

THE STATE PORT PILOT OPINION

Your letters

Appreciation

Caswell rifle range

To the Editor:

On Memorial Day 2018, Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range remembered the 24 Brunswick County men who gave their lives while serving in World War I.

The following men were Killed In Action: Pvt. 1st Class Walter S. Brock, Pvts. Harvey T. Chadwick and Jimmie Griffin, Pvt. 1st Class Erastus Iredell Nelson, Pvt. Harry Langdon Pigott and Cpl. Herbert B. Ward.

Pvts. William Cross Hewett and Benjamin Bantie Smith died of wounds.

The following men died of disease: Pvt. William F. Brooks, Pvt. 1st Class John W. Carl-

isle, Pvt. Carl J. Danford, Pvt. 1st Class Isaac Davenport, David L. Doshier (cook), Seaman James C. Edwards, Sgt. Robert G. Farmer, Pvts. Manning Hall, Claudie Hall McCall, Elijah Milliken, Kendrick W. Outlaw, Cecil Smith Pierce, Samuel C. Swain, Guy Ellis Watson, David Williams and Fred Wilson.

We encourage the community to honor them in the following ways:

1) Visit their gravesites, take a photo by the headstone and send it to ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com to be posted on the website: caswellriflerange.com.

2) Choose a veteran to honor through the Honor a World War I Brunswick County Veteran project.

3) Contribute to saving the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range.

4) Contribute to funding of the book containing their stories planned in the future.

For the next several months, stories and profiles will continue to be written for these men and others. By November 11, we hope to honor all the men and women with a monument at the rifle range site in Caswell Beach for all to visit. The book honoring these men and women and others is planned for 2019 with all the Brunswick County names of World War I, their profiles and a history of the rifle range that prepared many of them for combat in France.

Go to www.caswellriflerange.com or e-mail ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com for more information.

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