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## Join Us On July 4th at 10am for the Dedication Ceremony



# NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK

Fayetteville ★ North Carolina

## Share Their Journey. Honor Their Service.



The new North Carolina Veterans Park is located adjacent to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum at 300 Bragg Blvd in historic downtown Fayetteville, America's First Military Sanctuary Community.

With our proud military heritage, Fayetteville is the perfect home for the North Carolina Veterans Park. What's more, the City's beautifully revitalized downtown is a fitting location, given the spirit of renewal embodied in this extraordinary park.

North Carolina is proud to call itself the most military friendly state in America, and the Veterans Park – the first state park dedicated to military veterans – honors all North Carolina veterans... young and old... living or deceased... from the five branches of the armed services: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Throughout Veterans Park are many natural and architectural elements that represent North Carolina.

Designed for reflection and celebration – with bold, unique and captivating exhibits – this 21st century park is a place where veterans can gather... and, where every visitor can share the moving tribute of a grateful state, honoring those to whom our nation owes its freedom.

The North Carolina Veterans Park will consist of a visitor's center, seven water features, walking paths and public art including the "Oath" wall where the bronze casted hands of our veterans from all 100 North Carolina counties will be displayed. This park will provide a place for meaningful reflection and inspiration in a community setting that is beautiful, bold and unique to honor the lives, service and pride of North Carolina Veterans who served our nations military.

## A Proud City. A Grateful State. An Indebted Nation.

*From the soils of North Carolina,  
you left your families and homes  
with purpose to serve your country.  
In service, you made sacrifices...*

**...You Are Our Veterans.**

*This is your place to reflect on and  
share your experiences,  
To feel pride in your service,  
bond with fellow veterans and heal.  
Here, may you find support and  
inspiration  
to live your lives today.*

The People of North Carolina  
honor your service  
and welcome you home.

### Military Veterans Serving on the Fayetteville City Council Share Their Thoughts:



*"As a life-long resident of Fayetteville, a former city employee and a veteran who served in two combat tours, I am honored that Fayetteville will be home to this unique and beautiful park, a place for reflection and remembrance. Please join our community this July 4th in celebrating all veterans, family and friends."*

Keith A. Bates, Sr.  
1SG, U.S. Army (Retired)  
Council Member District 1



*"This Veterans Park is a fitting memorial to the thousands who served honorably and a special tribute to those brave warriors who gave all in the cause of freedom. Their sacrifices were not in vain and we, the living, will remember."*

William J. L. Crisp  
CSM, U.S. Army (Retired)  
Council Member District 6



*"Fayetteville is honored to be the caretaker of the accomplishments and sacrifices North Carolinians have made for the cause of freedom for America and the world. We honor and celebrate our veterans in Fayetteville everyday, we now invite the rest of the state and country to join us. Veterans - past, present and future - this one is for you!"*

Valencia "Val" Applewhite  
MSgt, USAF (Retired)  
Council Member District 7



*"To me the NC State Veterans Park is a tribute to all veterans; past, present and future. Veterans come from numerous socioeconomic backgrounds and they represent our nation's multicultural heritage. This Park captures the essence of our diversity and thanks veterans from all walks-of-life for coming together over the years to make the United States the best country in the world."*

Ted Mohn  
CW2, U.S. Army (Retired)  
Council Member District 8



*"Veteran's Park will provide a place of reflection where citizens - young and old - can reflect on the great deeds of courage, heroism, valor and selfless sacrifice that our Veterans performed to secure the land of the free. This park, built here in the home of the brave, will remind us of those present and past that answered the call to defend the free, and we shall never forget the hardships they endured, the wounds and scars of war they bear, and ultimately, the blood spilled and the lives sacrificed that secured our precious Freedom. May God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans."*

Jim Arp  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)  
Council Member District 9

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