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2006 with John Anderson, Cowboy Troy, The Lost Trailers :
GET TICKETS NOW: [kicks1015.com](http://www.kicks1015.com)
Goal Is To Raise \$500,000 In One Day
"They Have Waited Long Enough"

August 21, 2006 - (NASHVILLE, Tenn.) - Recent Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame inductees **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and hot country duo **Big & Rich** will team up with **KICKS 101.5** and the **Eagle 106.7** at the **HiFi Buys Amphitheatre** in Atlanta, Georgia on **Saturday, October 7, 2006** at 6:00PM (doors at 4:00PM), for a fundraising concert that will include performances by **John Anderson**, **Cowboy Troy**, **The Lost Trailers** and others.



Memorial Committee 173d Airborne Brigade Association

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Design of Memorial

**173d Airborne Brigade National
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Country Western Stars Big & Rich, Lynard Skynard, and Others Getting Ready for Paratrooper Benefit Concert

Big & Rich who pay a special tribute to the Paratroopers of the 173d Airborne Brigade in their hit song the "8th of November" are preparing for a fundraising concert on Saturday, October 8, 2006, at the HiFi Buy Amphitheatre in Atlanta, GA. Also on the same billing are Lynard Skynard, Cowboy Troy, John Anderson, the Lost Trailers and others.

Ticket information is available on www.TicketMaster.com and 100% of the proceeds will go to the 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation for the building of their Memorial at Ft. Benning, GA.

The 173d Memorial will include the names of all the Sky Soldiers who lost their lives in South Viet Nam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The 173d Airborne Brigade was the 1st US Army ground unit deployed to the Republic of South Viet Nam on May 5, 1965 for what was to be a temporary assignment, but the unit remained in the combat zone for almost seven years and operated in every Corps area of South Viet Nam, and more than 1,700 members lost their lives in service with the unit. 13 members received the Medal of Honor for service in Viet Nam. The unit had the distinction of being the only US Army unit in Viet Nam to perform a combat parachute assault and the unit also completed a combat parachute jump in northern Iraq.

All former members of the 173d residing in the area and those still serving in the US Army who wish further information about how to contribute to the Memorial should contact Mr. Ken Smith at (252) 478-9359 or via his email address: kysmith173@earthlink.net. "It's time to hook up with the Herd".

For more information about the 173d Memorial, please check the official website of the 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation at www.173airbornememorial.org.

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Nashville Based Country Western Music Group Honors Afro-American Hero

The country western group known as “Big & Rich” and hailing from Nashville, TN on the Warner Music Group label have recorded a song on their latest CD that pays a special tribute to the late SP5 Lawrence Joel, the 1st living Afro-American soldier to receive the Medal of Honor since the Civil War.

The new CD entitled “Coming to Your City” includes a song entitled the “8th of November” which is narrated by Kris Kristofferson and he speaks very highly about the heroic actions of 173d Airborne Brigade Medic Lawrence Joel on November 8, 1965, during the Battle for Hill 65 which was the first major US Army battle of the Viet Nam war. SP5 Joel was from Winston-Salem, North Carolina and he was presented the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B. Johnson on 9 March 1967 during a ceremony on the White House lawn and this presentation ceremony is shown on the DVD especially made for the “8th of November”, by Deaton Flanigen Production based in Nashville, TN.

Niles Harris who served in the 173d and was in the Battle of Hill 65 is the inspiration for the “8th of November” and a close friend of “Big & Rich” and attributes Lawrence Joel for saving his life and many other lives on November 8, 1965. Lawrence Joel retired from an Army career to Winston-Salem, NC and he died on February 4, 1984, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

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This song (8th of November) and the DVD entitled 8th of November should be part of Black History Month and copies should be made available to Afro-American veteran's groups and those interested in the contributions of Afro-Americans to the history of the United States and the military.

A copy of the DVD should be available from Deaton Flanigen Productions, 1014 17th Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37212, phone number (615) 329-2095. The Morris Management Company, 818 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203, phone number (615) 327-3400, fax number (615) 321-0657, should be able to provide more information regarding the making of the "8th of November" and how the singers traveled to Viet Nam as part of the production of the song and DVD.

Warner Music Group label can be contacted at 20 Music Square, Nashville, TN 37203, phone number (615) 748-8000, and the President of the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade can be contacted at (386) 986-8129 or via email at president@skysoldier.org.