale, Vice Chairman
Steven Baer
Brian Flewelling
William McBride
Paul Sommerville
Jerry Stewart

Staff Support

Bryan Hill, Deputy County Administrator
David Starkey, Chief Financial Officer

2:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. DISCUSSION / FUNDING REQUEST LT. DAN WEEKEND ([backup](#))
3. DISCUSSION / COUNTY FY 2011 / 2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL
 - Library System
 - Tax (Hurricane) Anticipation Note
 - Transfers from Operations Budget to Debt Service
4. ADJOURNMENT

County TV Rebroadcast	
Monday	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	1:00 a.m.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.

Finance		
Date	Time	Location
July 18	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2
August 15	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2
September 19	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2
October 17	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2
November 21	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2
December 13	2:00 p.m.	BIV #2

A quorum of Council may be in attendance at all Committee meetings.

Please silence your cell phone during the meeting.



Lt. Dan Weekend, 2 (LDW2)

14 - 18 September, 2011

www.ltdanweekend.com

Prepared for: The Beaufort County Council
Prepared by: The Independence Fund, Inc.

June 13, 2011
Proposal number: 1-A



Date 6/13/11

To Whom It May Concern,

The Independence Fund, a South Carolina registered 501(c)3 organization, is sponsoring a second Lt Dan Weekend (LDW2) in Beaufort, SC from 14-18 September, 2011. We are proud to announce that this year again, Gary Sinise and the Lt Dan Band will headline the event. Your sponsorship will help ensure the success of this very noble community effort.

The Independence Fund, Inc.
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The City of Beaufort, which will be celebrating it's 300th Anniversary during the time of the Lt. Dan Weekend, is the proud home to the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, and the Beaufort Naval Hospital.

Beaufort County is also home to more than 20,000 retirees of all branches of the armed services.

According to the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, the military generates over \$1.2 Billion annually to the Beaufort economy—with a significant amount being spent at local businesses. Like last year, many of the more than one thousand North of the Broad hotel rooms will be filled by attendees of LDW2.

LDW2 will provide an opportunity for more than one hundred severely wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and their tireless caregivers to:

- bond in fellowship with their wounded comrades—wonderful therapy
- participate in athletic events (golf, bike ride and road race—as they are physically able—with special equipment, often provided with Independence Fund)
- enjoy recreational activities provided in the Lowcountry of South Carolina
- be entertained by military-advocate Lt Dan and his great band

Our severely wounded warriors deserve the continuing support of our grateful Nation. We hope you would be honored by the opportunity to participate in this event by allocating the necessary funds to pay for the Lt. Dan Band concert stage. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions which I may address.

Sincerely yours,



S.D. Danyluk



Executive Summary

Objective

The Objective of LDW2 is to become the nations premiere "Support the Troops" event highlighting the natural beauty of the South Carolina Lowcountry while bringing to bear the strengths and talent of the local population in a manner which best honors the service and sacrifice of our severely injured veterans.

Goals

The goals of LDW2 are to bring more than one hundred severely injured veterans and caregivers to Beaufort County for a four day event in which a minimum of \$200,000.00 is netted to provide direct support for the unmet needs in the disabled veteran community.

Solution

For LDW2 to be successful the support of the Military, Corporate and Governmental agencies will be required. The core support for LDW2 will come from the extraordinary volunteer support inherent in the community.

The Need

More than 50,000 veterans have been seriously injured in the War on Terror. When factoring in training and non-hostile fire mishaps that number is significantly multiplied. Non-profits, like the Independence Fund, and events like LDW2 are important steps in bringing both the physical and emotional healing that is lacking in many of these veterans lives.

What makes the Independence Fund unique?

In its fourth year since inception, the Independence fund has raised and distributed more than \$1,000,000 in grants and services to severely injured veterans while fully maintaining its core values of:

- Providing the tools, therapies and guidance that severely injured veterans are otherwise not receiving.
- Having no paid staff members.
- Maintaining a Board of Directors comprised entirely of combat veterans.
- Championing the value of physical activity no matter what the level of disability.
- Promoting the use of art as a tool of healing.
- Breaking down the barriers between the disabled and able bodied communities through veteran speaking engagements and community based events like LDW2



Schedule

Date	Task
Day 1	Veterans and caregivers arrive at CHS and SAV and are transported to Palm Key. Welcoming committee briefs new arrivals and provides them with welcome aboard package. Veterans all join one another at the "meet and greet" welcoming dinner.
Day 2	Veterans and caregivers meet at first scheduled briefing and are given an overall outline of the four day event. Caregivers separate afterwards for a caregiver spa and luncheon sponsored by a local women's organization. Veterans spend day in seminars and participate in bike fittings.
Day 3	Veterans speak at local schools with major event taking place at Beaufort and HHI High. Remaining veterans and caregivers participate in activities including boating, kayaking, golf and horseback riding. Lt. Dan Classic takes place at Parris Island "Legends" golf course. Pre-concert dinner with the Lt. Dan Band takes place in prior to the show.
Day 4	Veterans and caregivers participate in either the 5K or the Lt. Dan Bike Ride and Gary Sinise serves as Grand Marshal of the Beaufort 300 parade.

TYPE	Name	In-Kind amount	Cash Amount	TYPE
Non-local personal				
	Bill Songster		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	Bill G		\$500.00	Non-local personal
	Sara Noon		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	Jan Easterling		\$25.00	Non-local personal
	Elizabeth Gallagher		\$100.00	Non-local personal
	Paul Rennisen		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	Robert Thompson		\$25.00	Non-local personal
	karla Markus		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	jeanette Curtis		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	Tracy Lynn Raffaele		\$25.00	Non-local personal
	Karla Markus		\$500.00	Non-local personal
	Mark Boudroux		\$100.00	Non-local personal
	Rob Moore		\$1.00	Non-local personal
	William John Whelehan		\$1,000.00	Non-local personal
	Nancy wellons		\$500.00	Non-local personal
	Justin Minyard		\$446.90	Non-local personal
	James Nottingham		\$100.00	Non-local personal
	Katrryn Parker		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	catharina Henderson		\$50.00	Non-local personal
	Jordan Minyard		\$450.00	Non-local personal
	Chris Pollock		\$1,000.00	Non-local personal
	JD Owens		\$100.00	Non-local personal
	William Fulton		\$500.00	Non-local personal
	Joe Messerly		\$570.00	Non-local personal
	Mary Sommerville		\$100.00	Non-local personal
			\$6,392.90	Non-local personal
				\$6,392.90
Corporate				
	VGI		\$5,000.00	Corporate
	Pratt and Whitney		\$1,500.00	Corporate
	Boston Scientific		\$10,000.00	Corporate
	Instil Healthcare 5-18-10		\$10,000.00	Corporate

MacDonald's	\$1,500.00 Corporate	
ASBMA STAR	\$6,000.00 Corporate	
rosenburg foundation	\$2,800.00 Corporate	
GEICO	\$1,500.00 Corporate	
NFCU	\$1,000.00 Corporate	
Hanger ortho	\$2,000.00 Corporate	
	\$41,300.00 Corporate	\$41,300.00

Wristbands/T-Shirts

Donnie Beer	\$35.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
phil wasiloski	\$10.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Carol Nowell	\$10.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Dennis Dempsey	\$15.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Robert Imholz	\$10.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Maribiz	\$15.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
marion stade	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
April Baughman	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
kim evans	\$15.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Ted Van Tuyl	\$15.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Karla Markus	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
m adamson	\$15.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
jack nischil	\$10.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Arlene Faul	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$185.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Taylor Bufkin	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
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Glen Raxter	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
taylor Bufkin	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Jessie Salas	\$56.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Luker	\$10.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Marti Hohmann	\$7.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Cravings by the Bay	\$82.86 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$100.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
T-shirts	\$881.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Walt Ledbetter	\$20.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$135.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Benny Fontenot	\$280.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Robert DeTreville	\$1,240.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Paul Earnst	\$30.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Claire Ketcham	\$25.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
B of A Deposit	\$270.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts
Ms. Beer	\$130.00 Wristbands/T-Shirts

t-shirts 5/19/10	\$500.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
wrist bands 5/19/10	\$115.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Wristband (april)	\$115.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Tshirt(april)	\$1,105.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Steve deposit (april)	\$210.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Ray cording paypal	\$355.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer Wristbands 5/14	\$45.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Steve schultz	\$300.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Zimmerman, Sara	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$35.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Sue proctor	\$160.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Michau	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie	\$55.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Shirley parsons	\$10.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Michaela Salon	\$221.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Young Marines	\$310.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Various	\$210.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Lowring	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Corps Store	\$230.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Michael's Salon	\$145.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Lindsay Zoeller	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Taylor	\$5.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Taylor	\$15.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Youn Marines	\$244.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 17 July	\$305.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 18 Jul	\$248.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 20 July	\$155.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 20 July	\$368.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Young Marines 7/16	\$400.62	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Youn marines	\$568.15	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Young marines 7/17	\$385.17	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Young marines 7/17	\$373.71	Wristbands/T-Shirts

Waterfest Booth	\$116.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
tshirt sales	\$1,320.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
T-shirts etc	\$1,612.03	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Papke	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Rehman	\$10.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie beer	\$35.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Edna Horne	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Robin Boozer	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Norma Duncan	\$50.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
He shears	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest cash 7/25	\$181.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$65.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
BFD	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 7/24	\$314.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Waterfest 7/23	\$227.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Various sales	\$430.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Len Klopp	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Munzig	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Eveler	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Guilfoyle	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Sheats	\$60.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
truesdale	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Stewart	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Goodwin	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Presnell	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Proctor	\$5.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Boozer	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Porter	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Gutherie	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Munzig	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Brown	\$5.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Steves	\$5.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Green	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Young Marines	\$1,016.37	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$100.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie beer	\$395.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie beer	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
S phillips	\$260.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Joan trammel 15111 glade dr silver spring. 20906		Wristbands/T-Shirts \$170.00
Todd host	\$140.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
D beer	\$386.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Dr Durante	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts

Leonard klopp	\$70.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Patrick Williams	\$115.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Steve flemming	\$25.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Tammy Buchanan	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Richard Windsor	\$5.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Mary Rudisil	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$562.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Liz Lake	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Elmer McKena	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$290.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donna Eubanks	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
pat Thomas	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Kasey Johnson	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Marie Kozitza	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Jeff Regoli	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Mark Heister	\$50.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Don Hartmen	\$50.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Donnie Beer	\$480.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
tamara ragsdale	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Cynthia Ackerman	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Julie Pigao	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Scot Oakes	\$50.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Jason Sullivan	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
James Wathen	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Cesar Navarro	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Kathie Bennet	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Jay Weidener	\$10.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
liz Palmer	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
neal Towery	\$40.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Pam Burns	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Corps store	\$150.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Deposit	\$3,883.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Cash Deposit	\$2,277.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Debra Welch	\$20.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Rosanne	\$300.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Taylor Bufkin	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Steele	\$30.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Michaels	\$377.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
D beer	\$280.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
D beer	\$380.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Beer	\$141.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts
Beaufort academy	\$1,036.00	Wristbands/T-Shirts

	\$29,734.91 Wristbands/T-Shirts	\$29,734.91
Bike/5K		
Bike/5K	\$10,661.00 Bike/5K	\$10,661.00
Local personal		
ed Finley	\$50.00 Local personal	
Allison Hooge Foundation	\$1,000.00 Local personal	
Walt Ledbetter	\$5.00 Local personal	
Memorial donation in Selph Name	Local personal \$75.00	
John Landry	\$250.00 Local personal	
Barfuri	\$100.00 Local personal	
Pinto	\$50.00 Local personal	
Kathy Kim	\$200.00 Local personal	
Jerry Ashmorr	\$100.00 Local personal	
Paul Fuetterer	\$250.00 Local personal	
Nottoli	\$100.00 Local personal	
Ashmore	\$100.00 Local personal	
Duncan/Bradshaw	\$50.00 Local personal	
Parker	\$50.00 Local personal	
LTG Earl Hailston	\$50.00 Local personal	
Bill evans	\$100.00 Local personal	
Cole proctor	\$100.00 Local personal	
William Howell	\$200.00 Local personal	
Patrice Moody	\$50.00 Local personal	
Frederick Cosco	\$200.00 Local personal	
Walt Ledbetter	\$200.00 Local personal	
Col Tom brett	\$100.00 Local personal	
Tom heaterington	\$100.00 Local personal	
Fred peters	\$75.00 Local personal	
Charles tryig	\$85.00 Local personal	
Col Fred krill	\$200.00 Local personal	
	\$3,840.00 Local personal	\$3,840.00
Local Business or Organization		
Parris Is Rod and Gun	Local Business or \$200.00 Organization	
Republican Men of Beaufort	Local Business or \$200.00 Organization	
Exchange club	\$1,185.00 Local Business or Organization	
Panninis	\$367.25 Local Business or Organization	
MOPH	\$250.00 Local Business or Organization	

Linda's Nursery	\$100.00	Local Business or Organization	
Dr HL Lafitte	\$50.00	Local Business or Organization	
Exchange club flags 4th July	\$300.00	Local Business or Organization	
Mil Nurses	\$200.00	Local Business or Organization	
KFI Mechanical	\$1,000.00	Local Business or Organization	
Honeytree Preschool	\$100.00	Local Business or Organization	
David Craft (Geico)	\$1,000.00	Local Business or Organization	
Parris Island Museum and Historical Society	\$2,000.00	Local Business or Organization	
Carolina walk	\$1,000.00	Local Business or Organization	
Corps Store	\$1,000.00	Local Business or Organization	
AMVETS post 2000	\$100.00	Local Business or Organization	
Macloskie law firm	\$150.00	Local Business or Organization	
Mazzana's Lawn Service	\$500.00	Local Business or Organization	
Dan Vaden Chevrolet	\$500.00	Local Business or Organization	
Beaufort Kayak Tours	\$410.00	Local Business or Organization	
Dataw Golf assc	\$500.00	Local Business or Organization	
Military nurses	\$300.00	Local Business or Organization	
	\$11,412.25	Local Business or Organization	\$11,412.25
Non-local business or organization			
Driver villiage	\$180.00	Non-local business or organization	
Apopka VA	\$100.00	Non-local business or organization	
Mr markus	\$500.00	Non-local business or organization	
Mike Williams	\$1,000.00	Non-local business or organization	
Ironwood	\$2,500.00	Non-local business or organization	
Us military vets	\$35.00	Non-local business or organization	
veterans leasing finance	\$50.00	Non-local business or organization	
Savanah 82nd ABN	\$100.00	Non-local business or organization	
Buckeye club	\$1,000.00	Non-local business or organization	
	\$5,465.00	Non-local business or organization	\$5,465.00
Local Fundraiser			
Piace Pizza	\$180.00	Local Fundraiser	
The office	\$250.00	Local Fundraiser	
Jack Worrell	\$805.00	Local Fundraiser	

Two Sues	\$104.00 Local Fundraiser	
Plums	\$1,000.00 Local Fundraiser	
Evan Stiner-Yard Sale	\$650.00 Local Fundraiser	
AMVETS Post 70	\$11,405.00 Local Fundraiser	
Jack Carter	\$125.00 Local Fundraiser	
Kendall and Shannon Erickson	\$630.00 Local Fundraiser	
Berry island ice cream	\$800.00 Local Fundraiser	
Pizza inn	\$127.00 Local Fundraiser	
Pizza inn	\$46.00 Local Fundraiser	
Pizza inn	\$5.00 Local Fundraiser	
Henry Jackson	\$180.00 Local Fundraiser	
Pizza inn	\$143.54 Local Fundraiser	
	\$16,450.54 Local Fundraiser	\$16,450.54
Golf		
Golf Tourny	\$4,578.52 Golf	\$4,578.52
Golf Online Registration		
Louis Holliday	\$180.00 Golf Online Registration	
William Howel	\$120.00 Golf Online Registration	
T.A. Yelton	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Terry Thompson	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Michael Williams	\$120.00 Golf Online Registration	
Lenard Fox	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Leonard Moka	\$180.00 Golf Online Registration	
Joe Jones	\$120.00 Golf Online Registration	
Rob Semmler	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Joe Copeland	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Pat Saeger f	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Paul sweet	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
Topper trust	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
H e sheets	\$60.00 Golf Online Registration	
	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
		\$129,835.12



State of South Carolina
Office of the Secretary of State
The Honorable Mark Hammond

Apr 27, 2011

Independence Fund, Inc
Mr Steve Danylo
45 NATIONAL BLVD
BEAUFORT, SC 29907-765

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P50249

Dear Mr Steve Danylo:

This letter confirms that the Secretary of State's Office has received and accepted your Registration, therefore your charitable organization is in compliance with the registration requirement of the "South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act". The registration of your charitable organization will expire on May 15, 2012. If any of the information on your Registration form changes throughout the course of the year, please contact our office to make updates. It is important that this information remain updated so that our office can keep you informed of any changes that may affect your charitable organization.

If you have not yet filed your annual financial report or an extension for the annual financial report, the annual financial report is still due 4 1/2 months after the close of your fiscal year. Annual financial reports must either be submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or 990-EZ or the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form. There is no fee associated with filing an annual financial report with our office. If your organization files IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ and you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a copy of your IRS Form 990. If your organization files the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form, and you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a written request to the Division of Public Charities. **Failure to submit the annual financial report may result in an administrative fine of up to \$2,000.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our Website at www.sos.sc.gov and review the Public Charities section or contact our office at (803) 734-1790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Budgett".

Edward M. Budgett
Division of Public Charities

Well known entertainer and supporter of the troops, Gary Sinise, will honor the service and sacrifice of our severely injured military heroes and their caregivers at the 2nd Annual, Lt. Dan Weekend taking place from Sept 14th - Sept 16th, 2011 in Beaufort, SC. Gary will lead his "Lt. Dan Band" in an Benefit Concert for the troops at Beaufort's historic Waterfront Park on Friday, Sept 16th, at 830pm.

In addition to the concert, the weekend's festivities will include the 2nd Annual Lt. Dan Golf Classic, a family 5K run in historic downtown Beaufort, a bicycle ride with the wounded veterans on the Marine Corps Air Station, a Combat Photography Art exhibit at City Hall, and a series of veterans related workshops to be held throughout the weekend. Gary will also serve as Grand Marshal of Beaufort's 300th Birthday Parade following the September 17th, 5K run.

This will be the third time that Mr. Sinise has performed for the Independence Fund. "It's impossible not to be deeply moved by something like that," said one attendee of last years event.



www.ltdanweekend.com

To date, 6000 service members have been killed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Close to 50,000 have been wounded.

All proceeds raised by the Lt. Dan Weekend will be applied towards the Independence Fund's core mission of providing the tools, therapies and guidance for those veterans severely injured in the Global War on Terror that they otherwise are not receiving.

The Independence Fund also fulfills a valuable service by nominating qualified veterans for acceptance into world-class rehabilitative hospitals like the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. The Independence Fund is an all volunteer, 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that is entirely led and managed by combat veterans. Since its inception in 2007, the Independence Fund has distributed more than \$1.25 million in grants to qualified veterans.

www.independencfund.org

Contact

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The Gary Sinise Foundation

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The Independence Fund, Inc. EIN / Tax ID Number: 26-0322088 Designation: 501(c)3

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The 2011 Lowcountry Lt. Dan Weekend (14-18 Sep, 2011)

A community based event supporting some of the most severely injured troops from Iraq and Afghanistan

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Healing through Sports



We have found cycling to be one of the best ways to break down the barriers between the disabled and the able-bodied communities. The Independence Rides have the secondary benefit of breaking down barriers between our military and civilian communities. The Independence Ride is one of the core activities of the Lt. Dan Weekend.

The number of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans suffering the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is estimated to be over 300,000. The Independence Fund, partnering with the National Veterans Art Museum in Chicago, IL, has found that creating art and working with images taken during the service members deployment can mitigate many of the effects of PTSD.



Conflict Zone

The Independence Fund's Conflict Zone traveling exhibit will show at Beaufort's City Hall throughout the Lt. Dan Weekend.

"The Independence Fund's set of documentary photographs produced by veterans of recent conflicts in the Middle East offers a refreshingly understated effort" Washington Post, 29 August, 2008.

Without the support of the City, County and State governments, these events would not be possible. We hope to build on this support for the Lt. Dan Weekend, 2 and provide the veterans with an even more memorable experience than past events have provided.



Education

Although they have already given much, the Independence Fund has found that our veterans still want, and find value in continuing to give. One way they do this is through the Independence Fund's education initiative where veterans and first responders from the local community come together to share their experience at the middle and high school grade levels.

40% of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans served as members of the Reserve or National Guard Forces. Unlike their active duty counterparts who generally return to a large military base with an inherent support structure, these "part-time" warriors return to an environment where the ability to share their experience may not exist.



Art Night

The Independence Weekend events provide a relaxing weekend where the veterans and their families can share in the camaraderie with their fellow veterans and be embraced by the warmth of an appreciative community.

"I am a Marine and I adapt to whatever happens and I overcome that," he says with obvious pride. "I intend to live a full life – I am already living a full life with my kids and my wife in our home. I also want to contribute beyond those four walls to my community and my society. I am an American, and no disability can change that." Cpl Robin Griffith.

The Veterans who participate in the Lt. Dan Weekend want to give back to the community. During our last event, wounded veterans spoke at six different area schools. Each of the assemblies were an enormous success that we hope to repeat with LDW2.



Army Ranger Sgt Josh Lindsey in a \$25,000 iBOT® robotic mobility device.

The Independence Fund provided 20 iBOT® devices to paralyzed veterans before the program was discontinued in 2009. If our elected officials freely use the rhetoric "nothing but the best for our injured troops," then we would like to see them held accountable for those words. One way they can do this is by re-instating the iBOT® program.

"We want to bring awareness that as we depart, we don't always come home the same, and that we are not the only ones injured, our families are injured also."Army Sgt. Major Jesse Acosta.