



DEPLOYED SOLDIER REQUESTS WISH FOR EXPECTING WIFE

MOTHER-TO-BE JOINS SET OF "ARMY WIVES"

WISH #36

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Kevin, David & Annette

When Annette Brown received a call from *Wish For Our Heroes* last month, the last thing she expected was a trip to Charleston, SC. Annette had never flown on a plane, and certainly hadn't been near an ocean. Her husband, SPC Kevin Brown, (who is currently deployed to Iraq) submitted a wish for his wife's birthday. Annette learned of her pregnancy almost as soon as Kevin left for duty, so Annette has been juggling her pregnancy with her full-time job, and the care of their 22-month-old boy, David. Kevin wanted to do something nice for his wife, and basically just give her some time away from daily life, prior to her delivery.

Kevin indicated that Annette's favorite show was Lifetime television's hit, "Army Wives", so we got to work! We contacted the producers of the show, who graciously invited Annette and a guest to the set of "Army Wives".

The catch - nobody told Annette why she was really going to Charleston. Annette thought she and her sister (whom she later invited) were just going on a trip for her birthday. The surprise would come later...

THE WISH

On May 23, *Wish For Our Heroes* representatives met Annette (30 weeks pregnant), and her sister, Amber, in Charleston. Representatives explained they planned to show Annette and Amber around Charleston the first day, and the rest of their trip was entirely up to them. That evening, the group dined at a local steak house to celebrate Annette's birthday, and when Annette went to the restroom, we started a video chat with Kevin on Skype. Once Annette returned, she was greeted by her husband (via the Internet). Kevin explained the real reason Annette was there - to meet the actors and crew of her favorite show, "Army Wives". Annette was beyond excited, and learned that not only would she be going on a set tour, but she would be sitting in on a script reading, and she was staying in the same hotel suite that Ann Margaret stayed in when she made a guest appearance on the show.

"Army Wives" producers went above and beyond by providing the hotel accommodations plus transportation to and from the studio. They also arranged for Annette and Amber to take a horse-drawn carriage tour of downtown Charleston. On set, Annette had an absolute blast meeting the actors and watching them film the show. All the cast members were very gracious and wanted to meet a true Army wife. Between flying, seeing the ocean, traveling outside Minnesota, and meeting some of her favorite celebrities, this trip was one of many firsts for Annette. We hope this birthday memory lasts a lifetime, and we can't wait until July when she expects Kevin to return from Iraq, just in time for the birth of her new son, Adam.



Annette & actress Catherine Bell



Annette & actor Drew Fuller



On the set



Cast members w/ Annette & Amber