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Ron and Norma Eckard

Eckards receive NS-DAR Community Service Award

Norma and Ron Eckard recently received the Brunswick Town Chapter, NS-DAR Community Service Award for their service and commitment to the restoration and preservation of the Fort Caswell World War I Rifle Range.

Stephanie Hosid, DAR Community Service Award Chair, presented the award to the Eckards.

“The DAR Community Service Award is to recognize unpaid voluntary community service of individuals and organizations,” stated Hosid. “The recipient must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors or by organizing or participating in community activities.”

Thanks to the Eckards and the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, Inc., the range has been designated as one of the 100 National World War I Centennial Memorials by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. Also, the Historic Wilmington Foundation has listed the Fort Caswell Rifle Range among the eight Most Threatened Historic Places in the Cape Fear Region.

Norma is President and husband Ron is Administrator of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit all-volunteer organization Friends of Fort Caswell, which was founded to stabilize and preserve the Fort Caswell Rifle Range.