

The Richard H. Stewart, Jr.
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Bringing Wreaths Across America Close to Home

As part of “Wreaths Across America,” veterans of American Legion Post 543 gathered at the Cape Fear Memorial Park on Highway 211 on Saturday, December 16, to lay wreaths to honor a veteran from each of the five services. A wreath was also placed on the marker of Richard H. Stewart, Jr., after whom the Post is officially named and who was killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



“Wreaths Across America” enters its 14th season by contributing 1.5 million wreaths to adorn and honor the graves of fallen veterans in 1,400 cemeteries nationwide.

This is the first time Post 543 has held a formal event “in our own backyard” stated Kirk Davis, Honor Guard Commander of Troops for this event. Davis said that our Post Honor Guard participates in many events honoring veterans throughout the year, such as annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, Southport’s Fourth of July parade, Oak Island’s Christmas Parade, St James Military Appreciation Day events, as well as providing military funeral honors with flag-folding and the playing of Taps at local veteran funerals. Post 543 hopes to place a wreath on the graves of all fallen veterans in the area as an annual event.

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