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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Veterans Day Event

OCONEE VETERANS PARK, Watkinsville, Ga. – The Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. will host a Memorial Day program May 27th at the Oconee County Veterans Memorial located at the front entrance of Oconee Veterans Park. The program will begin at 12:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the program will occur indoors at the park Community Center.

The program will include special music, a guest speaker and the traditional laying of wreaths will occur at the end of the program. Wreath presenters are encouraged to register prior to the event. The Honorable Jody [Hice](#) will serve as the guest speaker this year. Congressman Hice took office in 2015 as the representative of Georgia's 10th Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the House Natural Resources Committee. For the 116th Congress, he serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on National Security and for the Committee on Oversight and Reform. Veteran organizations are encouraged to set up display tents and tables to provide Veteran resources and support. Individuals owning refurbished military vehicles and equipment are also encouraged to display beginning at 11:00am. The Reverend John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR will provide post ceremony refreshments.

The Foundation will present an additional 8 names to the North Wall of Honor and announce room for the final 48 Wall of Honor names that will be added to the wall prior to Veterans Day 2019. General donations are encouraged in order to provide for the continued maintenance of the Memorial grounds. All proceeds from the Honor Our Patriots capital campaign offset construction and maintenance of the wall itself and the presentation of the 39 Killed in Action names from Oconee County. Partial funding for this project made possible through the sponsorship of the Reverend John Andrew Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Oconee State Bank, Wells Fargo, Oconee Foundations, LLC, Ruppert Landscape and many other Friends of the Memorial. The Wall of Honor tiles and a complete list of nominees to date will be available for review at the ceremony. Wall of Honor nomination forms will be available at the ceremony or at the foundation website <http://www.oconeeveteransmemorial.com/>. Additional information on Gold Star sponsorship giving levels can also be found on the website.

For additional questions and information please contact David Kilpatrick or email the foundation at oconeeveteransmemorial@gmail.com. Directions to the park, and the Parks and Recreation Department can be found online at <http://www.oconeecounty.com/>.