

**From:** Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>  
**To:** Lt. Governor's OfficeLtGov@scstatehouse.gov  
**Date:** 6/21/2017 7:17:27 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Personal Invitation

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He can't make this, but ask her for the name and number of the pastor so that we can contact him about preaching one Sunday.

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**From:** Lt. Governor's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Personal Invitation

Please advise.  
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**From:** Mary Kerr [mailto:tnecgalnsc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** Lt. Governor's Office  
**Subject:** Personal Invitation

Dear Lt. Governor Bryant:

This is a personal invitation to attend our Annual Patriotic Service at Grace Baptist Church. It has been several years since anyone from the executive branch of state government has attended our service. The Governor declined and I thought I would reach out to you. Various other elected officials and military guests are in attendance as well.

Our service is Sunday, June 25 and promptly begins at 10 AM. We highlight our military throughout the service and include some added highlights such as: children's flag parade, greeting by characters of early history, drama, and rousing patriotic music.

Featured guest will be: Edgar Harrell, USMC, Survivor of the USS Indianapolis.

"The Heavy Cruiser USS Indianapolis had just made a record speed run from San Francisco to the B-29 base on the island of Tinian in the Marianas. The cruiser's cargo was the components of the Atomic Bomb, which was to be dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. It was only 26 days from the time the cargo was loaded aboard the Indianapolis until the war was over and the Japanese had surrendered aboard the USS Missouri. The sinking of the USS Indianapolis on July 30 1945 was the largest casualty at sea in the history of the US Navy. The ship sank in approximately 12 minutes! Of the 1,197 crew, 900 made it into the water; 880 perished in the sinking; 317 survived shark infested waters. Come hear former Marine, Edgar Harrell, tell the tragic story of the sinking and his experience those following 4 1/2 days prior to rescue."

I, for one, am very appreciative of the stands that you have taken as a Senator and now as Lt. Governor.

We hope that you will be able to join us. You are also invited to the lunch following the service.

God bless,  
Mary Kerr—803-447-3724