

THE TOWN OF  
**Batesburg-Leesville**  
*Gateway to the South Carolina Midlands*



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## **27 National Guard Soldiers Help Pick Up Litter**

On Saturday May 3, 2014, South Carolina Army National Guard Unit HHC 2-151<sup>st</sup> SSABN out of Greenville marched (well technically drove) into Batesburg-Leesville and picked up more than 1,500 pounds of litter from our roadways. Led by Captain Trey Bruner, resident of Batesburg-Leesville, the soldiers worked for 2 hours picking up litter along the main corridors leading into town.

Adjutant General Robert Livingston has told units across South Carolina that he wants them to become more involved in communities and Captain Bruner saw this as a great project that has a visible impact on the community. After being greeted and thanked by Mayor Rita Crapps, soldiers picked up litter along Highway 1 from Little Creek to Daniel Drive, Highway 391 from the Saluda County line to intersection of North Lee Street, Highway 178 from Edisto Drive to Willis Street split, Pond Branch Road from Berkley Drive to just shy of the ball fields, and Saluda Highway from Holston Crossroads into town. They picked up a total of 51 large bags of litter, each weighing approximately 30 pounds.

Once the soldiers completed their portion of roadway, they met at Shealy's Bar-B-Que where they were treated by Owner, Tommy Shealy, to a buffet meal. Assistant Town Manager, Ted Luckadoo, presented the unit with a plaque showing the Town of Batesburg-Leesville's appreciation for their time and hard work in helping to keep our community clean.

Additional appreciation goes out to David Padgett, Street Supervisor for the town, who assisted with obtaining supplies needed for the soldiers to pick up the litter, Jeff Padgett of the B-L Fire Department who assisted with picking up the trash bags after the crews were done and Officers Keisler, Sims, Goss, Patel, and Merck of the B-L Police Department for providing each group of soldiers protection while they picked up the litter.