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**Fayetteville VA Medical Center Hosts
Welcome Home Event for Veterans and Their Families**
*Army's Army and other community partners come together to thank troops for service
and provide information on available resources*

Fayetteville, NC - September 15, 2011 – Fayetteville VA Medical Center (Fayetteville VAMC) will host a Welcome Home Event to celebrate the return of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) veterans and their families. The event will take place on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Fayetteville VAMC.

The event will not only be a ‘welcome home,’ but will also provide military families with valuable information about VA healthcare services and benefits, community resources, education and support. Since the war on terror began, multiple veterans have successfully transitioned from the military to the Fayetteville VAMC, and the numbers are continuing to increase. The Fayetteville VAMC is committed to educating returning veterans and their families about VA healthcare services and other benefits available to them.

“In just one visit, veterans will be able to see what our doctors, case management team and caring staff can do to ensure that their transition into civilian life is a smooth one,” said Ron McDaniel, Sr., Outreach Program Specialist for the Fayetteville Vet Center.

More than 60 community partners will be on-site providing information about their services and resources. The Army’s Army, the world’s only non-profit volunteer organization of citizens and businesses who have pledged their support to those in the military, works with many local and national military organizations on events like this one.

“Our members and partners are dedicated to ‘watching over those who watch over us,’” said Janine West, Executive Director of the Army’s Army. “This ‘welcome home’ event for vets and their families gives us a chance to say thank you to returning soldiers for their service, as well as to help them as they reacclimate to life in Fayetteville/Cumberland County.”

The event will also include fun activities for the whole family, such as live entertainment, door prizes, giveaways, free food and children’s activities. The event is open to OEF/OIF/OND veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

Fayetteville VAMC is located at 2300 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville. For more information on this event, call (910) 488-2120, ext. 5836 (Wilfredo Davila) or ext. 5232 (Kathy Bradshaw).

For more information on the Army's Army, visit www.armysarmy.com or www.brieffromthefront.com.

About The Army's Army:

Fayetteville/Cumberland County is America's first sanctuary community for the Military and their Families. The Army's Army is the world's only volunteer organization of citizens and businesses who have pledged their moral, physical and spiritual support to those in the military. We do everything we can to make soldiers and their families feel welcome, appreciated and safe. The Army's Army is dedicated to "watching over those who watch over us©." For additional information, visit www.armysarmy.com.