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**Thank You For Your Service...** According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are more than 420,000 veterans living in South Carolina. From the F-16 Fighting Falcons that fly over Shaw Air Force Base to the new Marine recruits that train at Parris Island, our state is proud of our strong military history. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce would like to offer a sincere thank you to all who have served and sacrificed for our country.

**Help For Female Veterans and Military Wives...** The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Veterans Business Development is announcing a funding opportunity for women and veteran-owned businesses through its *Women Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program*. Successful applicants will be organizations with a demonstrated history of providing successful entrepreneurship training to women veterans, women service members, and women spouses of service members and veterans. Applications must be received by Dec. 12. For more information, click [here](#).

**Election Success for The Good Government Committee...** In 2016, the Good Government Committee supported 45 candidates for Statehouse in the Primary and General Elections. Of the 45 races the GGC played in, our chosen candidates were successful in 39, giving the GGC an 87% success rate. Support was awarded based on a candidate's performance on the Chamber's Legislative Scorecard and business-friendly voting records. To view our Legislative Scorecard and see if your elected official voted to support a healthy business community click [here](#).

**The Election is Over... Now What?** Time to prepare for your fiscal future. The Darla Moore School of Business is hosting its 36<sup>th</sup> Economic Outlook Conference. A group of experts will present the economic forecast for the coming year. The keynote speaker is Professor Laurence Kotlikoff, a leading expert on the long-run fiscal health of the United States and Social Security. Professor Kotlikoff will address the federal budget, debt, and other critical issues facing the U.S. economy. The event is Thursday, December, 8<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Capstone Conference Center. To register click [here](#).

**How Supportive is Your County...** We need your input. The South Carolina Chamber is conducting a brief survey to study how business friendly each county is. Results are confidential and taking the survey enters you to win a \$200 gift card. To weigh in click [here](#).

**Does Your Facility Have a Water Permit?** Your input is needed as rules could be changing. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control published a proposed rule change that would be substantially more stringent than current Water Quality Standards. If approved, the rules could have sizeable impacts on any facility operating under a water permit. EPA recommends that states conduct individual water quality assessments on 94 chemical pollutants to determine if changes are required and where. These studies have not yet been performed. DHEC will be holding a Public Hearing on the Water Quality Standards on December 8th, 2016 at 10am in Columbia at [DHEC](#) offices, and they are inviting public comment in person or by letter.

If you have an update you would like to see in Chamber Buzz, email [Andrea.Mock@scchamber.net](mailto:Andrea.Mock@scchamber.net).

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- The State: [Roundup of South Carolina's winners on election day](#)
- Post and Courier: [Excitement for some, muted hope for others as Charleston manufacturers react to Trump victory](#)
- NY Times: [Trump Expected to Seek Deep Cuts in Business Regulations](#)
- Post and Courier: [S.C. cuts unemployment insurance tax in 2017, citing improving labor market](#)
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- **MUSC** to be [part](#) of a \$157 million environmental health study...
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