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Concert Highlights National County Government Month

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County is celebrating National County Government Month throughout April. This year's theme, "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families," has special significance for Cumberland County employees and residents, many of whom serve in the military or have family and friends stationed at Fort Bragg.

To celebrate the close ties between Cumberland County and our military community, the 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Chorus will perform a free 30-minute concert on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m. on the steps of the Cumberland County Courthouse at 117 Dick Street. The public is invited to attend.

County employees who served in the military were presented red, white and blue ribbons to wear throughout the month-long celebration; and on April 4, more than 100 people attended a town hall meeting hosted by the Veterans Services Office and Headquarters Library. The Cumberland County Public Library has created a resource guide for soldiers and their families, which is available online at www.cumberland.lib.nc.us.

"Through our outreach during National County Government Month, we hope to raise public awareness about the role of county government and how we're helping our residents each and every day," said County Manager James Martin. "This year's theme was tailor-made for Cumberland County, as we recognize the unique role our veterans and military families play in our community."

In conjunction with National County Government Month, April's *Cumberland Matters* television show features segments on where to go and who to call in county government – especially helpful to military families who may be new to the area. The show airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 7 and Mondays at 4 p.m. on Channel 60. The videos are posted on the county web site.

Residents are also reminded that free prescription drug discount cards are available any time through Cumberland County's membership with the National Association of Counties. These discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. Cards can be obtained at the Department of Social Services, the Health Department, Mental Health Center and all branches of the Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center.

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