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## DAR members, Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range roll call the men, nurses who served during the Great War

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Susan Adkins William's Army Nurse Corps pin that her great niece sent to Caron Myers.

Photo contributed

The Friends of the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range (FFCRR) and the Brunswick Town Chapter NSDAR announce their joint program for Tuesday, April 4, beside the rifle range at 11:00 am in Caswell Beach.

In 2018 on Veterans Day, the Brunswick County World War I Monument was dedicated at the site of the 1918 Fort Caswell Rifle Range, a nationally designated World War I Centennial

Memorial. The Roll Call began that day to honor the 718 men and one nurse from Brunswick County who served in World War I.

Five years have passed since the Roll Call began. The pandemic caused some delays. On April 4th, we will have completed this task with the Roll Call of 93 men and 14 nurses who served at Fort Caswell during the war will also be named," Norma Eckard, president of the Friends, said.

"We are excited to have accomplished this mission of recognizing the military from Brunswick County as well as the nurses who served during the war at Fort Caswell. Our small community rose to the occasion by identifying and honoring the men and one woman who served from our county as well as the nurses at the fort. We have an historic program to offer folks and the public is encouraged to attend," Eckard added.

Once again Brunswick Town Chapter NSDAR member Caron Myers will portray World War I Navy Nurse Susan Adkins Williams, who was raised in Southport. Myers will share how she researched Susan Adkins Williams' siblings and tracked down the last member of the family, a great niece who lives in Maryland.

Caron will also sing, "Over There," a musical piece popular in 1917 and 1918, penned by George M. Cohan during the earliest days of the United States' involvement in the Great War

Taps will be played at the end of the program.

FFCRR's recently published book Brunswick County in the Great War will be available after the program.

Those attending may park in condo parking lots. Please bring a folding chair to sit on.

*Note: The book, "Brunswick County in the Great War" has two copies in all five Brunswick County public libraries. You may also purchase a copy by calling Norma Eckard at (910) 27-7584.*