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**Post 543 Bringing Christmas Wreaths Close to Home**



Wreaths For Our Fallen entered its third season of adorning the graves of veterans during the Christmas season. Post 543 in St. James gathered at Cape Fear Memorial Park in Southport to lay wreaths and service flags at veterans' graves. Honor Guard Commander Kirk Davis led the ceremony. Davis said, "We started a local wreath laying ceremony during the Christmas holiday season in 2017. The decision to conduct a local ceremony seemed like an appropriate way to honor our fallen veterans of every service". Our inaugural ceremony in 2017 honored one veteran from each of the five services with a wreath. This year the Honor Guard placed a wreath and service flag on the graves of all 85 veterans in the cemetery.

