

# Media Alert



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## Auction of Rare Confederate Sword will Benefit Goodwill® Job Training and Employment Programs

Farmer Auctions in Salem will be auctioning a rare Confederate Sword at its Auction on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The sword was found in donations received by Goodwill and identified as something special. Due to safety reasons, the sword was sent to the eCommerce department to be sold online instead of being sold in a traditional Goodwill store.

“When I saw it, I questioned if we might have something unique,” states April Dalton, eCommerce Manager. “ We contacted Farmer Auctions in Salem and were excited to learn that we were indeed correct. The sale of this sword will provide critical revenues to support Goodwill’s job training and employment programs that help people right here in our area get back to work.”

The sword is Lot #301 in Thursday’s Coin & Firearm Collector's Auction. The description states:

*Confederate States Navy Officers Sword by Mole:*

*Has Courtney & Tennent Charleston SC importer mark on left side. Mole stamp is on top of the spine near guard. Dolphins head pommel with ray skin grip. Fowled anchor motif in guard. Blade etched with anchor and flag and crossed cannons. Blade is grey with minor areas of pitting. Scabbard is damaged. Upper brass piece detached but present. Repaired with duct tape above drag. Drag has correct snake motif around edges. All brass still retains 50-60% gilt. Blade, 30 1/2" L. and overall, 40" L.*

Larry Clevinger II, a military appraiser who works with Farmer Auctions, said that in his research he has found only 20 known examples of this sword in existence. The estimated value of the sword is \$8,000 - \$12,000.

For more information on the Auction, which begins at 3pm on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> visit <http://www.farmer-auctions.com/>. The sword is expected to be auctioned around 6:30pm.

Goodwill stores support job training and employment programs that help people get back to work. Last year, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys assisted over 45,000 people in their quest to advance their skills and helped more than 4,200 individuals obtain jobs throughout our communities. With nearly 70% of Goodwill revenues generated through the sale of donated goods when the community donates and shops, Goodwill is able to train people and help them find work.

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