



# News Release

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## **Town Hall Meeting Saturday for Veterans**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Veterans Services Office is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 21. The meeting will be held at the Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane, at 1 p.m.

After a short program, the floor will be opened for any questions concerning veterans and veterans' benefits. This meeting is open to all veterans, dependents, and concerned citizens.

The Veterans Services Office assists veterans and their dependents obtain benefits to which they are entitled by: submitting claims for benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs; reviewing and following up on decisions of the Department of Veterans Affairs for fairness and accuracy; and writing and submitting appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals for disputed decisions.

The Veterans Services Office is located at the Department of Social Services Building, 225 Ramsey St. It is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m. daily and all day Fridays). Mailing address is PO Box 1829, Fayetteville, NC 28302-1829.

## **Scholarships Available for Children of Veterans**

FAYETTEVILLE - The Cumberland County Veterans Services Office has two scholarship programs for children of Cumberland County veterans. A four-year scholarship program at North Carolina colleges assists qualifying children of certain class categories of deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans. The scholarships cover four years of tuition and fees. Some categories include room and board stipends. To qualify, the applicant must be under the age of 25 and living in North Carolina.

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The second scholarship program is open to graduating seniors whose parent is a resident of North Carolina and an honorably discharged veteran. The scholarship pays \$500 directly to the student.

Applications and additional information on both of these programs are available at the Veterans Services Office located at the Department of Social Services, 1225 Ramsey St. The phone number is 677-2970. The application deadline is Feb. 15.

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