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### **Veterans Rally in Support of Other Veterans**

*Believe Little Rock Veterans Home Residents Deserve Better Treatment*

- WHO:** Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association  
American Legion Post 1  
Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club  
Veterans Resident Association, Resident Council  
Firefighters Fife and Drum Corp  
Color Guard
- WHAT:** Veterans Motorcycle Rally
- WHEN:** 11 a.m., Thursday, August 9th, 2012
- WHERE:** Arkansas Capitol steps  
(In case of rain, inside the rotunda)

**BACKGROUND:** Veterans and other advocates along with employees, families and residents will rally at 11: 00 am on the steps of the Arkansas Capitol on August 9, 2012 to show support for the Little Rock Veterans Home. After discovery that 18 Veterans residing in the state-run home had been illegally charged \$587,003 in maintenance fees, the State of Arkansas has determined it's time to close the place these Veterans call home. Veteran's, patient and nursing home advocates believe the residents of the Little Rock Home should be given better facilities and consideration. The Veteran's are taking to the State's Capitol to educate lawmakers and the public about the maltreatment of Veterans, the lack of financial oversight, and the need to ensure proper maintenance of our Veterans homes in the future.

"These men and women have honorably served our country, have built a home here, and to be forced to find new places to live due to mismanagement and an unwillingness to provide the financial resources to keep them housed is disgraceful," said James Scholz, Retired U.S. Army Veteran and key organizer.

For information about how to participate in the rally or about the pending closure of the Little Rock Veterans Home, contact James Scholz at 224-558-5928.

## **Schedule of Events:**

**11:00am Start:** CVMA State Representative Calls Attention to Troops

Color Guard Post Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Firefighters Fife and Drum Corp – Amazing Grace

CVMA – Professor MC Introduces Speaker(s)

Speaker 1 – Steve Fennigan, Commander, American Legion Post 1

Speaker 2 – Robert Lawson, President, Rolling Thunder, Chapter 2

Speaker 3 - Mike Hampton, CVMA State Representative

Speaker 4 – James Scholz, Retired U.S. Army Veteran & Former U.S. Congressional Candidate

CVMA State Representative Calls Attention to Troops

Color Guard Retires Colors

Firefighters Fife and Drum Corp – America the Beautiful

**12:00pm End:** CVMA State Representative Dismisses Troops

## **Speakers' Bios:**

**John “Professor” Sparks** – Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association national public relations officer

**Steve Fennigan** – Commander of M.M. Eberts Post 1, Arkansas’s oldest and largest American Legion Post.

**Robert “Crash” Lawson** – Disabled Veteran, Retired U.S. Navy PO1; Vietnam Veteran 1965-1970; President, Rolling Thunder Veterans Motorcycle Association, Chapter 2; Retired Police Officer; President, Arkansas Blue Knights, Chapter 6

**Mike “Ghost Rider” Hampton** – Retired Disabled Veteran; State Representative, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

**John Kendall** – President, Arkansas Veterans Home Resident Council; U.S. Army Aviation

**James “Hollywood” Scholz** – Disabled Veteran, Retired U.S. Army Explosive Ordinance Disposal, Mater Sergeant; Two-time Awardee of the Bronze Star with Valor Device; Master Mason and Treasurer, Ruffians Masonic Motorcycle Association