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Carolina Crossroads to Honor Wounded Warriors at September 22 Concert
Concertgoers encouraged to wear “Red, White, & Blue”

Roanoke Rapids, NC (September 14, 2007) - Carolina Crossroads, Betsey's Real Estate, and EMBARQ will recognize active and veteran military personnel at the September 22 concert at the Carolina Crossroads Outdoor Amphitheater. In addition to live performances by country music stars Gretchen Wilson and The Charlie Daniels Band, numerous soldiers including the Camp Lejeune based “Wounded Warriors” will be honored.

The Wounded Warrior Battalion-East is the first of its kind in the Marine Corps. It encourages the camaraderie and the support of fellow Marines in an effort to help each other cope with the dramatic changes they have experienced. “We wanted to do something special to honor all of our military. We’re told more than 50,000 men and women have been injured in the Iraqi War. This is just a small way of honoring them and the many who have fought before them,” said Betsey Merritt, Betsey's Real Estate.

EMBARQ and Carolina Crossroads have provided some 140 concert tickets to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base soldiers and their families, according to Steve Parrott, the company's state executive for the Carolinas and Virginia. “We are proud of our long tradition of supporting the military, especially in our service areas,” Parrott said. “This concert and the associated recognition for the Wounded Warriors and our other heroes in uniform help demonstrate that.”

Parrott said the company's portion of the tribute to the troops also will include fund-raising efforts for the Wounded Warriors. Concertgoers who donate \$1 or more as they enter will receive a special commemorative sticker, and the first 200 visitors making donations of \$10 or more at the EMBARQ booth will receive commemorative T-shirts. The EMBARQ Trio, known for their television ad appearances, also will be encouraging donations at the EMBARQ booth.

Carolina Crossroads, Betsey's Real Estate, and EMBARQ will also have a giant “Thank You” card on display for concertgoers to sign. The card will be presented to the Wounded Warriors Battalion in October.

Concertgoers are being encouraged to wear their “Red, White, and Blue” to show their support. Each branch of service will also be recognized prior to the concert.

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