



Dear Friend(s) of Veterans:

It is with reverence and honor that we announce the third annual SFC Charles A. Judge Jr. Memorial Stand Down.

This event is planned in honor and memory of an outstanding hero, SFC Charles A. Judge Jr. SFC Judge, a native of Landrum, SC, served for 21 years in the S.C. National Guard including a tour of duty in Iraq. Charles was decorated numerous times for extraordinary military service and bravery.

Charles was one of the original founders and coordinators of Stand Downs held in the Upstate. His passion and covenant to Stand Down was relentless. He was a key leader in the growing number of veterans served each year and the outstanding outcomes that resulted from his diligent work. One of his main goals was to make life better and brighter for each and every veteran he encountered.

While stationed at Ft. Jackson, Charles was tragically killed on July 24, 2016, as he went to the aid of a young woman escaping violence. He sacrificed his life to fulfill his ultimate duty to serve and protect. The 2020 SFC Charles A. Judge Jr. Memorial Stand Down is a fitting tribute to his undeniable valor, heroism, and life's service to our country and our veterans.

The Stand Down will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020 at the USC Upstate University Readiness Center, SC National Guard Armory, Spartanburg, SC from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (doors close at 2:00 PM). Stand Down will offer a day of cost-free services, goods and resources to homeless veterans, veterans at risk of becoming homeless, and veterans in need (self-defined as to his/her need) and their families. Our purpose and mission is to: 1) Connect veterans to targeted resources, information and service agencies to improve quality of life, 2) Provide opportunities and avenues for veterans to reintegrate into the community and society, and 3) Display appreciation and gratitude for their military service in an atmosphere of dignity, respect, warmth and welcome.

Participants in the past have come from counties throughout the Upstate of SC and contiguous counties of NC. All veterans are always welcome regardless of where they live.

Sponsorships play a critical role in the success of the Stand Down, helping to cover costs of the event to ensure maximum goods, benefits and services for our honored participants. 100% of proceeds directly benefit veterans served. Your gift is tax deductible and processed through our 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Boiling Springs, SC. We greatly appreciate your consideration as a funding partner for this extraordinary cause. Please contact Carol Mabry, Stand Down steering committee member, at (864) 345-3428 or e-mail at cjmbjm@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information regarding sponsorship opportunities.

Please also visit our website at www.charlesajudge.com or contact us at (864) 978-7201 or (864) 345-3428 regarding additional event information.

We hope you will consider supporting and/or participating in the SFC Charles A. Judge Jr. Memorial Stand Down - whether a sponsor, donor or volunteer. Join the countless community members, organizations and friends of veterans as we honor Charles's lifetime of patriotic service and his commitment to serving all veterans in need.

Sincerely,

Barbara Briant, Mother of Charles A. Judge Jr.
Member, 2020 SFC Charles A. Judge Jr. Memorial Stand Down Steering Committee

Dr. Craig Burnette, Vietnam Veteran, 1969-70
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