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Fayetteville, NC To Honor Military All Month Long

Through exhibits, Cumberland County Goes to War and activities, All American Week along with fairs and films

Fayetteville, NC - April 14, 2011 - Fayetteville/Cumberland County announces its line up of events and activities taking place during the third annual *31 Day Salute*, formally *31 Days of Glory*, a month-long celebration kicking off on May 1 for soldiers, vets and their families. The community believes its military heroes deserve more than just one day in May, Memorial Day, to be recognized for their service and has dedicated the entire month to doing so. This year, new groups have enlisted to participate in *31 Day Salute* by hosting exciting events while other groups have returned to offer crowd favorites.

The 82nd Airborne Division’s All American Week is back from May 16-20, after being on hiatus last year due to a high number of deployments. The week will include a four-mile run, various sporting and social events, wreath laying ceremonies at several monuments, and a division review on Pike Field with troopers in formation. During this time, the 82nd Living History Detachment will be at the 82nd Airborne Division Museum as well.

Those seeking an outdoor adventure can take part in the Cape Fear Botanical Garden’s Red, White and Blueberry patriotic scavenger hunt, May 1-31, to find and identify plant species associated with red, white or blueberries. Members of the military can take advantage of special discounted admission to the Garden throughout the month.

History buffs looking to re-live the history of the American Civil War can enjoy the Cumberland County Goes to War exhibit at the Fayetteville Area Transportation & Local History Museum, May 1-31. This exhibit will observe the Sesquicentennial of the war, the community’s role in the war, along with artifacts, pictures and educational panels.

In March, to build excitement across the U.S. for May, military appreciation month, and for *31 Day Salute*, the community kicked off the search for *America’s Most Patriotic Person* with ‘Patrioke’ or Patriotic Karaoke. Enthusiastic patriots have been flocking to local spots such as Cross Creek Mall and Fayetteville State University to compete for the title, all performing the beloved American song *Yankee Doodle Dandy*. One patriot will be selected at the end of April and crowned as *America’s Most Patriotic Person* at an event during *31 Day Salute*. The performances are currently being broadcast to the world on a ‘Patrioke’ YouTube channel and those interested in competing can submit their own videos online.

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.

Please visit the website www.31daysalute.com to view the full listing of the events.

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

To view select photos of Patrioke performances, [click here](#).

To view the videos of patriotic hopefuls from across the country on YouTube, [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 the 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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