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Author visit part of 31 Days of Glory

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Karen Spears Zacharias was just 9 years old when her father was killed in Vietnam. In 2006, she shared her story in “After the Flag Has Been Folded.”

The book begins on the day she learned of her father’s death and ends 30 years later as she traveled to the battlefield where he died. It details her mother’s courage and strength in pulling the family together in the midst of chaos and crisis.

Zacharias will speak at 7 p.m. May 5 at Bordeaux Branch Library. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is part of Fayetteville and Cumberland County’s 31 Days of Glory, a monthlong celebration honoring our soldiers, veterans and their families.

A former editorial writer and columnist at The Fayetteville Observer, Zacharias was an editor for the National Endowment for the Arts’ “Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience.” She serves on several national boards for veterans and is a vocal advocate for military families.

Her latest book is “Where’s Your Jesus Now? Examining How Fear Erodes Our Faith.” She lives in Pinehurst and is working on her fourth book, “Will Jesus Buy Me a Doublewide? A Commentary of the Gospel of Greed.”

May is packed with a wide array of programs, concerts, exhibits and activities honoring our community’s military heritage.

To learn more about the 31 Days of Glory celebration, go to www.31daysofglory.com. The site just went live this week.

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