



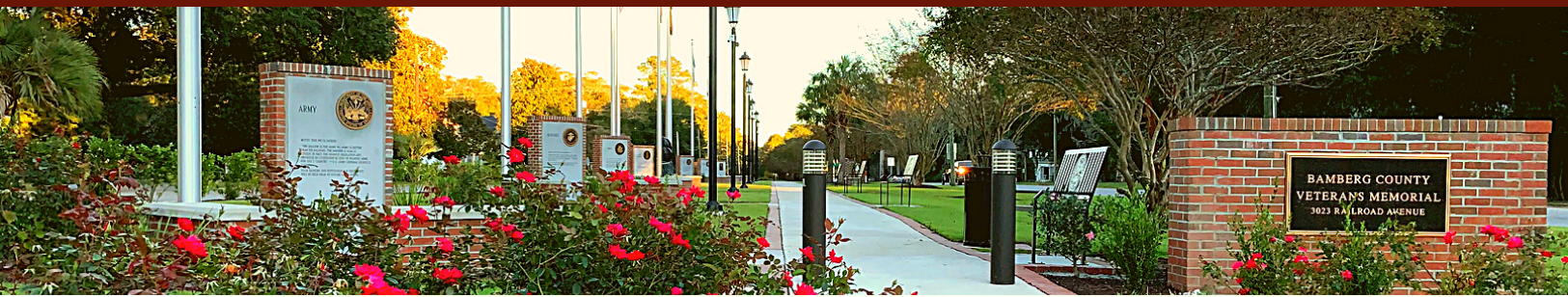
The City of Bamberg and  
Bamberg County  
welcome you to the

# VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

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Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
11 a.m.

3023 Railroad Avenue  
Bamberg, South Carolina



HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR

November 11, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Bamberg for the dedication of the Bamberg County Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Memorial Trail.

The men and women who have bravely served in our country's Armed Forces have earned our deepest respect and gratitude for their commitment to defending our nation and fighting to secure freedom for people around the world. With a willingness to put their lives on the line as they don their uniforms and report for duty, these heroes inspire us with their exceptional courage and self-sacrifice.

This memorial is a beautiful tribute to those men and women who have served our country in all branches of our military, with bricks surrounding the newly unveiled sculpture honoring Bamberg County Veterans who paid the ultimate price defending our country. These bricks are a visible reminder to all of us that the cost of freedom is high.

Peggy and I thank our veterans and active duty military members for their selfless service, and we wish you all the best for a wonderful ceremony.

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

HM/kt

# Program

## **WELCOME**

Joey R. Preston, Bamberg County Administrator and Master of Ceremony

## **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**

Bamberg Ehrhardt High School Junior ROTC Color Guard

## **INVOCATION**

Reverend Isaiah Odom, Bamberg County Councilman

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Larry Haynes, Bamberg County Councilman

## **REMARKS**

Mayor Nancy Foster, City of Bamberg

City and County Council Members

Craig Walker, Bamberg County Veterans Affairs Director

Representative Justin Bamberg

Senator Brad Hutto

Brigadier General Jeff Jones, Deputy Adjutant General

Deputy Adjutant General John Shuler (ret.)

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Major General James E. Livingston

Medal of Honor Recipient, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

## **ARMED SERVICES OFFICIAL SONGS AND BRANCH SALUTE**

Each military branch will be recognized with their official song

## **UNVEILING OF THE SCULPTURE: "BY LAND, BY SEA, BY AIR"**

Brad Spencer, Sculptor of one-of-a-kind statue inspired by all who serve

## **QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION**

Tommy Forrest will present handmade quilts to 20 local veterans

## **INTRODUCTION TO OPERATION ENDURING HOPE**

Phyllis Sheffer, Vice President

## **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD**

Colonel Charles Campbell

## **RETIRING OF THE COLORS**

Bamberg Ehrhardt High School Junior ROTC Color Guard

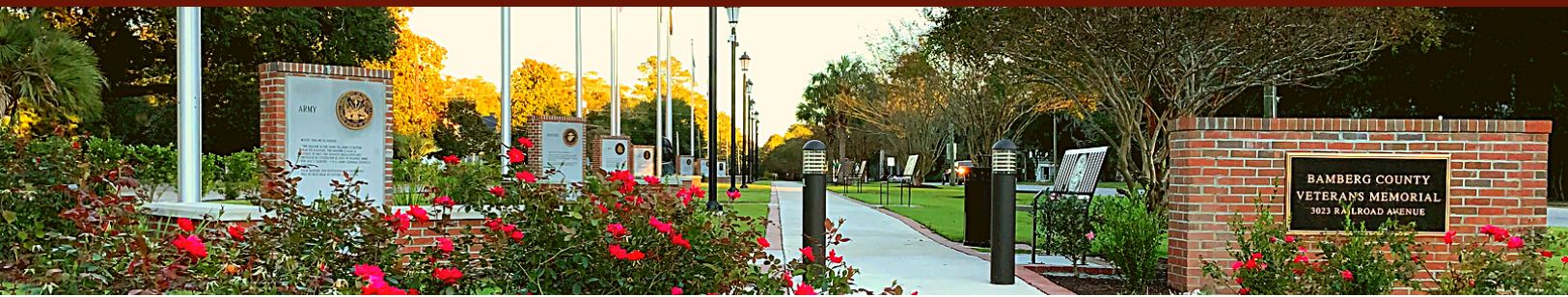
## **BENEDICTION**

Reverend Evert Comer, Jr., Bamberg County Councilman

## **SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION PARACHUTE TEAM JUMP-IN**

## **LUNCH**

*Please consider others during the event and follow CDC-recommended guidelines such as wearing a face covering, maintaining a distance of six feet from others not in your immediate family, and washing your hands frequently.*



# *Program Participants*

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## **MAJOR GENERAL JAMES EVERETTE LIVINGSTON, MOH, USMC (Ret)**

### **Biography**

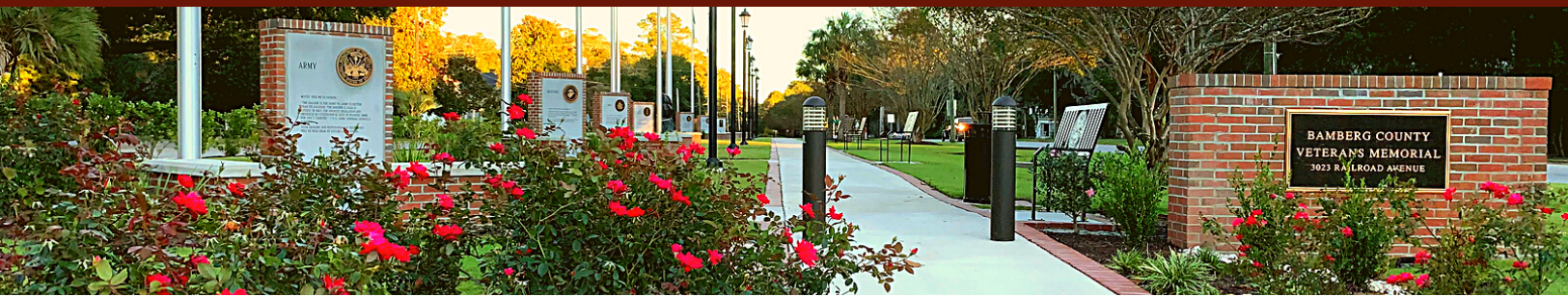
Major General James E. Livingston retired on September 1, 1995 following over 33 continuous years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. His last assignment was the Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June 1962 following graduation from Auburn University. Early assignments included service as a Platoon Commander, Intelligence Officer, and as a Recruit Training Regiment Series Commander. Promoted to Captain in June 1966, General Livingston served as the Commanding Officer of the Marine detachment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, before joining the 3rd Marine Division (Reinforced) in the Republic of Vietnam in August 1967.

On May 2, 1968, while serving as the Commanding Officer, Company E, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces and received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

After his second tour in Vietnam, General Livingston served as an instructor at the Army's Infantry School, Director of Division Schools for the 1st Marine Division, and, later, as the S-3 for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. In March 1975, he returned to Vietnam and served as the Operations Officer for the Vietnam evacuation operations which included Operation "Frequent Wind", the evacuation of Saigon.

He then commanded the Marine Barracks, United Kingdom, London, and served as the Commanding Officer, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, then as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. During this period, he earned a master's degree in Management from Webster University. General Livingston then served with the 2d Marine Division and commanded the 6th Marines before joining the Joint U. S. Assistance Group in the Republic of the Philippines.

Following advancement to Brigadier General on June 10, 1988, he served as Deputy Director for Operations at the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, General Livingston commanded the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, California, and developed the Desert Warfare Training Program. After commanding the Marine Expeditionary Brigade, he was advanced to Major General on July 8, 1991 and assumed command of the 4th Marine Division (Reinforced). In July 1992 he assumed command of the newly created Marine Reserve Force, and continued through its reorganization in October 1994 with its new title, Marine Forces Reserve.



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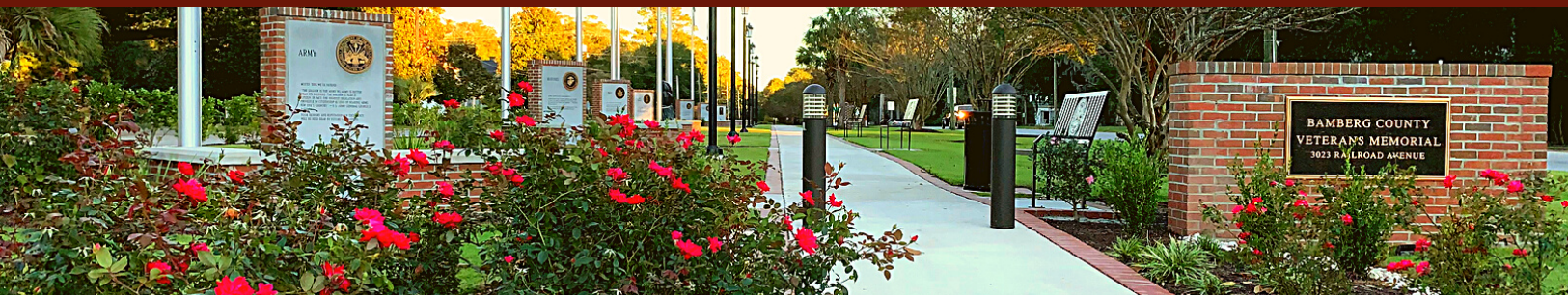
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## **MAJOR GENERAL JAMES EVERETTE LIVINGSTON, MOH, USMC (Ret)** **Biography, Continued**

Major General Livingston is a native of Towns, Georgia. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Air War College. His decorations include the Medal of Honor; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal, with Combat "V"; Purple Heart, Third Award; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, Second Award; Navy Commendation Medal, with Combat "V"; Combat Action ribbon, Second Award; and various other service and foreign decorations. He is also a qualified military parachutist. In 2018 he was awarded South Carolina's highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto, by Gov. Henry McMaster.

Major General Livingston retired from the Marine Corps in 1995. He is Chairman Emeritus and an Honorary Board Member of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, and Advisory Board Chairman of the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum in Mount Pleasant, SC. He also serves as a founding Board Member of the Beacon Community Bank in Charleston, South Carolina and was recently awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution's highest award for patriotism, leadership, and service, the DAR Medal of Honor. Major General Livingston is married to the former Sara Craft, a graduate of the University of South Carolina. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Melissa. Kimberly, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Medical University of South Carolina is a MOHS Surgeon in a private practice. Melissa is a graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans, and holds a Master in Public Administration degree from Villanova University in Pennsylvania.





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## **DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL JOHN A. SHULER, US Army (Ret)** **Biography**

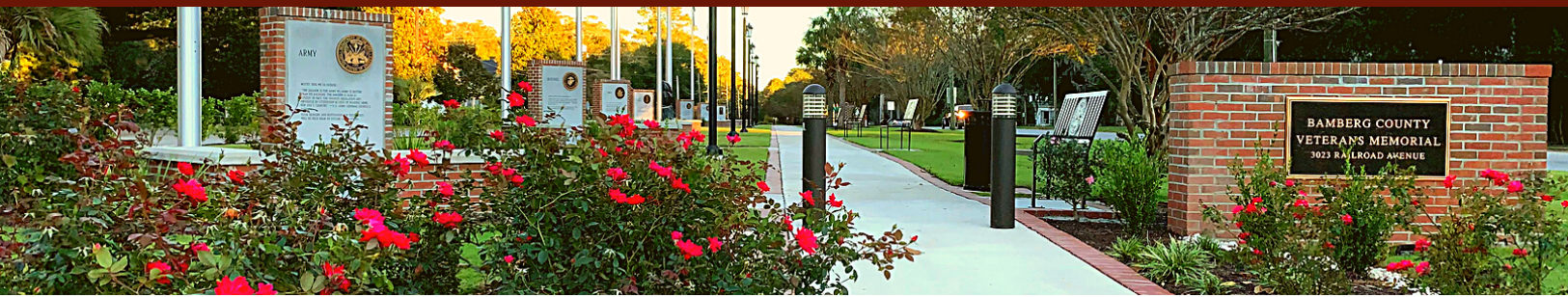
John A. Shuler is a retired Colonel, having served in the Army and the South Carolina Army National Guard for a total of 41 years. He served as Deputy Adjutant General from 1995 until 2011. He and his wife, Phyllis, now live in Bowman, and he serves on the Board of Trustees of the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg. Colonel Shuler commanded the 163rd Support Battalion of the 218th Infantry Brigade of the SCANG of which the Bamberg Unit was a part. He has had a long connection to the Bamberg community.

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY JONES, Deputy Adjutant General** **Biography**

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey (Jeff) Jones serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the South Carolina Military Department, effective April 17, 2019. Jones enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1985 as a 13B, Field Artillery Cannon Crewman, and assigned to Service Battery, 3-178th Field Artillery (FA) in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Jones subsequently attended Palmetto Military Academy (OCS) and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1987. Jones is a 1987 graduate of The Citadel and he holds Master's Degrees from the University of South Carolina in Columbia and the U.S. Army War College. Among his military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the NATO Medal (KFOR). Jones resides in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Amanda. They have three children: Houston, Lydia, and Isobel.

## **BRAD SPENCER, SCULPTOR** *[www.bradspencersculptor.com](http://www.bradspencersculptor.com)*

Brad Spencer was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1958, raised in and around Greensboro for most of his life and currently lives in Reidsville, NC. He earned a BFA in painting '80 and MFA in sculpture '83 from UNC-Greensboro. After serving as a teaching assistant and then a part time instructor at UNCG, Brad began his sculpture career, exhibiting in galleries and in art festivals. In 1989 he began sculpting in brick, an ancient but unusual sculpture medium. While the brick sculpture started with commercial and residential projects, Brad's main focus now is public art. Brad is joined in the studio by his wife, Tammy. "We visit galleries and museums to experience art but public art comes to us and confronts our daily lives. It becomes a shared experience helping to shape a community's image" The veterans in his sculpture "By Land, By Sea, By Air" were inspired by all the military men and women who serve our great nation.



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## **PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS**

*[www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org)*

Founded in 2005 to shield families of fallen heroes from those that would disrupt the services of their loved ones, the Patriot Guard Riders has grown to include thousands of members across all 50 states in the US. They are a 100% volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. As their membership has grown, so has the scope of their mission. They also honor first responders as well as military veterans. Additionally they have an active Help On The Homefront (HOTH) program, which provides assistance to our veterans and their families.

## **EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE**

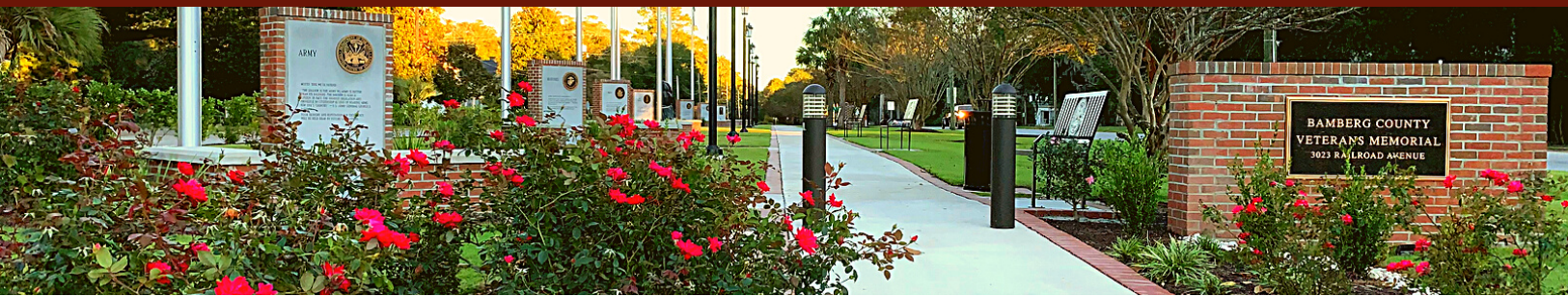
*[www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)*

ESGR has served our country for more than 45 years, fostering a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. These citizen warriors could not defend and protect us at home and abroad without the continued promise of meaningful civilian employment for themselves and their families. ESGR has continued to adapt to meet the needs of Reserve Component members, their families, and America's employers by joining forces with a network of other national, state, and local government and professional trade organizations. Together, We All Serve!

## **PATRIOTS POINT FOUNDATION**

*[patriotspointfnd.org](http://patriotspointfnd.org)*

To help ensure the longevity of the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum Campus so others may experience the living history of our nation's bravest men and women while telling their stories in honorable, educational and engaging ways. They sell autographed copies of the *Noble Warrior*, the story of Major General James E. Livingston, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his role as an infantry company commander at Dai Do, Vietnam during a three-day grinding battle of attrition in which the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, numbering only 800 men, victoriously battled 10,000 or more NVA. His remarkable life and career is recounted in a book that has it all: exciting first-person eyewitness account of historic battle; the history of the development of tactics and strategies used in today's war on terror; and a compelling story of leadership in action and individual courage in combat.



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## **SOUTH CAROLINA BATTLEGROUND TRUST**

*scbattlegroundtrust.org*

The South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust's 5th Company, 4th SC Regiment, Artillery, is a Revolutionary War Artillery Demonstration Crew, with two, three-pounder grasshopper cannons, two coehorn mortars, and period volunteer crews. The Demonstration Team's purpose is to educate, demonstrate, and entertain to bring our fight for liberty to life! Cannons support the SCBPT by being part of public and private functions; historical events, and commemorations. The crew members are Tom Oblak (Gun Captain), US Army Retired, Edward Forte, USMC Retired, Tray Dunaway, MD, and George Cassidy, US Army Veteran.

## **OPERATION ENDURING HONOR**

*operationenduringhonor.org*

Operation Enduring Honor strives to honor the sacrifice of America's disabled Service Members by providing wheelchair accessible picnic tables in parks and recreation areas. These special picnic tables will help wheelchair bound Veterans, visitors and their families enjoy outdoor activities.

## **CELEBRATE FREEDOM FOUNDATION**

*www.gocff.org*

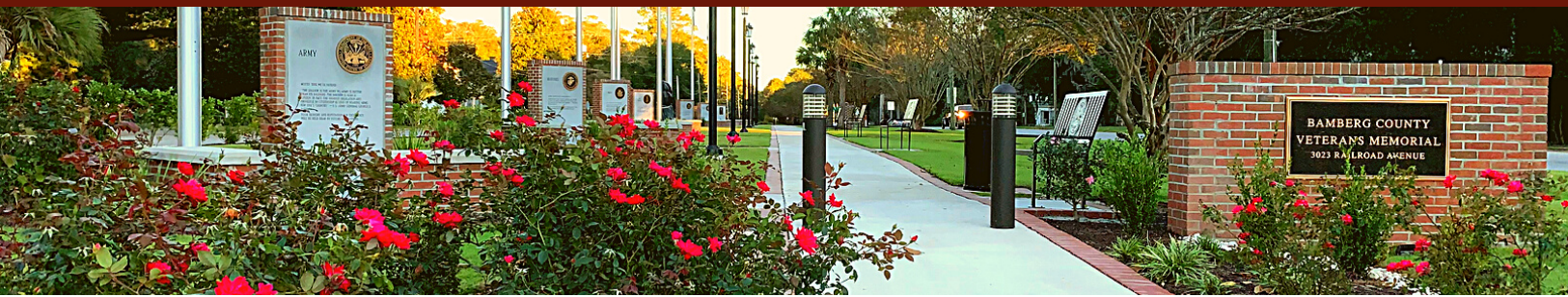
The Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) was created to further education efforts as well as "to honor past aviation pioneers and inspire future space and aviation pioneers." CFF has always focused on education, with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics) Education Outreach Program primarily directed to K-12 students. CFF continues to work with STEM education, and there is more opportunity to help now than ever before. South Carolina is transforming into a hub for global aerospace and automotive manufacturing companies and their suppliers. There is a growing need for a STEM literate workforce, making it critical that our schools prepare students for these types of jobs and ensuring that they can compete with a competitive national and global workforce.

## **SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION PARACHUTE TEAM**

*sfapt.net*

The Special Forces Association parachute team's mission is to provide a nucleus of professional parachutists who are highly trained and equipped to perform freefall parachute demonstrations in support of local and national venues. The team consists of active duty military, retired military, and includes current Department of Defense support elements. Our main emphasis is to enhance the image and heritage of the US Army Special Forces, past and future. We are a first come first serve team. The team is a 501 (C) (19) nonprofit tax exempt organization.





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## **QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION**

*www.qovf.org*

The mission of The Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Tommy Forrest is the Group Leader of the Anderson, SC QOV Quilters. Since November of 2014, their group has made and awarded 2000 Quilts of Valor.

### **2020 BAMBERG COUNTY QUILTS OF VALOR RECIPIENTS**

**Eddie Franklin**, Army, Korean War

**Isaiah Odom**, Army, Korean War

**Steven J. Yaeger**, Army, Vietnam War

**Howard Lincoln, Jr.**, Army, Cold War

**Eddie A. Williams**, Army, Vietnam War

**Philip Grooms**, Army, SC National Guard

**Joe Jenkins**, Army, Cold War

**Razzie Odom, Sr.**, Army

**Donald C. Kirby**, Navy, Vietnam War

**Johnnie Bias**, Navy, Vietnam War

**George Manigo, Jr.**, Army, Berlin

**Lewis A. Carroll**, Army, Vietnam

**Franklin Frye**, Navy

**Robert Clay Thompson**, Army

**Rosella Cooper**, Air Force National Guard

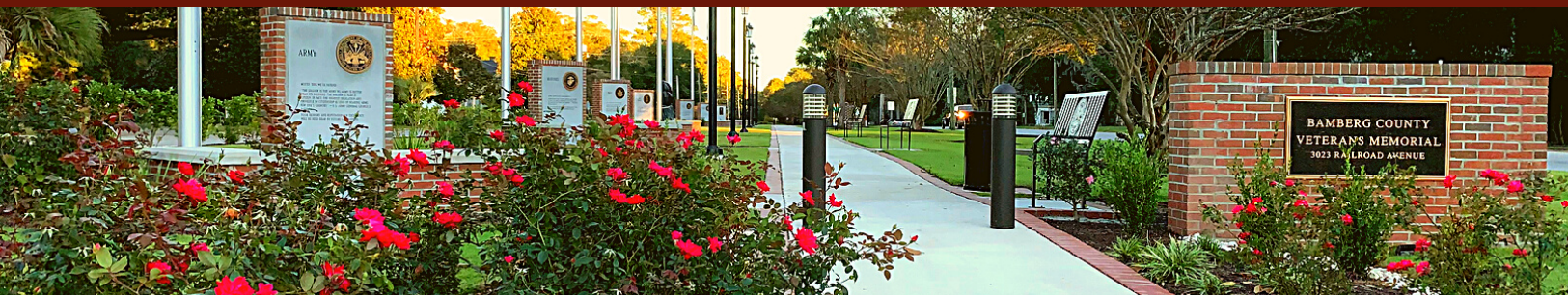
**Leroy Toomer**, Army, Gulf War

**Arthur Brabham**, Army, Desert Storm

**Evert Comer, Jr.**, Army

**Christopher Tyler**, Army, Gulf War

**Hazel Darby**, Army



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## **BAMBERG EHRHARDT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC COLOR GUARD**

### **CARRYING THE COLORS**

CDT Corporal Trinity Brabham  
CDT Corporal Sakyra Brunson

### **GUARDS**

CDT Private First Class Arianna Matthews  
CDT Private Jhalona Wright  
The Color Guard Commander is CDT 2nd Lieutenant Mckayla Cotto

**Assistant Army Instructor:** CSM Sidi London

**Instructor:** First Sergeant J. M. McDonald

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## **Veterans Day History**

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, one year after the Allied powers signed a ceasefire agreement in France that ended World War I at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. Wilson's words at the First Armistice Day (now called Veterans Day) are as fitting today as they were then.

*"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."*



# Bamberg County Veterans Memorial Walkway

**"By Land, By Sea, By Air"**

Created by: Brad Spencer, Artist and Sculptor  
Reidsville, North Carolina

*"The men and women who have served in all branches of the nation's military inspired my sculpture. I want my art to capture a sense of pride and represent 'alertness and preparedness.' It being solid brick ensures this edifice will stand long and strong to honor all former and future Veterans of Bamberg County."*

**"All gave some; some gave all." - Sergeant Howard William Osterkamp, US Army, Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient**

In keeping with the long honored tradition of respecting those who "gave all," the bricks inlaid in the monument floor behind you are engraved with the names of Bamberg County heroes who have fallen in defense of this great country from 1897 to the present.

## **Bamberg County Council 2019**

Kerry "Trent" Kinard, *Chairman, District 1*  
Sharon Hammond, *Vice-Chairman, District 2*  
Larry M. Haynes, *District 3*  
Joseph H. Guess, Jr., *District 4*  
Reverend Isaiah Odom, *District 5*  
Reverend Evert Comer, Jr., *Esquire, District 6*  
Clinton M. Carter, *District 7*

## **Bamberg County Council 2012**

J. Christopher Wilson, *Esquire, Chairman, District 1*  
Alzena Robinson, *Vice-Chairman, District 2*  
Larry M. Haynes, *District 3*  
St. Clair P. Guess, III, *District 4*  
Reverend Isaiah Odom, *District 5*  
Reverend Evert Comer, Jr., *Esquire, District 6*  
Clinton M. Carter, *District 7*

## **Bamberg City Council 2019**

The Honorable Mayor Nancy Foster  
Leslie Hayes, *District 1*  
Willie Mack Staley, *District 2*  
Rosetta Draper, *District 3*  
Robin C. Chavis, *District 4*  
Roberta "Bobbi" Bunch, *District 5*  
Bridget Kinard, *District 6*  
S. Bruce Watson, *Clerk Treasurer*

## **Bamberg City Board of Public Works**

Ronald Bunch  
L. E. "Bo" Griffin  
Craig Walker  
James "Will" Martin, *Manager*

## **S. C. Parks & Recreation Department**

Duane N. Parrish, *Director*  
Alesha Cushman, *Grants Coordinator*



## **ADMINISTRATOR**

Joey R. Preston

## **Clerk to Council**

Rose R. Shepherd

## **Veterans Affairs Officer**

Craig Walker

## **Bamberg County Attorney**

Richard B. Ness, *Esquire*

## **Bamberg County Bond Attorney**

Ray E. Jones, *Esquire*



## **Legislative Delegation 2016**

The Honorable Senator C. Bradley Hutto, *Esquire*  
*South Carolina State Senate - District 40*

The Honorable Representative Justin T. Bamberg, *Esquire*  
*South Carolina House of Representatives - District 90*

## **South Carolina Military Department**

Major General Van McCarty, *Adjutant General*  
Appointed January 17, 2019  
Major General Robert E. Livingston Jr.  
*Adjutant General, 2011 - 2019*

## **Capital Projects Sales Tax Committee 2012**

J. Christopher Wilson, *Esquire, Chairman*  
Leonard G. "Jerry" Bell, Jr., *Executive Director, Chamber*  
Clinton M. Carter, *Bamberg County Council, District 7*  
The Honorable Mayor William C. Stanley, *Ehrhardt, SC*  
Thomas M. Thomas, *Deputy County Administrator*  
Janeth C. Walker, *Bamberg City Council, District 3*  
The Honorable Mayor Gerald E. Wright, *Ph.D., Denmark, SC*

## **Bamberg County Facilities Corporation**

### **Non-Profit Board**

The Honorable County Treasurer Alice P. Johnson, *Chairman*  
J. Marie Collins  
The Honorable County Auditor Margaret B. Meyer  
Booker T. Patrick  
The Honorable Mayor William C. Stanley, *Ehrhardt, SC*

## **Major Contractors**

### **Lake Moultrie Construction, General Contractor**

William "Bill" Dennis, *President*  
Gillespie Marble and Granite Works  
Kyle Gillespie, *President*

## **Architects & Planners**

Craig Gaulden Davis, Inc., *Architects*  
William "Bill" Johnson, *Bamberg County*  
*Operations Director & Construction Manager*  
Mary K. Tilton, *Bamberg County Public Information Officer*  
John P. Perry, *CED, Project Manager*



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Paula Reel

Michelle Ricketson

City of Bamberg Police Department and Bamberg County Sheriff's Office

MedShore Ambulance Service

Roger Clark, Pirates of Treasure and Jenny Kenner, Spirit of Independence hot air balloons

Lower State Gas Company, Charles Breland



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