

**Event Description** 

The Bridal Trail is nominally a 3.1 mile course around the 100acre Twelve Oak Estate in Lexington County. The race will start at 8am on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. It is intended as a Cross-Country course for any runner who enjoys running on uneven terrain. Deer and Turkeys have been seen in the woods, but none are anticipated on race day.

The event will have a DJ for entertainment, a few outdoor games, food trucks and adult beverages as well as some of the more customary post-race fare.

The race will begin and end in front of the Hangar. It was originally an airplane hangar. It is now an event space for parties and weddings.

Runners will be visible for a quarter-mile on the first lap, a halfmile on the 2nd lap and a quarter-mile at the finish. We expect runners to bring their support group who will watch them set their own course-record. T-shirts and finishers' awards will go to all registered entrants. Age group awards will go to the first three places in 5-year age groups. This year we will add a Colts & Fillies 4-Furlong run for ages 10 and under. It will not be timed, but finishers awards will be presented. We will also add an 80+ age group for War Horses. Overall winners will also receive special awards and if a new course record is set by the overall Male or Female a cash prize will also be awarded.. Awards to Masters, Grand Masters and Senior Masters will be presented.

We expect this to be one big party to kick off the summer. Come out and have some fun. Dancing is encouraged.

This year, the organizers of The Bridal Trail will be donating a portion of the race revenue to Honor Flight, an organization to take Veteran's to Washington, DC to see their memorials. Honor Flight began with 6 private airplanes in 2005 so WW II veterans could see their memorial, which was not built until 60 years after the war ended. Obviously, a lot of those soldiers never got to see it. Today, Honor Flight uses commercial transportation to take thousands of Veterans and their companions to Washington, DC. All expenses paid, each year.

Honor Flight has a hub in Baxley, GA, the closest hub to the SC midlands. They make two trips per year to take veterans and a companion, as many are handicapped, to the nation's capital. If the Veteran does not have a companion, one will be provided. No other government approved, tax deductible organization in America does this. Check your race packet for a leaflet describing the tours.