

# UP & COMING WEEKLY

## **31 Days of Glory Festivities Still Dominate Calendar**

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Here we are two thirds of the way through 31 Days of Glory and the calendar is still packed.

In case you missed it, Fayetteville decided not to wait for Memorial Day to start honoring military members, vets and their families. Local businesses and organizations have really rolled out the red carpet to the public and the military community, and there is still plenty left to see and do.

Fascinate U Children's Museum is half price for military families through the end of the month. The museum is very hands on and encourages learning through play, the perfect place to let young imaginations run wild.

1000 Word: Photography by Vietnam Veterans will be at the Museum of the Cape Fear until Veteran's Day. This exhibit provides a peek into the lives of soldiers that spans everything aspect from the trauma of combat to the quiet moments thinking of home.

The Transportation and Local History Museum is highlighting the WWII era with their Hometown Heroes exhibit. The focus is on the contributions that local servicemen made in the Pacific and European theaters, while also highlight home front efforts that supported the war.

The Field of Honor is hard to miss, and worth going out of your way to see. Hundreds of flags, honoring soldiers and vets are covering the field by the Airborne and Special Operations Museum (ASOM).

When Lt. Hugh Wellons was killed in Vietnam in 1966, the Army shipped home his personal effects. For more than 40 years the crate remained unopened. The crate and many of it's contents will be on display at the Museum of the Cape Fear through July 5.

Fayetteville After Five Freedom Concert kicks off at 5 p.m. in Festival Park. Come enjoy the music of Chairmen of the Board, and get summer off to a great start.

Fourth Friday is on May 22. Downtown will be packed with people, music and performers. Several new exhibits will be opening at the many galleries downtown.

May 23 is a busy day at ASOM. The Ft. Bragg Stars and Stripes singers will be performing music from the 1940's, patriotic melodies and show tunes. At 1 p.m. Chester Biggs will discuss his book *Behind the Barbed Wire*, which tells the story of marine embassy guards captured by the Japanese in 1941. There will be another book signing by author Jeff Falkel, Gold Star father.

His book tells the story of his son Chris, who was killed while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel David Allen (U.S. Army, Ret.) will be on site to discuss his book, *Freedom Express: Caught Between Iraq and a Hard Place*. The book signing starts at noon.

The Fayetteville Downtown Alliance is celebrating Memorial Day by hosting the 9th Annual Glory Days Downtown Memorial Celebration. It kicks off on May 24 with an 8 p.m. movie in the park. Monday's festivities will include a pancake breakfast, a ceremony at Freedom Memorial Park, a car show, bicycles races, exhibits, carriage rides and more.

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry is having an open house and invites the public to come view its private museum which showcases military artifacts from the 19th century to current times.

The Museum of the Cape Fear will host a presentation by local military collector Charles "jack" Wells. Wells is an expert on Civil War ammunition and will discuss the types of munitions manufactured at the Fayetteville Arsenal.

Check out [www.31daysofglory.com](http://www.31daysofglory.com) for times and locations.

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