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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Salisbury VA Health Care System to Celebrate U.S. Army Air Forces WWII Veteran's
100th Birthday**

SALISBURY, N.C. – The Salisbury VA Health Care System is cordially inviting you to attend and cover the 100th birthday celebration of U.S. Army Air Forces Veteran Lonnie Poole Sr., who served with the IX Troop Carrier Command in World War II, to be held at the Carolina Pride Community Living Center in Salisbury, North Carolina, on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 2 p.m. EST.

Mr. Poole Sr., originally from Troy, North Carolina, enlisted in the Army Air Forces during World War II and served courageously throughout Europe, surviving artillery fire from Axis units and bearing first-hand witness to Nazi concentration camps as the Allies' campaign progressed towards Germany.

Interviews will be available with Mr. Poole Sr., and his family; VA administrators; and Mr. Poole Sr.'s health care team members immediately following the celebration.



Additional details:

- **Event:** 100th Birthday Celebration of U.S. Army Veteran Lonnie Poole Sr.
- **When:** Thursday, January 4, 2024, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EST (please arrive by 1:45 p.m.)
- **Where:**

Building 42 – Carolina Pride Community Living Center
W.G. (Bill) Hefner Salisbury VA Medical Center
1601 Brenner Avenue
Salisbury, NC 28144-2515
[Get directions on Google Maps](#)

- **RSVP:** Via email to kevin.stapleton@va.gov by 11:59 p.m. EST, Wednesday, January 3, 2024

All questions regarding this event may be directed to Kevin P. Stapleton, Chief Communications Officer, at kevin.stapleton@va.gov.

At the Salisbury VA Health Care System, our mission is to fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to care for those who have served in our nation’s military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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