

The Spirit of Patriotism



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The spirit of patriotism is undeniably palpable in the city of Fayetteville. Equally visible is the respect and appreciation the community extends to the heroes that protect our everyday freedom - the men and women of the military.

Fayetteville caught the attention of longtime travel expert and editor of NBC's Today Show Peter Greenberg. He recently selected Fayetteville for his list of the With the Best American Values. In Greenberg's article, he cites specific reasons why he ranks Fayetteville as fourteenth on his list of 25, including the fact it's America's First Military Sanctuary Community and provides a safe, secure and caring environment for soldiers and their families. Greenberg later references the Army's Army, a volunteer organization made up of local citizens and business that provide moral, physical and spiritual support as another reason for his selection. The group, with 1,000+ members has the sole purpose of supporting the military and their families and offers such services as writing personal greeting cards to veterans and donating items for troops returning from deployment. "Our community declared itself the most patriotic town in America in 2005," says Fayetteville Area and Convention Bureau CEO, John Meroski. "It's great the nation is beginning to see just how patriotic our community is and how we strive to ensure our patriotic spirit comes alive everyday."



The city, on a scale of 1-10, received a 10 for its hospitality, 9 for wholesomeness and 8 for family-friendliness, near perfect scores. "America's most patriotic communities is a huge accomplishment and a further testament to our dedication and support to those in uniform," says Mayor Anthony Chavonne. Fayetteville welcomes and encourages military families to live, work and play in America's most pro-military community. A social networking website, www.fayettevillewantsyou.com allows soldiers to connect with residents of Fayetteville to ask real questions and receive advice on good schools, medical care and neighborhoods so they can make an informed decision when re-



locating. Top 25 Cities & Towns in the May issue of Newsmax magazine. Newsmax recognizing Fayetteville as one.

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 conven-

tions, sporting events and individual travel. For additional information, visit www.visitfayetteville.com or call 1-800-255-8217. Fayetteville/Cumberland County is the America's first military sanctuary community. Through the volunteer groups, our citizens and businesses are dedicated to watching over those who watch over us. Army's Army and other.

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