

# Battle of Eutaw Springs commemoration set

Three-day event to take place Sept. 3-5

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A three-day commemoration of the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs will bring tours, speakers and patriotic ceremonies to the Santee and Eutawville areas Sept. 3-5.

The commemoration will include visits to Revolutionary War battle sites, programs at the historic Church of the Epiphany, a wreath-laying ceremony at Battle Monument Park and an honor wreath ceremony at the tomb of Gen. Francis Marion.

Events begin Sept. 3 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at Clark's Inn and Restaurant in Santee. The reception is sponsored by the Eutaw Springs Battleground Association.

A Freedom Fighters Tour is planned for Sept. 4, taking participants to the Fort Motte and Fort Watson battle sites before continuing to Eutaw Springs.

According to the tour flyer, participants

will depart Bradford Village Shopping Center in Santee at 8 a.m. and arrive at the Fort Motte Battle Monument site in Calhoun County at 8:45 a.m.

The tour is scheduled to continue to the Fort Watson battle site in Clarendon County before arriving at Bell's Marina in Orangeburg County at noon for a box lunch. A narrator and other guest presenters are scheduled to speak during lunch.

At 12:45 p.m., the group will walk from Bell's Marina through the new Eutaw Springs Park entrance. The tour is scheduled to depart Bell's Marina at 2 p.m. and return to Bradford Village Shopping Center at 2:30 p.m.

The tour costs \$30 per person, with the box lunch costing an additional \$15. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Douglas Doster at 803-747-2111.

The commemoration continues Sept. 5 with a 10 a.m. patriotic program at the historic Church of the Epiphany, 101 Porcher Ave. in Eutawville.

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Members of the South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard fire musket volleys at the Eutaw Springs Battle Monument Park to commemorate the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs in 2024.

# USC TO NAME BUILDING AFTER LATE SEN. GRAHAM



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Sen. Lindsey Graham during a Senate budget committee hearing on April 16.

## University seeks state funding for ROTC Center of Excellence

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The University of South Carolina is seeking state funding for a new ROTC building that it intends to name in honor of the late U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, the school announced Friday.

The Senator Lindsey Graham ROTC Center of Excellence, which would replace the existing ROTC facility at the corner of Pickens and Wheat streets, will serve the university's more than 2,000 military-affiliated students and ROTC cadets in what university officials said would become the Southeast's premier

ROTC training and education facility.

While planning for the center is still in its infancy, the university thought it fitting to name the structure after Graham, a Carolina graduate and military veteran who died unexpectedly last month after suffering a tear in his aorta.

"He's a two-time alum of the university. Obviously, a big supporter of our nation's military. So, we thought this would be a fitting tribute to him," USC spokesman Jeff Stensland said.

The ROTC center is at least the second military-aligned facility to be named in Graham's honor since his death.

Earlier this month, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth joined Gov. Henry McMaster and Graham's sister, Darline Graham, who was appointed to serve out the remainder of his term, for a ceremony to rename Joint Base Charleston in honor of the late senator.

Graham, a native of Central in Pickens County who represented South Carolina in Congress for more than three decades, graduated from USC in 1977, and earned a law degree from the university four years later.

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