

# Media Advisory

## **Afghanistan Veteran to walk 80 miles along Carolina Thread Trail to support military veterans, kids**

Afghanistan War Veteran Carter Langston will walk 80 miles along the Carolina Thread Trail in honor of military veterans and Our Military Kids during Veterans Day weekend, Nov. 11-13, 2011. Langston, a U.S. Army Reserve public affairs officer who recently returned from a 10-month deployment in Afghanistan, is walking to raise funding and awareness for Our Military Kids.

Our Military Kids is a nonprofit organization that awards grants to children of deployed National Guardsmen, Military Reservists and Wounded Warriors to keep them engaged in constructive programs and activities while their parent or guardian is deployed.

“I am walking to honor all veterans and to raise funds for a fantastic organization that helped my family, particularly my children, during my own deployment last year,” said Langston. “I also see this as a great opportunity to utilize our natural outdoor recreation spaces and support efforts to better connect our communities to nature.”

During his deployment, Langston’s two children were awarded grants from Our Military Kids to participate in arts, scouts and extracurricular tutoring programs. The grants helped fund his children’s participation in those programs during the 2010 school year. The public may donate to this fundraising effort online at [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org). Donations can also be made by check payable to: Our Military Kids, Inc., 6861 Elm Street, Suite 2A, McLean, VA 22101.

Langston plans to walk/run approximately 27 miles each day. He will meet with the public or reporters each morning for 10 minutes prior to the start of his walk to discuss the importance of his fundraising efforts and update his progress.

- Friday (Nov. 11) and Saturday (Nov. 12) – 7:45-7:55 a.m. start at the Kirk Farm Fields, 210 E. Mallard Creek Church Rd., in Charlotte. He will be walking the Clarks Creek, Mallard Creek and Toby Creek (Ruth Shaw) greenways along the Carolina Thread Trail in Mecklenburg County.
- Sunday (Nov. 13) – 7:45-7:55 a.m. start at the Baxter Village Library in Fort Mill, S.C. He will be walking the Baxter Village Trail along the Carolina Thread Trail in York County.

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