



# COUNTY of CUMBERLAND

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## **FORT BRAGG AND POPE AIR FORCE BASE JOIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY IN 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

US Army Garrison Fort Bragg, Special Operations Command, and Pope Air Force Base are helping Cumberland County celebrate their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The military plays such a vital role in our community so when the Cumberland 250<sup>th</sup> Committee formed it was only logical to invite the military community to the table.

According to George Breece, Celebration Chair, "We couldn't be happier with the response and support The 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration has received from our friends at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base."

COL Al Aycock, Fort Bragg Garrison Commander stated, "Fort Bragg's great relationship with the wonderful people and communities of Cumberland County helps make all of us proud to be Americans. We are privileged to serve next to so many people who give us so much support everyday. We are honored to be part of such an outstanding community and particularly proud to be part of this celebration."

Several military units will be participating in the Cumberland 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Parade on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 11:00 am at the Liberty Point Resolves at Bow and Person Streets and will proceed up Hay Street ending at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum.

Among the military units in the parade are the XVIII Airborne Corps Color Guard and the 82nd Airborne Division Marching Band along with humvees and towed artillery pieces. Army Special Operations Command will have seven entries in the parade including the "Mother Ship" a ground mobility vehicle and a psychological operations vehicle. Pope Air Force Base will have an Honor Guard, a marching unit, the "Raptor" vehicle and a towed miniature C-130.

"For 85 years the men, women, and families of Pope have been proud to share in the rich heritage, history, and patriotism of Cumberland County," Col. Frank Kisner, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, said. "That pride flows into everything we do with the community, and we carry it with us to all of our deployed locations. We'll do everything we can to make this celebration a successful one as we launch into the next 250 years!"

The Cumberland 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Parade is a perfect opportunity for us to recognize our rich history and heritage. It also provides an opportunity for us to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of our military.

Don't miss this historic event. After the parade there will be an old-fashioned carnival located in the parking lot between Gillespie and Dick Streets in downtown Fayetteville.

Come enjoy a day of Free Family Fun—Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information call 437-1921 or visit [www.cumberland250.com](http://www.cumberland250.com)

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