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- FAYETTEVILLE, NC -

HISTORY, HEROES, AND A HOMETOWN FEELING.

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What makes your family reunion so important? Does the saying, "the family is our refuge, our springboard...our link to the past, our bridge to the future," ring a bell? At a time when families are pulled in many different directions, no occasion better honors your heritage and celebrates your strong family bonds than a family reunion.

Greater Fayetteville, North Carolina, welcomes you and your family to reaffirm your heritage and strong family bonds in America's Hometown!

We invite family reunion attendees to experience our community that embraces the American spirit – a place where History, Heroes, and a Hometown Feeling bestows a unique opportunity for all ages to come together and commemorate your family's past, present, and future.

The hard labor borne by slaves, the entrepreneurship of free blacks, the devotion to religion and education, service to our country, and the desire to learn and preserve one's history and heritage await to tell your family

a grand story. Providing a historical glimpse in to the life of African-Americans who resided in Greater Fayetteville, these unique sites will engage and enlighten family ties and tradition:







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## FIRST STOP

### HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

For a true hometown feeling, leisurely stroll the streets of the Fayetteville Downtown Historic District. Among the array of local shops and eateries, you will experience southern hospitality at its best. Become enthralled by the historic architecture and landmarks or discover public art displays that are sure to awaken the artist inside. If the time is right, hop on a horse drawn carriage and simply reminisce of days gone by. Guided historic downtown walking tours are available for free and must

be scheduled in advance. Approximate tour time; 2 hours (times can be customized). \*Guided tours may also include a visit to the Market House, the Fayetteville Light Infantry Museum and Armory, some of the historic churches, Liberty Point, Cool Springs Tavern and Cross Creek Cemetery.

## STOP TWO

### MUSEUM OF THE CAPE FEAR HISTORICAL COMPLEX/1897 POE HOUSE

1897 EA Poe House at The Museum of The Cape Fear Historical Complex, artifacts help tell some of the African-American story. The lives of many are told collectively through the museum's exhibits. A guided tour of the 1897 Poe House (part of the historical complex), discusses the roles of African-American women working as domestic servants at the turn of the 20th century. You'll discover a bit of what life was like for





African-Americans in the Jim Crow south. Walking the site of the remains of the U.S. Arsenal in North Carolina, you'll walk the grounds where both free and enslaved African-Americans labored to help construct a federal arsenal prior to the Civil War. Now known as Arsenal Park, the facility manufactured weapons and other Confederacy ordinance goods. In March 1865, Union troops fulfilled an order by General William Sherman to "batter, blast, and burn" the arsenal. Ruins of the building foundations and a modern steel semblance keep vigil for the lives associated with this historic site.

### STOP THREE

## FAYETTEVILLE AREA TRANSPORTATION & LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

FATM exhibits contributions made by local African-Americans. The museum also has staff oversight of Fayetteville's Historic Districts and Designated Local Landmark Properties, many of which have strong ties to African-American history. Maintained in the museum archives are all the National Register and Local Landmark nominations for use by researchers. Also the museum is a repository of historical information concerning local African-Americans. Museum staff is available to assist with directed research in the area of local African-American history as well as give guided Historic Downtown Walking Tours for groups of 20 or more.



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### AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM (ASOM)

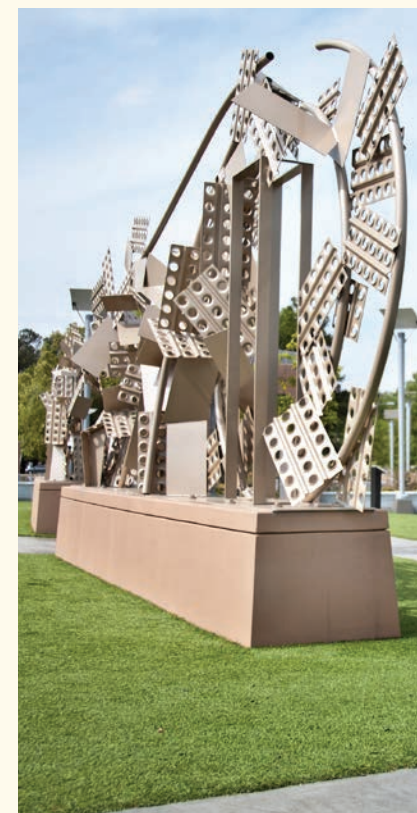
ASOM preserves the extraordinary feats performed by parachute and glider borne troops and their brothers in arms, the special operations forces. By exploring artifact displays, life-size dioramas, audio and visual displays you will gain a deeper respect and pride for the remarkable achievements of these brave All American Airborne soldiers. There is an exhibit on the Triple Nickels or the 555th Battalion – a historically all-black airborne unit. Also enjoy the motion simulator and gift shop.

#### STOP TWO

### NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK

From the soils of North Carolina, you left your families and homes with purpose to serve your Country...The people of North Carolina honor your service and welcome you home. North Carolina Veterans Park (NCVP) follows two themes: The first is a "Veteran's Journey: life before, during, and

after service." The second is rebirth and healing. NCVP was designed for reflections 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.





# REJOICE WITH A HOMETOWN FEELING

## FIRST STOP

### CAMPBELLTON LANDING AND CAPE FEAR RIVER BOAT CRUISES

This modern-day entertainment venue is located on the east bank of the Cape Fear River and is named after the old ferry landing at Campbellton village. Campbellton was the first settlement in the area, incorporated in 1762 and located on the west bank of the river. It wasn't until 1819 that the first bridge crossing the river was constructed to bring people over to the east bank. Campbellton Landing is the site of Confederate breastworks, and arrays of events for all ages are now hosted at this historic site. No special events during your dates? No problem – escape to nature while cruising along Greater Fayetteville's greatest natural resource in a two-hour guided boat tour.

## STOP TWO

### CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

Cape Fear Botanical Garden is located on seventy-seven acres nestled

between the Cape Fear River and Cross Creek just two miles from downtown Fayetteville. Founded in 1989, the Garden now boasts more than 2,000 varieties of ornamental plants. Highlights of the venue include: camellia, Daylily and Hosta gardens, a children's garden, gazebo, Waterwise garden, heritage garden with an 1886 farmhouse, urban forest with nature trails, view of the Cape Fear River, and it's most recent addition, the Wyatt Visitors Pavilion Complex.





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