



**BANNER TO VIETNAM WAR VETERANS** - The city of Kings Mountain is a commemorative partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration and Vietnam Veterans and Mayor Rick Murphrey officially presented a banner to Jim Medlin, chairman of Kings Mountain Vietnam Veterans Chapter, Monday morning at Patriots Park. The banner will go up at Patriots Park. Major General James T. Jackson, retired, is the Director of the Vietnam War 50th Commemoration. Pictured with local veterans, front row, are city councilmen Rick Moore, far left, and Keith Miller, holding the plaque, and back row, the mayor and Medlin holding the flag surrounded by a large group of veterans. Photo by LIB STEWART

## National Night Out held on Tuesday



Santanna Marlowe, Micah Marlowe, Josiah Nunez, A'nyah Stevenson and Chase Smith sign up for back packs and receive giveaways at the city's annual National Night Out Tuesday. Photos by LIB STEWART



Christian Freedom Choir performs at National Night Out

National Night Out Tuesday was law enforcement's way of saying they won't stand for crime.

Embracing the true spirit of community policing, city officials and police held a zero tolerance party at Patriots Park in which they thanked the community and the city presented shirts and other giveaways to the children and police cooked hotdogs for the crowd.

"We support family values," Mayor Rick Murphrey said in welcoming the crowd. "Law enforcement - police, sheriff's department, highway patrol, Gaston rurals - local firemen and rescue personnel - are your friends, they risk their

lives every day," The mayor also recognized city councilmen Rodney Gordon, Keith Miller and Tommy Hawkins and the choir of Christian Freedom Baptist Church who presented special music.

There were talks on safety and 100 kids can start back to school with new back packs distributed to by Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

Rev. Mike Chambers, pastor of Christian Freedom Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The KMPD Honor Guard, under direction of Sgt. Bob Myers, advanced and retired the colors.

"This is a time for city

and law enforcement and first responders come together," said KMPD Captain Jerry Tessner. He added, "Our crime rate has been down for the last 10 years and its because you people of the community call us." Tessner said the city had applied for two grants and received body cameras and funds to update computers. "These grants saved the city \$50,000," he said.

Captain Joel Shores expressed the county sheriff department's thanks to the community for support and praised that department's great working relationship with Kings Mountain law enforcement.



Hot dog giveaway at National Night out.

### VFW yard sale and bake sale is Saturday

If you're looking to support a local veteran's group, Saturday presents the perfect opportunity.

Kings Mountain's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9811 is hosting a Yard Sale and Bake Sale this Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There organizers say they'll have an array of delicious cakes, pies and pastries for sale, as well as lots of knick-knacks, souvenirs and useful tools for sale. The event is being organized by the post's Ladies Auxiliary.

The VFW, located on

3800 Margrace Rd., is also home to a 9-ball "break and run" tournaments every Thursday at 4 p.m.

For questions about the yard sale or bake sale and other events at the VFW, call 704 750-4230.s



KMPD honor guard advances the colors.

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### After School Learning Center

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