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News Release

Command Sergeant Major Phillip Pressley to Speak at Veterans Day Program

November 3, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Veterans Service Office will honor veterans at their annual Veterans Day program on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:45 a.m. at the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport during the annual Warbirds over Monroe Air Show. Veteran's admission is reduced to \$5 at the gate.

The program's key note speaker is Command Sergeant Major Phillip Pressley. CSM Pressley enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Nov. 7, 1983 and served three years on active duty and two years in the Naval Reserves before joining the North Carolina Army National Guard. He has deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed on humanitarian missions for hurricanes Floyd, Fran and Katrina. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, NCNG Achievement Medal, and the NCNG State Active Duty Ribbon with numeral 2.

CSM Pressley and his wife, Deanna, have four daughters, Avery, Madeleine, Grace and Lauren. They live in New Salem, and he works for the Monroe Police Department as assistant chief.

During the Veterans program, Union County will present the annual Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Patriot Awards to a selected cadet from each of the JROTC high schools. Please come out and help us congratulate these outstanding cadets!

At 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 8, a JROTC drill competition will be held where high school drill teams will compete in various drill events. The drill competition is hosted by the Warrior & Warbirds who provide a monetary award. The competition will be judged by the Veterans Council of Union County and community volunteers.

Questions regarding the program may be directed to the Union County Veterans Service Office at 704-283-3807. More on-line information regarding the weekend Airshow events can be found at www.warbirdsovermonroe.com.

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