

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cumberland County Tourism Stakeholders

FROM: Devin Heath, President & CEO

DATE: August 11, 2025

RE: Support for 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum

As you may have read in the Fayetteville Observer, the federal government is restructuring the Army Museum Enterprise, which could result in the closure of the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum. Obviously, this would have a vastly adverse effect on our community in the sense of removing a tourism attraction and an historical and educational resource for our community. The museum receives more than 40,000 visitors annually and provide an excellent attraction for visitors. It's historical value lists every paratrooper who has given their life in service and is a required educational stop for members of Airborne Division.

We are asking for your support of the museum by sending letters to our federal elected officials to ensure that the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum is not closed. Attached is a template to use as a guide when writing your letters for support.

Following is a list of legislators that could be supportive of the effort to ensure the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum. Feel free to edit the attached letter to personalize it and fit your style but most importantly, ask for their support. Legislators count letters and emails regarding specific issues and based on the volume they receive, will become more invested in the outcome. If you or someone you know has the opportunity to reach other federal legislators, please encourage them to do so as well.

United States Senator Ted Budd 304 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Representative Richard Hudson 2112 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 United States Senator Thom Tillis 113 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Representative David Rouzer 2333 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Governor Josh Stein
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Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!