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In preparation for the thousands of troops making their way to Fort Bragg due to BRAC reassignment, Fayetteville/Cumberland County is demonstrating its commitment to the military by creating an army of volunteer civilians known as the Army's Army. The Army's Army is the world's only volunteer organization of citizens and businesses who've pledged their moral, physical and spiritual support to those in the military. Specifically, they'll do everything they can to make soldiers and their families feel welcome, appreciated and safe in Fayetteville and Cumberland County.



As part of a Memorial Day celebration launching the initiative, Brig. Gen. Arthur Bartell thanked the citizens who volunteered for the Army's Army. "They stay here because you open your hearts to the soldiers and family members of Fort Bragg and also Pope Air Force Base," said Bartell. "We call that, in the Army, selfless service."

As members of the Army's Army, volunteers will act as ambassadors to military families around the globe. Members can participate in various activities, such as answering e-mails and phone calls from soldiers and their families interested in finding out more about the community. Participating businesses, such as restaurants, may offer special discounts or have a table reserved at all times for the military. Bumper stickers on cars and posters in local community windows will serve as a constant

reminder that the citizens of Fayetteville/Cumberland County support, appreciate and welcome soldiers.

For more information about the Army's Army, visit the Web site at www.armysarmy.com.

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