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Marines get R & R at Keowee Key

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U.S. Marines from Camp LeJeune, many of them injured in the wars in the Middle East, will be welcomed by the Upstate again this year with a few days of special activities at Keowee Key.

"These Marines have served their country in Iraq and Afghanistan and will spend three days of rest and relaxation enjoying the hospitality and amenities of the Keowee Key community," said event organizer Larry Druffel.

The visit kicks off with a motorcycle escort from Easley through Seneca to Keowee Key along routes 123 and 130 on June 7 beginning around 2:15 p.m. in Easley.

About 150 motorcyclists participated in last year's event, cosponsored by Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital, with thousands lining the parade route to honor the sacrifices of the Marines.

"Seeing so many people support our military was a humbling and rewarding experience," said Druffel.

The Marines will be hosted by families in the Keowee Key community and enjoy picnics, boating, water skiing, fishing, golf and other activities.

For more information or to participate in the motorcycle escort, go to c4warriors.org.