

*Dear Palmetto Historical Park Visitor,
Below, please read about a very special event that will be taking place in
Palmetto Historical Park on September 11, 2010. If you wish to attend,
please plan to arrive at 8:15 am. The Palmetto Historical Park will be open
to visitors until 10:00 am. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. We hope you
will plan to attend and stick around to visit with other members!*

Sincerely,

The Palmetto Historical Commission Board



Post 911 Foundation and Thunder Rolls are commemorating Patriot's Day, September 11, 2010, with a Ground Zero US flag presentation to the City of Palmetto.

The Post 911 Foundation will fly just over a dozen US Flags at Ground Zero in New York City in a nationwide Follow the Flag campaign to promote awareness and appreciation of our nation's protectors and defenders – the military, federal law enforcement and local first responders. On Patriot's Day, September 11, 2010, Post 911 Foundation representatives will present the Ground Zero Flags to various agencies and activities in New York, Washington DC and the Tampa Bay area. In the campaign, the Ground Zero Flags are reminders of the attack on the US homeland in 2001 and are meant to inspire commitment and dedication to the principles and defenders of freedom.

Once presented, the flags begin a year-long return journey to New York City as communities or activities who receive the flags pass them across the nation to a final resting in the national museum at Ground Zero on September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the attack. Once in the museum, each flag will be displayed along with a description of the route it took to return to Ground Zero.

US Air Force Brigadier General (Retired) Robert Holmes, a Post 911 Foundation representative, will present one of the limited Ground Zero Flags to Palmetto City Mayor, Shirley Bryant on September 11 in a ceremony at the Palmetto Historical Park. The flag will arrive at the park at eight-thirty in the morning escorted by a Manatee County Sheriff's patrol, elements of the Palmetto Police and Fire Departments, as well as Thunder Rolls' local motorcyclists. Mayor Bryant and General Holmes will conduct a brief ceremony in remembrance of the attack on the nation ending with a moment of silence at forty-six minutes after the hour marking the initial terrorist attack which occurred at eight-forty six in the morning on September 11, 2001.

As part of the Follow the Flag Campaign, two other Ground Zero Flags will be presented in the Tampa Bay Area - one going to the City of Tampa, and the other to the Haley Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

In the day's events, Thunder Rolls a civic interest group promoting the ideals of freedom, service and responsibility will lead a fifty mile-plus motorcycle ride across the Tampa Bay Area supporting the other local Ground Zero flag presentations. Proceeds benefit the Post 911 Foundation, The Special Operations Warrior Foundations, The Gold Shield Foundation and The Haley VA Medical Center Recreation Services. Thunder Rolls will join in support of the AMVETS Post 44 in Brandon for a large Patriots Day celebration in the afternoon. The Ride Factory in Ybor City, a corporate sponsor for Thunder Rolls and Follow The Flag, has details for all local area motorcyclists and groups and can be reached at 813-247-1166. Check out our Facebook Page, "Thunder Rolls, Tampa Bay".