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The Friends recently began the posting of profiles for 14 nurses identified as serving at Fort Caswell during WWI.

The WWI profiles were part of the Honor a Brunswick County WWI Veteran fundraising project that was completed in November 2018, the Centennial of Armistice Day, (known as Veterans Day), signaling the end of fighting in WWI. Signing

the Treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919, was the official end of WWI.

The rifle range, which was chosen as an official United States World War I Centennial Memorial by the National WWI Centennial Commission in early 2018, is now the site of the newly installed monument honoring the WWI veterans from Brunswick County. The names of men who gave their lives during WWI are engraved on the monument.

The original mission of the nonprofit remains the historical preservation of the rifle range; any new donations or fundraising will support that mission.

A book has been planned for publishing the WWI profiles and the history of the rifle range but is delayed as volunteers work to determine the date of death and location of the gravesites of the

725 WWI veterans. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this effort should contact the Friends.

Future events

An Oktoberfest fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, beginning at noon at the Caswell Beach town public service building (fire station). Crafts will be sold and a Polka Dance Contest and Best Oktoberfest Outfit will be chosen. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, music provided by the Back Porch Rockers, authentic German food and drink will be catered by Turtle Island. Dinner tickets on request at \$15 per person, Call 278-7584.

There will be a Veterans Day Roll Call of Brunswick County WWI men that served on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. beside the Fort Caswell Rifle Range Memorial. The public is welcome.