

Salute from the Shore

Annual Military Flyover of the South Carolina Coast to Honor Our Armed Forces on the 4th of July

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor
State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 20201

Re: ***Salute from the Shore***

Dear Governor Haley:

I am President of ***Salute from the Shore***, a South Carolina 501(c)3 organization created exclusively to pay tribute to the men and women of America's military on the 4th of July. We have successfully conducted our event since 2010 and expect an even more robust celebration in 2015.

Salute from the Shore is an effort by patriotic South Carolinians to express South Carolina's appreciation for the service and sacrifice of the brave and courageous Americans who provide us the freedom to celebrate the 4th of July and to enjoy our freedom every other day as well. Our mission and further details about the event are described more fully on our website at www.salutefromtheshore.org.

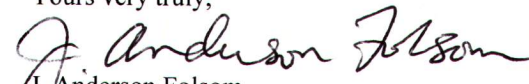
The event has historically been punctuated with a flyby of Air Force planes down the entire coast of our state, including a C-130 from Charleston AFB in 2010 and F-16s from Shaw AFB in 2011 and 2012. In 2013 and 2014, when "Sequestration" eliminated military flybys, we were fortunate to obtain the volunteer services of patriotic South Carolinians to fly the Salute in their vintage WWII aircraft.

We are excited to report that Shaw AFB will likely once again be able to participate in the event this 4th of July. We met with Colonel Stephen ("Jester") Jost, the Commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB last week, and he is enthusiastic about ***Salute from the Shore*** and our mission. In our conversations with the Commander, it became clear to Colonel Jost and our organization that our Salute from South Carolina to the military could be an opportunity to support your BRAC initiative to retain and enhance the military presence and investment in South Carolina.

With the support of Shaw AFB and Colonel Jost, Salute from the Shore embraces the opportunity to not only thank the military but also to be of service to the State of South Carolina. We have always strayed from politicizing this event and our mission given political sensitivities and not wanting to ostracize anyone. Nevertheless, as we seek to enhance South Carolina's Salute to the military, we seek your willingness to embrace the event and encourage participation through your social media channels and any other outlets at your disposal.

If you are receptive to our proposal, please provide me with the appropriate contact in your office. We are grateful for your consideration.

Yours very truly,


J. Anderson Folsom
President