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Army's Army Care Package Drive This Saturday During 31 Day Salute

Those looking to participate can donate items or attend the remaining events

Fayetteville, NC - May 20, 2011 - This Saturday, May 21 at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum (ASOM), the Army's Army, the world's only non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to providing physical, moral and spiritual support to those in the military, will host a Care Package Drive from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Museum visitors can assemble their own packages to be sent to deployed troops, and have the option of including a personal note of thanks. *Military Spouse* magazine's 2011 Army Spouse of the Year, Crystal Cavalier, an Army's Army member, will be on-hand to assist with the care package drive and greet volunteers. Some items being placed in the care packages have been pre-collected by the Army's Army, but there is still a need for additional personal care items, food and entertainment items such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, individual boxes of cereal, trail mix, beef jerky, travel board games, CD's and DVD's, playing cards, books and magazines, and Nerf sports balls. The care packages will be sent to our men and women serving overseas thanks to the help of Fort Bragg's Family Readiness Program.

Coinciding with the Army's Army Care Package Drive, the Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation will honor veterans of the Korean War with their "Movie in the Camp" event, which will feature the 1952 classic *Jumping Jacks* starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will be shown in a camp-like setting on a 9 foot by 16 foot screen in the museum's Reflection Garden at 8:30 p.m. Soft drinks, candy bars, popcorn and hot dogs will be available for purchase. Prior to the start of the movie, there will be a special performance from The Andrews Sisters Tribute Show, which will feature choreography, three-part harmony by professional singers, tap dancing, along with comedy and acting.

Also taking place on May 21 is Military Through the Ages: A March Through History at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, a free event that will pay tribute to United States military history. Re-enactors will represent military conflicts from various time periods like the Revolutionary War, Civil War, War of 1812, Spanish-American War, and World War II. All re-enactors will wear period-correct uniforms, and some will also use original weapons. Encampments throughout the complex featuring tents, campfire cooking, and real military equipment will look so real it will make visitors feel like they have been transported back in time. There will also be weapons demonstrations throughout the day and Civil War-era folk music performed live by Norm Boggs and Rob Morrison using antique, 19th century instruments.

The annual Glory Days event will take place Memorial Day weekend in downtown Fayetteville and will feature the Movie in the Park on Friday, May 27; a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 28; a free concert from the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 29; and Glory Days on Monday, May 30 with displays, a car show, vendors, “Walk a Mile in Their Boots,” and musical acts. Also part of Glory Days is the popular Field of Honor featuring hundreds of American flags honoring soldiers and veterans covering the field near the ASOM, on display from May 14 through June 11.

31 Day Salute reflects the collaboration of various community organizations dedicated to supporting the military. Recognized by Peter Greenberg in *Newsmax* magazine as one of America’s most patriotic communities and by *TIME* magazine as America’s most pro-military town, Fayetteville/Cumberland County is the ideal place to honor the military.

For a list of items needed for the Army’s Army Care Package Drive, [click here](#).

To view pictures of the *31 Day Salute* events, [click here](#).

About the FACVB:

The Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is a private, not-for-profit organization responsible for positioning Fayetteville/Cumberland County as a destination for conventions, sporting events and individual travel. For additional information, visit www.visitfayettevillenc.com or call 1-800-255-8217. Fayetteville/Cumberland County is America’s first military sanctuary. Through the *Army’s Army* and other volunteer groups, our citizens and businesses are dedicated to watching over those who watch over us©.

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