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Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

The American Veterans Center's National Memorial Day Parade seeks your help.

Currently, the event is seeking nominations for the 2017 parade. Marching bands that participate in the parade must be nominated by one of their political representatives in order to be considered for participation.

It is our goal to have marching bands from each of the 50 states perform in the 2017 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. This is a terrific opportunity for you to select bands from your state to participate in next year's event.

The National Memorial Day Parade includes nearly 200 elements, including marching bands, active duty and retired military units, youth groups, and parade floats—as well as hundreds of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

We need your office to nominate at least 10 high school marching bands from your state that would proudly represent South Carolina in paying tribute to America's veterans and salute our troops at home and abroad.

Official invitations will be sent to each school upon receipt of your nominations. We hope that any band you recommend would be of the highest performance quality and would be a commendable representative of your state. You are welcome to contact and invite the bands directly, so long as we are first informed of the communication and aware of the nomination.

Please respond with your recommendations by e-mail to info@musiccelebrations.com no later than March 15, 2016.

Feel free to visit our website for more information: www.americanveteranscenter.org/parade.

We thank you and your staff in advance for your thoughtful response and certainly look forward to your state being represented in the 2017 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

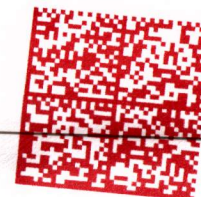
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