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SUFFOLK PEANUT FEST TURNS RED, WHITE & BLUE

SUFFOLK, VA: Expect a little extra patriotism with your peanuts this year at the 37th Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest, October 9-12. Each year the festival Chairman selects a specific theme and incorporates it throughout the event, sometimes in small doses and sometimes in heaping helpings. According to the 2014 Chairman, Ricky Gregory, he's planning on the latter. Gregory's theme is, "We are Nutty About America," and he is asking festival attendees to proudly display their red, white and blue throughout the four-day event. Involved with the festival since 1990, Gregory seeks honor veterans of all military branches, wounded warriors and those who died to preserve our freedoms.

When asked why he selected this particular theme, Gregory said, "I have a lifelong respect for the military and for this country. My father, a Marine, fought in the Korean War and returned home as a disabled veteran. My brother also served in the Marine Corps and my eldest son served in the Navy. I feel grateful for each and every service member's sacrifice and I can't think of a better way to honor them than through such a terrific community event."

The 37th Annual Suffolk Peanut Festival is scheduled for October 9-12, 2014. For more information about Suffolk Peanut Fest and associated concerts, events and games, log onto SuffolkFest.org or contact Suffolk Festivals at 757.539.6751. [facebook.com/SuffolkPeanutFest](https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkPeanutFest)

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