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Glory road

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Downtown Alliance Glory Days Celebration

The month-long 31 Days of Glory— a community-wide celebration of our military heritage — culminates this weekend and Monday with several events downtown and elsewhere. Want to experience the glory of Glory Days, but don't know where to start? Let the following be your guide.

When: Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Festival Park & downtown Fayetteville

What: Festivities will include arts, crafts, food vendors, a pancake breakfast, the Classic Car Cruise-In, a bake sale, a Kids Corner (where kids can meet players from the Fayetteville SwampDogs and enjoy inflatable bouncy rides, a rock climbing wall, mascots and arts & crafts), vintage military equipment and gear exhibits, carriage rides, and, of course, live music.

Music: Head to Festival Park stage at 10 a.m. with Travlin' Lite (classic rock and contemporary Christian music). At 11 a.m., Irie Muse (a mix of reggae, jazz, and rock) will perform. Kenny Huffman and Workhorse (folk and country-infused rock) performs at noon. At 1 p.m. Paddy Gibney and Bill Aberye (traditional Irish pub songs, original tunes and covers) perform. The Heritage Restoration Chorale (Negro spiritual) performs at 2 p.m. Bobby Joe Swilley and the Modern Knights Band (oldies, rockabilly) finish the day at 3 p.m.

Classic Car Cruise-In: The ninth annual show will be at the corner of Ray Avenue and Maiden Lane from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is free, and trophies will be given to the best car, best truck and best of show. Call 426-3314 for details.

TODAY

Market House Fourth Friday Exhibit

When: Tonight at 7 p.m.; Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: The Market House on Hay Street

What: Additional artifacts from the Fayetteville Area Transportation and Local History Museum's World War II exhibit will be featured at The Market House.

SATURDAY

Fort Bragg Stars & Stripes Singers

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Where: Airborne & Special Operations Museum

What: This ensemble of singers will perform songs from the 1940s, patriotic melodies and show tunes. Go to www.asomf.org for details.

Book Signing and Author Discussions

When: Saturday, noon

Where: Airborne & Special Operations Museum

What: Three authors — Chester Biggs, Jeff Falkel and retired Col. David Allen — will be on hand throughout the afternoon at the museum's gift shop to discuss and sign copies of their books.

SUNDAY

Movie and a Picnic in the Park

When: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Festival Park

What: "Journey to the Center of the Earth," starring Brendan Fraser (right), will be shown. Admission is free.

MONDAY

N.C. State Cyclists Criterium Championship

When: Monday. The first race starts at 7 a.m.

Where: Hay Street

What: Watch as bicycle racers zoom through a .7 mile loop in downtown Fayetteville. Register online at BikeReg.com. Online registration ends today. On-site registration opens 90 minutes before the first race. Go to crosscreekcyclingclub.org/portal/ for details.

Freedom Memorial Park Ceremony

When: Monday, 10 a.m.

Where: Freedom Memorial Park

What: A formal ceremony to honor our military community.

OTHER EVENTS

Benefit Fundraiser

When: Sunday at 4 p.m.

Where: Big Harry's Tavern at 3030 Fort Bragg Road

What: Musical performances from Big Harry Spell and the Blandells, Fat Freddy's Cat, and the Black Horse Band will raise funds for the N.C. State Nursing Home's Disabled Veterans. Food will be available. Call 484-9842.

Fairmont Memorial Day Ceremony

When: Monday, noon to 1 p.m.

Where: Heritage Center, downtown Fairmont.

What: Staff Sgt. Timothy Ward, a Marine Corps recruiter, will be the featured speaker. Lumberton Army reservists will carry out a flag ceremony, and there will be a sidewalk sale from 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Mayor Charles Kemp will dedicate Memory Lane and the Wall of Honor at 3 p.m.

Field of Honor Flags

When: Through Monday

Where: Airborne & Special Operations Museum

What: About 1,400 flags adorn the parade grounds at the museum, paying tribute to soldiers and veterans who bravely serve our country. The field is a spectacular sight, but the display also serves as a fundraiser for the Downtown Alliance, which has raised about \$35,000 for Freedom Memorial Park and Fayetteville Cares, a nonprofit program that supports military families.

Hugh's Crate

When: Through July 5

Where: Museum of the Cape Fear, corner of Bradford and Arsenal avenues

What: The museum is displaying the contents of Lt. Hugh Wellons' crate of personal and military effects, which his family had left largely undisturbed since Wellons' death in Vietnam in 1966.

'A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans'

When: Through Nov. 15; open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Where: Museum of the Cape Fear, corner of Bradford and Arsenal avenues

What: An exhibit of 60 photos of the Vietnam War taken by North Carolina veterans of that war. The pictures depict the soldiers' daily activities, combat and personal glimpses.

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