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**American Legion Post #543
Honor Guard Performs at Blue Star Memorial Marker**

On June 19, 2019, the Long Bay Garden Club of Shallotte sponsored a Blue Star Memorial Marker as a tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces.



The marker stands at the Welcome Center on Highway 17 in Shallotte



The dedication began with the Presentation of Colors by the Post 543 Honor Guard



Keynote speaker, Colonel (US Ret. Mike Clawson delivered a military tribute



Betsy Braddock dedicated the memorial



The marker was accepted by NCDOT Division 3 Engineer Karen Collette

The Post #543 Honor Guard was established in 2013 to provide military honors for deceased veterans, honor our flag, promote Americanism through parades and flag presentations, and be an example of veterans still serving America.



Post 543 bagpiper Dennis Ryan played patriotic songs



Post 543 bugler Ray Clemens sounded taps.

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