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<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/06/3308914/sc-military-could-get-tax-break.html>

Katherine – This confidential message is coming from me on a personal basis....sometimes staff has to “toot the horn” of their boss when their boss is too humble to do it himself.

Just some background on Rep. Murrell Smith’s bill (H.3027 Property Tax Assessments for members of the Armed Forces) – link to article above. US Department of Defense representative Kevin Bruche meets with us on a regular basis and had told Sen. Alexander how important this bill was (as well as a few others) get passed before BRAC starts up.

Senator Alexander started talking with Senator Leatherman last December about moving this bill. Leatherman put it on a subcommittee agenda and then full Finance Committee agenda for him. Senator Alexander guided it through a few hiccups in the Senate. This bill was filed in the House in 2012 and lingered in Senate Finance.... it would have been dead in the water without Sen. Alexander’s leadership.

If at all possible, if there is some type of bill signing ceremony, it would be awesome if he could be included. Along with the Governor, Rep. Smith should be the main focus.... It would be nice if Senator Alexander were hanging out in the background somewhere. He cherishes these types of events, and really takes them to heart.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.....now erase it!

Have a great weekend and thanks for all you do!!

Lisa