

### Sampson County to Hold Nineteenth Annual Veterans Day Celebration



On Saturday November 11, 2017, Sampson County will be holding its nineteenth annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Sampson County

Exposition Center located on Warsaw Rd in Clinton. The event is scheduled for 3:00pm. Event coordinators would like to invite everyone out to join in the celebration of our Veterans and their sacrifice and service. The event is sponsored by the Sampson County Exposition Center, the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, the Sampson County Office of Veterans Affair, and Sampson County.

According to Ann Knowles, Director of Sampson County Veterans Services, "Saturday's event will be a day to celebrate our Veterans and their service to this country. This is a way that Sampson County citizens can show their appreciation to the ones who have fought for their County and Country. It tells all who live here, that our soldiers and veterans are important to us. We stop on Veterans Day to remember the sacrifices they made, so we can go about our lives each and every day as free people; with the right to worship in our churches and not be afraid of being taken prisoner. Even to the ones who protest our service, spit on our flag or burn our Bibles, the soldier fought to give them the right

to express themselves. They know (the veterans) that this is their celebration and that we are thankful for their service."

Master of Ceremonies for this year's event will be Cliff Ireland. Musicians will include Thelton Ray Best III and Dwight Williams Jr. In attendance will be representatives from the following branches of service: US Army- Willie Mitchell (Ret), US Navy- James E Britt, US Coast Guard- Walter Sutton, US Air Force- Jo Strickland and US Marine Corps- Darryl Price.

Posting of the Color will be done by VFW Post #7547 Color Guard- Alvin Herring Jr, Andrea Goodman, Russell Raines, Walter Raynor, and Marshal Thornton. The National Anthem will be sung by Dwight Williams Jr and POW presentation by Robert Brown, President of the Sampson County Veterans Council. The keynote speaker for this year's event is Dr. Theodore Thomas.

Ms. Ann Knowles concluded, "May we always remember our Freedom is not Free. It was paid by someone's Son, Daughter, Husband, Wife, Mother, Brother or Sister. May we never forget."

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception provided by the Sampson County Office of Veterans Services honoring Sampson County Veterans in Heritage Hall.

### 19th Annual Veterans Day Celebration

**Honoring All Who Served** 











#### Saturday, November 11, 2017 3:00 PM

Prestage Hall

Sampson County Exposition Center 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC

#### PUBLIC INVITED - FREE ADMISSION

Join us as we honor and celebrate Sampson County Veterans and active duty military personnel.

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Theodore Thomas

Reception in honor of all Veterans
Immediately following the program in Heritage Hall

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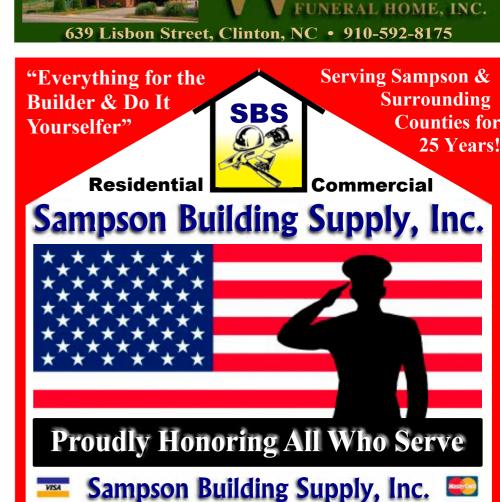
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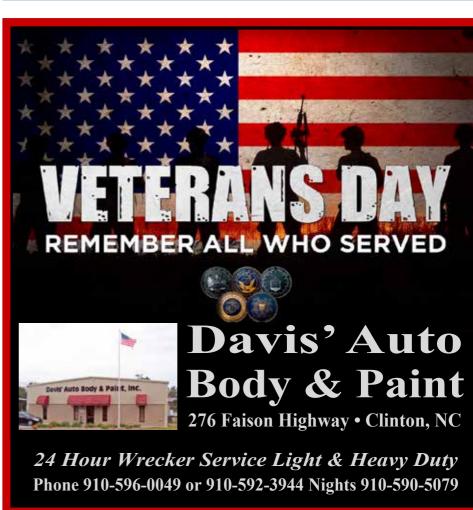
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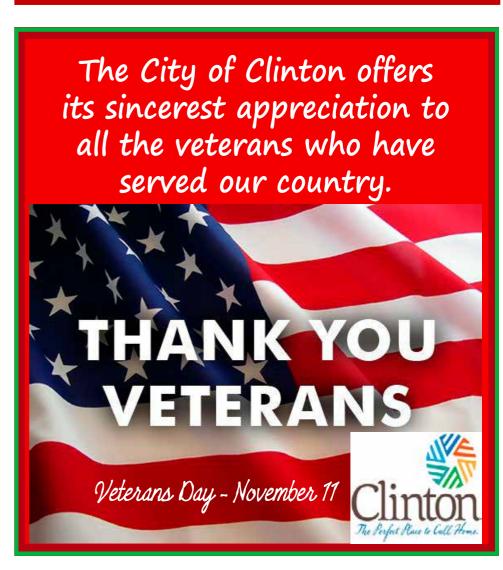
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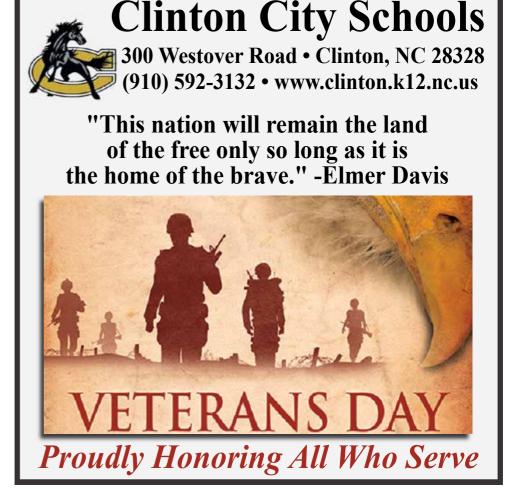








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