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Veterans honored at Fort Caswell Rifle Pit

Dick Slease, Ben Edwards and Alex Gilland played "Taps" on Veterans Day at the Fort Caswell Rifle Pit, a historic site from the Great War at Caswell Beach where soldiers trained before being deployed to battle in Europe.

The event was sponsored by Bugles Across America, an offshoot of Taps Across America.

"Veterans Day, today, is the day that we honor all who served and successfully defended our nation," Slease told the crowd. "The Great War was declared ended when an armistice was signed in Northern France at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. The event gave birth to

Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

"Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of Arlington National Cemetery's new Memorial Amphitheater in March 1921.

"We are gathered here at the Fort Caswell Rifle Pit to honor all veterans, but especially the World War I veterans who served from Brunswick County..."

Slease is president of Brunswick Bands Inc.; Edwards is director of music and a teacher at South Brunswick High School, which Gilland attends.

