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Supporters of Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range are shown with items to be sold at the fundraiser on Saturday, May 7. Seated are Norman Sprinthall and Betty McGaha, with a bunker mouse pad. Standing are Joyce Crabtree (left) with a bunker magnet and Nancy Freeman with a bunker puzzle.

Caswell Beach Fundraiser set for rifle pit

Limited tickets remain for the Saturday, May 7, fundraiser for the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range Inc., set for 3 to 7 p.m. at the Caswell Dunes clubhouse, 45 Pinehurst Drive.

The Kentucky Derby-themed event is a major source of funds to preserve and restore the 100-year-old rifle range used to train American soldiers during the Great War.

Participants who do not have advance dinner tickets (\$12) are advised to arrive early.

Some of the items available for sale that day will include magnets, mouse pads, puzzles, note cards and prints of the target bunker.

The Friends group has also been assembling photographs and other memorabilia about people who served in World War I and displaying the items on a “Wall of Honor” that will be presented Saturday.

“There were live people serving in World War I,

also known as the ‘Forgotten War,’” said supporter Norma Eckard. “Let us change that by supporting this event. We thank all those people who sent pictures and stories of their military ancestors.”

Residents who would like to contribute to the wall may do so by contacting Eckard at norma_lee@mindspring.com or at 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, N.C 28465. All pictures received will be displayed on the Wall of Honor on May 7, at future fundraisers and during the centennial commemoration in 2018.

The Saturday dinner will include tabletop horse races, a silent auction, music, viewing of the derby and contests for the best-dressed participants. Participants are requested to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

— *Lee Hinnant*