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SEDALIA LANDING FOR THE US ARMY 101st AIRBORNE “SCREAMING EAGLES” PARACHUTE TEAM

Keep your eyes on the sky on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. as the United States Army 101st Airborne “Screaming Eagles” Parachute Demonstration Team descends to the ground at the Smith-Cotton Junior High School Band Field. They will jump from a World War II C-47 Dakota named “Judy” whose home town is St. Louis, Missouri.

They will be warmly welcomed by Sedalia Smith-Cotton High School Principal Martin White and Junior High Principal Steve Triplett, as well as members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and hundreds of delighted students, parents and visitors. Members of the Smith-Cotton Raider Team will be on hand to catch the flags as the parachutists land. The “Screaming Eagles” are a full-time aerial demonstration unit headquartered at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They are participating in the 6-Day 23rd Annual Celebration put on by the Salute To Veterans Corporation in Columbia, Missouri.

The **FREE** 2-Day Airshow, May 28-29, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM at the Columbia Regional Airport:

- USAF Altus AFB 58th Squadron C17A Globemaster III Demonstration Team
- Canadian National CF-18 Hornet Demonstration Team
- Lima Lima USN 6-Ship T-34 Mentor’s Aerobatic Demonstration Team
- USA 101st Airborne “Screaming Eagles” Parachute Demonstration Team
- Canadian Forces Parachute Demonstration Team “The Skyhawks”
- USAF A-10 Thunderbolt II West Demonstration Team
- WWII USN SNJ Texan Aerobatic Demonstration Flight
- Fort Leonard Wood USA K-9 Corps Demonstration
- WWII P-51 Mustang “Tuskegee Airmen” flying
- WW I “Flying Circus” the Kansas City Dawn Patrol

- Over 40 vintage and active duty military aircraft will be on display including a TBM Avenger, USN P-3 Orion open for tour, USMC A-1D Skyraider, WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber, World War II P-51 “Archie”, and a rare WWII Seafire among others.

Honored Guests and Volunteers Banquet, Saturday, May 28, 5:30 PM,

Hearne's Center: It is the high point of the 6-day Salute to Veterans Celebration and we issue an *invitation to the public to attend!* Tickets are only \$40.00 a person for a carved buffet and fine wine on each of the tables of eight. So start collecting your friends, family and colleagues and make your plans to take a table this year! The program includes the introduction of all of the Military Demonstration Teams; Special Guests; reunion groups of the Tuskegee Airmen and Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP); Recognition of the Honored Military Guests; Awards to Volunteers; and an Auction for the Endowment Fund of wonderful items including aviation and military artwork and jewelry. *The evening ends with a patriotic musical video "Salute to Our Armed Forces and Our Allies" and a stirring rendition of "God Bless America" by Major General Arnold Fields, USMC, Ret.* Come join us and bring your family, neighbors and friends to this not-to-be-missed heartwarming evening. Call, Fax or E-mail your reservations to: Kimberly Boyer: Phone: 573 449-0018; Fax: 573 443-4297; or E-Mail: kboyer@lwandco.com.

Salute To Veterans Parade, 9:55 AM, May 30, Memorial Day, downtown Columbia

Over 155 units including Military Reunion Groups, bands, Honored Guests and all aircraft from the Airshow flying cover overhead as a tribute to fallen comrades. It will be Jump-Started by the USA 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" and the Canadian Forces "Skyhawks" parachuting into five intersections on Broadway in downtown Columbia at 9:55 AM.

Military Ceremony at the Boone County Courthouse, Memorial Day, 11:00 AM

50 wreaths placed, the Columbia Community Band plays, a short speech by the Grand Marshal of the Parade on the meaning of Memorial Day, followed by "Amazing Grace" by the Bagpipers Band, a 21-Gun Salute, and Echo Taps brings the 6-Day Salute To Veterans Celebration to a close.

Check the Website at www.salute.org for all events.

Please Note: The Celebration should not be referred to as "the Columbia Airshow", Columbia's Memorial Day Airshow, this "Columbia event", "Columbia's Memorial Day Weekend", etc., or any other designation that would imply that it is hosted, organized, or in anyway produced or sponsored by the City of Columbia, its Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, or the State of Missouri. It is presented solely by the Memorial Day Weekend Salute To Veterans Corporation, a private, 501c3, not-for-profit, tax deductible, educational Missouri Company. The Corporation

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