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Veterans Day program set for Fort Caswell Rifle Range Nov. 11

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“They will not be forgotten if we say their name,” — Anonymous.

The Friends of the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range and the Brunswick Town Chapter NSDAR have announced their joint program for Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. beside the rifle range in Caswell Beach.

After the pandemic caused a two-year delay, they plan to continue Roll Calling the names of the 718 men from Brunswick County who served in the Great War. Thor, the cannon nicknamed after the mythical God of Thunder, was donated to the Southport Historical Society and will be fired by their crew members after the two groups read the names of the Brunswick County military who served in the war.

Friends' President Norma Eckard said, "we are excited to continue the program of honoring the men who served by saying their names." The public is encouraged to attend. We have an historic program to offer folks, mentioned Eckard.

Next on the program will be Brunswick Town Chapter NSDAR member Caron Myers, who will portray Navy Nurse Susan Adkins Williams, who was from Southport. Susan's parents resided on Nash Street with their seven children. After graduation from high school, she continued her education at the Long Island School of Nursing and graduated with high honors.

When the US entered the war in 1917, Williams applied to become a Navy Nurse at the Brest, France Hospital with 39 other nurses. She was one of the first nurses to be appointed and sent to France to care for wounded men.

Myers will also sing "God Bless America," words and music written by Irving Berlin during the Great War but not used until 1938.

Richard Slease will play Taps at the end of the program.

"Brunswick County in the Great War" books will be available for sale after the program. The next Roll Call is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2023, the date back in 1917 when the US entered the war.

Those attending may park in condo parking lots but not on the grass. Please bring a folding chair to sit.