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The 100-year-old Fort Caswell Rifle Range and what Hurricane Florence did to it

Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range to dedicate monument Nov. 11



The dedication is inscribed on one side of the monument. The opposite side will identify the men who died in World War I from Brunswick County.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range will dedicate a monument at the site beside the rifle range, a 100-year-old structure, in honor of the 723 men and women from Brunswick County who served their country in World War I.

In 1918, this commemoration was called Armistice Day and held on the 11th month, the 11th day and the 11th hour. To make this dedication possible, residents of Brunswick County contributed to the "Honor a Brunswick County World War I Veteran" project by contributing any amount of money to the fundraising for the monument. The Friends aimed to raise \$6,000 for the monument and the amount was realized. More than 350 veterans have been honored since Veterans Day 2017 when the project was initiated.

The nonprofit will continue to encourage the public to honor a veteran by sending a donation to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465. The list of 723 veterans appears on its website, caswellriflerange.com, for selection purposes.

As part of the dedication, a Roll Call will occur with the naming of 150 veterans, their rank, home town, and whether they were killed in action, wounded, died of wounds, or died of disease. Future events will continue naming our Brunswick County veterans until all 723 are named.

Participants will include residents of Caswell Dunes and the Arboretum, Caswell Beach Mayor Deborah Ahlers, Brunswick Town/Fort Andersen State Historic Site manager Jim McKee, Moores Creek Battlefield Association president Connie Hendrix; NS Daughters of the American Revolution, Brunswick County Historical Society's Dave Lewis, Southport Historical Society's Marvin Johnson and the men who will dedicate the event by firing the cannon, Thor, after veterans are named, and World War I re-enactor Carl Mauny.

The Centennial Commemoration is free and parking is available.