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## Riley Museum Celebrates National Armed Forces Day

**WHAT:** Brunch with Black Patriots...A panel discussion featuring Veterans speaking on the Progress & Presence of African Americans in the United States Military

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

**WHO:** Featured panelist include: Col. (Ret.) Ronald Joe, Sgt. Major (Ret.) Jarvis Rosier (*Director of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troops Reenactment Unit*), Captain (Ret.) Chester Davis, Jr. son of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Chester Davis, Sr. (for his service in WWII) and Mr. Clifton Lewis (*Founder of the L.B. Brown Museum in Bartow, Florida*).

**WHERE:** The event will take place at the new Riley Visitor Center, 419 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

**WHY:** The Reenactment Unit and Living History Association of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment USCT, was created in collaboration with the John G. Riley Museum and the Natural Bridge Historical Society to ensure the authenticity and accuracy of historical reenactments. Its guiding mission is to preserve protect, educate, promote, and interpret the accomplishments of the original soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment USCT, and their families. The Season of Emancipation commemorates the May 20, 1865 arrival of the Emancipation Proclamation to Florida (originally issued by President Lincoln in January 1863) which led to the subsequent end of enslavement of persons of African descent, at the conclusion of the Civil War. The month of festivities will culminate on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Emancipation & Abolitionist Ball from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the McMillan National Guard Armory. Tickets are \$50 for individuals and \$75 for couples and can be purchased directly from the Riley Museum.

For more information regarding the event and/or our organization please send email inquiries to [info@rileymuseum.org](mailto:info@rileymuseum.org) or call (850) 681-7881.

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