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***New York Times* Bestselling Author Dana Canedy Kicks Off *31 Days of Glory*  
in Fayetteville/Cumberland County on May 1**

*The annual month-long military celebration expands to include special events such as a coin ceremony for  
Children of Fallen Soldiers*

**What:** The series of events taking place throughout the month of May opens this Saturday, May 1, with *A Journal for Jordan* author Ms. Canedy giving a motivational speech, signing copies of the book, and visiting and connecting with civilians, soldiers and their families. The book is filled with life lessons that Canedy's fiancé, Army First Sergeant Charles Monroe King, wanted to instill in his son in the event he did not return from war. The Pulitzer Prize-winning editor will share her heart-wrenching story with those who truly understand what it's like to lose a loved one.

On Sunday, *31 Days of Glory* will honor Children of Fallen Soldiers during a ceremony where Mayor Anthony Chavonne will present each child with a special coin recognizing them for their courage and bravery. Also during the event, winners of the *Celebrating & Honoring Military Heroes* art contest will be announced. The month-long display at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum features art from children of military families in Cumberland County Schools.

**Who:** *31 Days of Glory* reflects the collaboration of more than 20 community organizations dedicated to supporting the military. Put on by the entire community, *31 Days of Glory* is for anyone who wants to experience our military heritage and honor our brethren in the services — past and present.

**When and Where:**

Book signing and motivational speech by *New York Times* bestselling author Dana Canedy  
Saturday, May 1, 2010, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fascinate-U Children's Museum  
Address: 116 Green Street, Fayetteville, NC 28302

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Fort Bragg's North Post PX  
Address: \*1219 Bragg Blvd., Ft. Bragg, NC 28310

\*Media to meet at Stryker Golf Course to be escorted on base at 2:15 p.m., address is listed above.

Art Contest and Children of Fallen Soldiers Ceremony  
Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2:00 p.m. at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum  
(ASOM)

Address: 100 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, NC 28301

**Additional Details:** With various patriotic and military attractions and events taking place throughout the month, *31 Days of Glory* offers lively and fun activities for all ages. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit [www.31daysofglory.com](http://www.31daysofglory.com).

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