

# American Legion, Post 543

St. James, NC 28461

Mike Fegan, Commander

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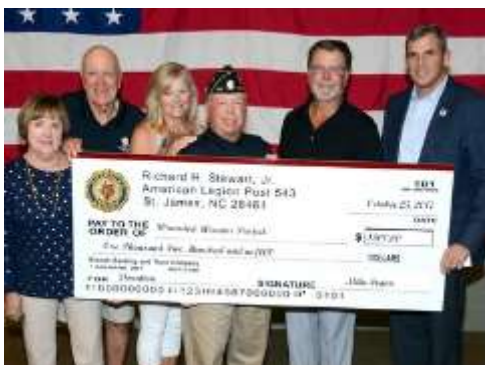
## General Briefs American Legion Post 543 about the Wounded Warrior Project

The new Chief Executive Officer of the Wounded Warrior Project, Retired Army Lt. General Michael Linnington, spoke at the regular meeting of Post 543. The General described WWP's programs, partnerships and new initiatives, especially mental health programs, noting that every day twenty veterans commit suicide.

He described changes in the operation and management of WWP which have resulted in top ratings by Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau. When introducing him, Post Commander Mike Fegan said that, "Post concerns about the past management of WWP are gone, and we are pleased that we are able to support WWP in its noble mission."

The Post presented Gen. Linnington with a check for \$1,500, bringing the total given by the Post to WWP this year to \$4,500, from funds raised through St. James Military Appreciation Day.

The Post also honored Holly and Dave Williams of St. James and Bob Duke of Winding River who have raised over \$150,000 for WWP over the past six years through a unique program of refurbishing and selling used golf balls.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Vicki Duke, Bob Duke, Holly Williams, Commander Mike Fegan, Dave Williams, General Michael Linnington