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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**St James American Legion Post 543, and Wilmington 40&8 Voiture 245, combined forces on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> to preview two programs for veteran's children with special physical and emotional needs. Both veterans' organizations provide tuition assistance to these Brunswick county facilities.**



**The representatives first visited Horseplay Farms/Our Heroes Inc in Bolivia, North Carolina where they saw for themselves how the youngsters will be introduced to a five hour "Horse Sense Workshop". This program teaches such skills as basic horsemanship, grooming, and how to overcome personal space barriers. Equine therapy has been proven to be quite beneficial in developmental therapy.**

**L-R, American Legion Post 543 Commander Gary Crowden; Horseplay Farms, Director of Operations, Rebecca Pacheco; 40&8 Youth Sports Programs Chair Ralph Gervinso.**

**The next stop was to the Brunswick County Youth Council "LAX BBQ" fund raising event. This fledgling organization is looking to introduce the children of Brunswick County to opportunities combining fellowship, scholarships and programs that may have been underutilized until now.**



**L-R 40&8 YSP Rick Sessa, BCYC; Board Members, Kate Gentle, Steve Corbett Post 543 Commander Gary Crowden**

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