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## **Fayetteville Turns Karaoke into Patrioke, Patriotic Karaoke**

*The search is on for America's Most Patriotic Person Yankee Doodle Dandy*

Fayetteville, NC - March 22, 2011 - More than 50 enthusiastic patriots of all ages and from all walks of life recently performed patriotic karaoke in Fayetteville, known locally as 'Patrioke.' To build excitement and anticipation for May, military appreciation month, and for *31 Day Salute* - a month-long event series honoring soldiers, veterans and their families - Fayetteville is searching for *America's Most Patriotic Person*. Contestants are fighting for the coveted title with enthusiastic performances of the beloved American song *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, which are already being broadcast to the world on YouTube.

The search for *America's Most Patriotic Person* with 'Patrioke' has kicked off a display of exceptional patriotism in Fayetteville leading up to *31 Day Salute*. This is a special time when the community comes together to show love for one's country and pay tribute to those who protect our everyday freedoms.

Contestants came out in droves to perform their unique and fun-filled interpretations of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, which include signing, dancing and even the use of sign language. Dozens of people were drawn to watch the entertaining performances as friends, families and even strangers teamed up to join in the fun.

Videos of the performances, in all their American glory, are featured on a 'Patrioke' YouTube channel, and those patriots interested in competing can submit their own videos online. The contest has no restrictions, except to have fun, and is open to Yankee Doodle Dandies of all ages from all over the country. Once judges have scoured over every submission in search of the most creative and patriotic contestants the Yankee Doodlest of them all will be selected at the end of April and crowned at an event during *31 Day Salute*.

The rest of the country reserves a single day in May, Memorial Day, to honor military heroes, but Fayetteville dedicates the entire month to show its appreciation for military and their families during *31 Day Salute* (formally *31 Days of Glory*), filled with performances, ceremonies, exhibits and activities.

Fayetteville is *the* place to be in May, like New Orleans during Mardi Gras or Savannah on St. Patrick's Day. Home to Fort Bragg, one of the largest military installations in the US, Fayetteville takes patriotism seriously, and is the ideal place to launch 'Patrioke.' Red, white and

blue decorations come out, flags go up and people unite to support those in uniform. Peter Greenberg recognized the city in *Newsmax* magazine as one of America's most patriotic communities and *TIME* magazine also deemed Fayetteville America's most pro-military town. The community also declared itself America's Most Patriotic City during a 2005 press conference.

To view the videos of patriotic hopefuls from across the country on YouTube, [click here](#).

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

For more information on *31 Day Salute*, [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](http://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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