

'Taps Across America' plays at the 1918 Rifle Range on Veterans' Day



Photo contributed

Norma Eckard, president of the Friends group and co-author of the book, "Brunswick County in the Great War," is shown setting up the wreath stand with a new patriotic wreath to be used at future events. The wreath was a gift of board member Barbara Conway of the Alpine Lake Resort in W.Va. where the Eckard's have a summer home. "Barbara is so creative and has made two wreaths for the nonprofit so far, enhancing the monument and grounds of the official memorial dedicated by the National World War I Centennial Commission in 2018," said Eckard.

The Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range celebrated Veterans Day 2020. "Taps across America" played at the rifle range site at 11 a.m. to honor the men and women who served in the Great War from Brunswick County, preserving freedom in Europe.

The public was not invited due to the pandemic, but we may all thank the musicians playing taps commemorating our local men and women who gave so much to the effort and, in many cases, their lives.

"We have a way to go in

preserving this historic structure, the 1918 rifle range.

Now that we have honored our Brunswick County men and women by publishing the book, "Brunswick County in the Great War," we can concentrate on preserving this piece of history, said Eckard.

All residents of Brunswick County are invited to help with the historic preservation by sending donations to: Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465.

We thank you in advance.