



**The Richard H. Stewart, Jr.  
American Legion Post # 543  
St. James, NC 28461**

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## **American Legion, Post #543 Military Appreciation Day (MAD) Golf Tournament**

**On July 9, 2016, the Richard H. Stewart Jr. American Legion Post #543 held its annual Military Appreciation Day Golf Tournament. There were 196 golfers who participated in this event. Post #543 Commander Gary Crowden introduced a special guest, the North Carolina Department (State) Commander David Shore. Commander Shore and Commander Crowden spent most of the day greeting and thanking the golfers. At the luncheon following golf, each spoke a few words.**

**This tournament is the major fund raiser for Post #543. All proceeds will go to helping veterans and other worthy legion projects for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. In the words of Commander Crowden, "Today, six months of preparation came to an end. At the helm of the Military Appreciation Day was legionnaire Mike Fegan and right beside him was his wife Sue. Legionnaires and their wives rallied together to make this the most successful event we have ever had. Words cannot express the pride I have in the members of the Post and their wives who supported our efforts to make**

**this a memorable and profitable venture. Special thanks go out to our wives  
for their support. “**