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2017 Veterans Day Ceremony

On the 11th month of the 11th day of 2017, American Legion Post held its annual Veterans Day Observance. Despite the cold weather, more than 300 people attended the event which was moved from its traditional place in front of the St. James Memorial to the Community Center auditorium. Legionnaire and Master of Ceremonies Col. Bill Morgan (Ret.) opened the ceremony.



Post 543 Commander Mike Fegan welcomed special guest NC State Representative Frank Iler and the days featured speaker Brigadier General (Retired) Don Parker.



The Post 543 Color posted the National, State, MIA and Post flags. Members of the South Brunswick High School JROTC Corps presented the flag of each branch of service while those who had served in that branch stood to be recognized. The song for that branch was played by piper Dennis Ryan.



In his address General Parker told the life story of five members of Post 543 by way of emphasizing the idea that it is ordinary American's who take years from their ordinary lives to protect our countries freedom.

The program closed with the audience joining soloist Lois Moore in singing "God Bless America". The benediction was presented by Chaplin Gary Crowden.



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