



Media Advisory

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DJJ and SC Chapter of Missing in America Project Collaborates to Build Wooden Urns Urns Will Be Used for Burial of Unclaimed Veterans

What: Military veterans and DJJ youth working side-by-side to build wooden urns

On Tuesday, April 22, members of the Missing in America Project and American Legion Post 193, Chapin, will work side-by-side with youth at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to build wooden urns. The urns will be used in the burial of unclaimed veterans, as part of the Missing in America Project (MIAP). Construction will take place in the Youth Industries Building on DJJ's Broad River Road Campus.

Prior to the start of construction, there will be a brief ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Youth Industries Building to highlight the project. The Legionaries partnership with DJJ was formalized with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement in December 2013. The urns will be used in burial ceremonies held in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery and other national and state military cemeteries.

Speakers at Ceremony: Margaret H. Barber, DJJ Director; Steven Goulet, MIAP State Coordinator, and Sam Bower, DJJ's carpenter for carpentry training

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2014; 3 p.m.

Where: DJJ Youth Industries Building, Broad River Road Complex, 4900 Broad River Road.

About DJJ

--- As the state agency responsible for providing rehabilitation and custodial care for the state's juveniles who are on probation, incarcerated, or on parole for a criminal or status offense, DJJ actively seeks partnerships that foster its mission. DJJ's mission is to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

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