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Friends of Fort Caswell volunteers staff a table July 3 at Waterfront Park on Bay Street in Southport.

Friends of Fort Caswell enjoy N.C. 4th of July Festival

Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range set up their community nonprofit spotlight booth July 3 at Waterfront Park on Bay Street in Southport for the three-day N.C. 4th of July Festival.

Russ Barlowe, Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range vice president, sat in a patriotic setting with a red, white and blue banner displayed across the front of a table. He was dressed in patriotic clothing under a bright red umbrella with a table covered in stars and stripes to answer questions about the Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, dedicated to preserving the WWI rifle range located on Caswell Beach. Dana Majernik, member of the Brunswick Town NSDAR, assisted during the four hours as people visited the booth asking questions about the rifle range and where it was located.

Visitors honored Brunswick County World War I soldiers by making a donation, then receiving a certificate and N.C.

World War I service card with the soldier's military information. Note cards featuring Helen Radcliffe's watercolor of the rifle range and 5-by-7-inch prints were available for purchase. Individuals made contributions and received a pamphlet telling the historical story of the 100-year-old structure. Cards with information on how to contact the Friends group were given to visitors.

Several donations were received to honor a Brunswick County World War I veteran: Robert and Pamela Schottfield for Fireman 1st Class Charles Cox; Susan and Vincent Mercurio for Pvt. Joseph Clemmons; Lori and Dave Testa for Pvt. Lawrence Smith; Russ and Ann Barlowe for Pvt. James Fair; and Majernik for Pvt. Julius Clemmons.

Each year the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce offers one local nonprofit each day of the celebration to share their story.



Helen Radcliffe's watercolor painting of the rifle range