

Liberty Community Enrichment Meeting  
Monday, July 25  
6 pm at the Rosewood Center

- Opened meeting with discussion of fall festival. A date (11/5) and theme (patriotic/Veterans Day) had been chosen in previous meetings. Two festival titles were discussed: Freedom Fest and Heart of Liberty Fest.
- Five people were in attendance, and unanimously decided upon using the title 'Heart of Liberty,' and using it as an opportunity to also promote local causes and businesses with a slogan such as "Give your heart to Liberty," also celebrating those who have through service.
- A suggestion was made to check with the Lions Club about hosting a pancake breakfast for the Veterans that morning. (Note: I have contacted them; they no longer do pancake breakfasts regularly, but are awaiting feedback from their board of directors to see if they'd want to join forces for this particular event.)
- A suggestion was made to allow businesses and/or vendors to sponsor a vet for a donation above their booth fee (minimum of \$5?); that vendor would receive a poster with the vet's picture and bio on it to display at their booth during the festival.
- A scavenger hunt would be created based on their bios (examples: "This veteran was the youngest to join..." etc.) and children and families could walk around to the different booths finding the information, which helps the vendor to get more people to their booth and also ensures the vets are recognized. Completed scavenger hunts could be dropped off at a certain location to be entered to win a prize.
- Work with local office of Veterans Affairs and publish ads seeking local veterans to be featured
- Collaborate with local elementary schools on a patriotic art contest; feature top 12 pieces in a calendar that has discount coupons on the bottom for local businesses (think Chick-fil-a style calendar); present Veterans with one and sale the rest for a small fee to offset costs & maintain fund to honor vets annually. (Note: Have already contacted art teachers at both LES and CRES; awaiting feedback)

- Ask local organization to host competitive food drive during the event (branches of military or police vs. fire?) to give food to local food banks for the holidays. (Note: Haven't contacted anyone about this yet; someone suggested asking Boy Scouts. I also thought Meals on Wheels might be a good fit. Will attempt to reach out to those as a start, and go from there.)
- Talk to George Belan about having his military vehicles there
- Patriot Guard (Misty contacting)
- Talk to local recruiters about bringing in their things like rock wall, touch-and-play (Misty)
- Work on encouraging participation from those causes who "have a heart" for Liberty (many of which are already involved, such as churches): Meals on Wheels, Lions Club, Boy/Girl Scouts, Rec Scholarship Program, Emma KAPPs, Police Dare Camp Fundraising/Ghost Fundraising, Fire Department Fire Safety/Prevention, Library, Band Booster, ADOPT, Humane Society, area churches, etc.
- Pickens County Medal of Honor recipients recognized (out of the 4, I believe 3 are still living)