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OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Rich Dobkin – Fibber McGees Restaurant ☆ Steve Cuozzo – Backstreet Café
Town of Sunset Beach ☆ Sea & Sand Band ☆ Sea Trail Resort
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Sunset Beach Food Lion ☆ Shallotte Food Lion ☆ Sunset Beach Walgreens
Ocean Isle Lowes ☆ Calabash Lowes ☆ Shallotte Wal Mart ☆ Waste Industries

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Gabriella Lynch, *ABC Signs*
Holly Cook, Alan Lewis, Chris Stanley, East Coast Engineering
James Gruber, Nature Works Landscaping
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Ricky Clemmons, Masonry
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Van Fulford, concrete pumper

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR DONORS

ATMC
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Jud Kuhn Chevrolet
Rick & Jan Noyes - Beach House Harley Davidson
Robert Stern



*Veterans' Memorial
Dedication
Commemorative Program*

*Wednesday
November 11, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Sunset Beach Town Park*

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Gordon Coulson, Chairman
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THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH FOR ITS SUPPORT OF
THE MEMORIAL AND OF OUR
DEDICATION CEREMONY.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Welcome Lou DeVita
Honor Guard Sunset Beach Police Chief Lisa Joyner
Sunset Beach Fire Chief Kevin Dempsey
Color Guard Marine Corps League 1036, Calabash
Pledge of Allegiance Charlie Nern
National Anthem Linda Ladrack
Invocation Rev. Mary Jane Wilson-Parsons
Seaside United Methodist Church
Opening Remarks Gordon Coulson, Chairman
Introduction of Speaker John F. Corbett, 1st Vice Chairman
Keynote Address Lt. General Darryl L. Roberson
Thank You Supporters Karen Joseph, 2nd Vice Chairwoman
Official Dedication Gordon Coulson
Laying of Wreath Bob Hanania, Joe Johnson,
Jay Kerr, Rick Papesca
21 Gun Salute Marine Corps League 1036, Calabash
Echo Taps David Nelms and George Kuentler
Benediction Rev. Scott Wilson-Parsons
Seaside United Methodist Church

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE OTHER END OF THE
PARK FOR A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED
BY FIBBER MCGEES AND BACKSTREET CAFÉ AND
ENTERTAINMENT BY SEA & SAND BAND

LT. GEN. DARRYL L. ROBERSON

is the Commander of Air Education and Training Command, based in San Antonio, Texas. He is responsible for the recruiting, training, and education of all U.S. Air Force personnel. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces, and Air University. The command operates nearly 1,370 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 23 wings, 12 bases, and five geographically separated groups. It trains more than 293,000 students per year with a force of approximately 62,000 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and contractor personnel.



General Roberson is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Euro-NATO Joint Jet pilot training, and the National War College. He has been a Thunderbird air demonstration pilot (1994-1995), a Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill working for U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, and has served on the Air Staff and Joint Staff at the Pentagon including as the Vice Director for Operations (Vice J-3).

He has two Masters Degrees, is a graduate of a Leadership Seminar from the Kenan-Flagler Business School, is a Seminar XXI Fellow from MIT, and is a graduate of the Senior Leaders in Government program at Harvard University. He has commanded a squadron, operations group, three wings, and prior to becoming the AETC commander was the Commander, 3rd Air Force/17th Expeditionary Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany. He has flown combat missions in three wars, twice in Iraq (Operation Desert Storm, 1991, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003), as well as in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, 2011.

His decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Star Medals, 13 Air Medals, and five Aerial Achievement Medals.

General Roberson is a command pilot who has more than 5,150 flight hours including 865 combat hours. He has flown the F-4, F-15, F-16 and F-22.

General Roberson and his wife Cheryl reside in San Antonio, Texas. Their son Chad is in F-16 pilot training at Luke Air Force Base and their daughter Courtney resides in Okinawa, Japan with her USAF husband, Stephen.

A Dream Realized

As far back as 1998, the Town of Sunset Beach held ceremonies on Veterans' Day and Memorial Day. The locations changed from year to year but the dream of a memorial in Town was always alive in the hearts of many residents.

In December 2012, a small group of people met in Lou DeVita's dining room and decided the time had come to make that dream a reality. Made up of Sunset Beach residents and representatives from area organizations, the Committee to Honor America's Veterans was created. "This committee is taking up the mantle of a group that first attempted to build a memorial almost ten years ago," explained retired Sunset Beach Police Chief Jay Kerr, a prime mover of the effort. "At that time one of the obstacles we faced was the lack of an appropriate location for a worthy memorial."

With the creation of the Sunset Beach Town Park, a serene setting was finally available befitting a memorial that would honor all who served and are serving in the military.

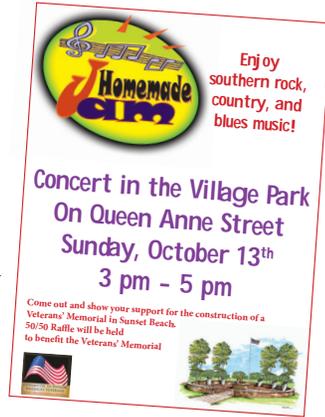
The Committee recruited more members, enlisted the services of Joe Johnson, the original architect who had been involved in the concept years earlier, and began a methodical campaign to secure a location in the Town Park.

Once the 2013 Town Council approved the site, the Committee began its fundraising efforts and developed a design for the Memorial. A gallery was chosen to create the statues of a boy and girl saluting the flag, the granite and brick colors were chosen, and contractors were enlisted to build the Memorial. The purchase of bricks to memorialize veterans gained momentum and donations from individuals and businesses increased. For two and half years, Committee members spent many weekends at festivals raising funds, held a concert, and sponsored a successful golf tournament in 2014.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 and construction began on August 15, continuing almost three months until the November 11, 2015 Dedication Ceremony in the Sunset Beach Town Park. It was an amazing adventure.



October 5, 2013: The campaign to build the Veterans' Memorial began with a booth at the Sunset at Sunset festival in Sunset Beach.



October 13, 2013: The Support the Veterans' Memorial concert at The Village Park in Sunset Beach was a great success.

February 1, 2014: The Committee to Honor America's Veterans had a booth at the Silver Coast Winery art show and bon fire.

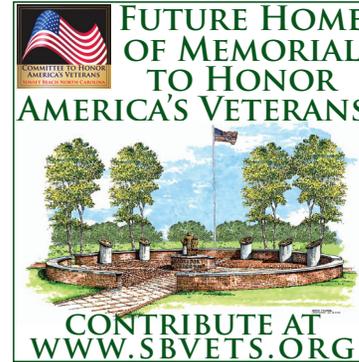
February 15-16, 2014: The Committee to Honor America's Veterans had a booth at the Brunswick Home & Garden Show at the Sea Trail Convention Center.

March 13, 2014: BEMC Board of Directors presented a check for \$2,500 to the Committee to support building the Veterans' Memorial.



May 3, 2014: The Committee had a booth at the Old Bridge Preservation Society's Strawberry and Wine Festival.

May 8, 2014: (L-R) Bill Raphael, Chuck Helmboldt, Gordy Coulson, and Steve Rogers (kneeling) installing the flag pole.



May 13, 2014: Sign marking the future site of the Veterans' Memorial installed in Sunset Beach Town Park.

May 9-18, 2014: The Committee had a booth at Beach House Harley Davidson during Bike Week. Rick Noyes, Beach House Harley-Davidson owner, presented a \$4,500 check for three brick arrays.



May 26, 2014: Congressman Mike McIntyre gave the keynote address at the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial flag pole and the first flag-raising at the Town of Sunset Beach-hosted Memorial Day Ceremony in the Sunset Beach Town Park at the location of the future Veterans' Memorial.



May 30, 2014: The Committee and the Silver Coast Winery hosted a Wine Release Party at Silver Coast Winery to celebrate the inaugural batch of Veterans' Memorial Wines – Red, Blush, and White. Well over 100 guests attended enjoying an evening of good wine and camaraderie.

July 19, 2014: George Mangelsdorf (on left), Faithful Navigator and Raymond Gromadski, (on right) Faithful Admiral and Past Faithful Navigator of Our Lady of LaSalette Assembly 3115, Knights of Columbus, at St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church, present a US flag flown over the US Capitol at the request of Congressman Mike McIntyre on June 3, 2014 in honor of the Committee to Honor America's Veterans.



September 6, 2014: The Committee manned a booth at the Silver Coast Winery Purple Feet Festival.

October 4, 2014: The Committee had a booth and enjoyed a beautiful day at the Sunset at Sunset festival in Sunset Beach.

October 8, 2014: 1st Annual Veterans' Memorial Golf Tournament at the Brick Landing Plantation and Golf Club. A highlight was a parachute jump by Jamie Lynn.



October 18-19, 2014: The Committee had a booth at the Ocean Isle Beach Oyster Festival.

February 13, 2015: The Committee presented a framed "Proud Supporter" flag to Rich Dobkin, owner of Fibber McGees in Sunset Beach, in recognition of his \$3,600 in donations and services provided to the Veterans' Memorial Golf Tournament. Chairman Gordy Coulson, left, and 1st Vice Chairman John Corbett, right, represented the Committee.



March 7, 2015: The Committee had a booth at the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Home and Garden Show at West Brunswick High School.

April 26, 2015: Thank you to the Old Bridge Preservation Society, the loyal supporters at the Silver Coast Winery, and all who visited our booth and donated to the Veterans' Memorial at the Strawberry and Wine Festival.



May 12, 2015: Steve Cuozzo, owner and operator of Backstreet Café, donating a check for \$1,500 raised at his fund raising dinner to Committee representatives 1st Vice Chairman John Corbett, Treasurer Charlie Nern, 2nd Vice Chairwoman Karen Joseph, and Steering Committee member Jay Kerr.



**Veteran's Memorial Groundbreaking and Memorial Day Ceremony
May 25, 2015**



June 16, 2015: ATMC awarded a grant of \$2,000 to the Committee to Honor America's Veterans during a ceremony at its headquarters. Committee Chairman Gordon Coulson along with Karen Joseph and Lou DeVita, accepted the grant to help construct the Veterans' Memorial. Gordon Coulson is shown in the photo reporting on the progress in fundraising and progress in building the Memorial.



July 10, 2015: Maryann Azzato, owner of Silver Coast Winery, presented a donation of \$1,836 to the Committee to help construct the Veterans' Memorial. The donation is from the proceeds of a special production of Veterans' Memorial labeled wine.



July 10, 2015: The Committee to Honor America's Veterans gathered in Sunset Beach Town Park to update the "thermometer" sign showing progress in raising funds to construct the Veterans' Memorial. By the end of June 2015, \$149,100 was raised with a goal of \$200,000.



August 4, 2015: Construction begins. Brian Elliott, owner of Custom Concrete Design (CCD), and assistant Mike Pate, start installing the forms, mesh, and rebar for the Memorial foundation.



August 19, 2015: Custom Concrete Design owner Brian Elliott smooths the cement as the Memorial's concrete base is poured.

A PICTORIAL OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



1

The brick wall and center pedestal begin to take shape.



2

The brick wall and center pedestal near completion.



3

Lou DeVita reviews the bricks while helping to install them.



4

All the bricks have been installed.



5

The center pedestal is ready for the installation of granite caps, the world map, and the statues.



6

The granite has been installed on the outer wall.



7

Installers begin to raise the granite map of the world.



8

The granite map of the world is installed in the pedestal.



9

Installers prepare the granite columns that will bear the military emblems.



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The first granite column is installed.



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Emblem of the Department of the Army on granite column.



12

All military granite columns are installed.



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Karen Joseph, Gabriella Lynch of ABC Signs, and Chuck Helmboldt hold the template for letters on the pedestal.



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Nature Works co-owner James Gruber installs the 50 azaleas awarded by NC Beautiful.

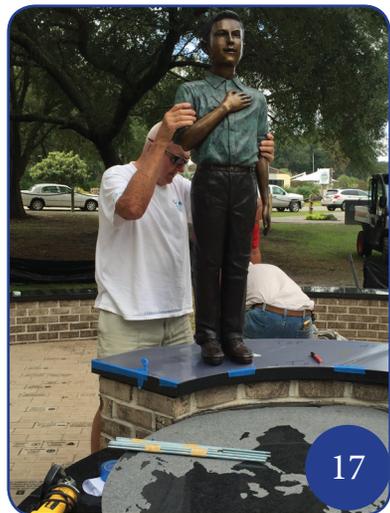


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Tim Fulwood and colleague begin installation of letters on the pedestal.



Statue of boy removed from crate.

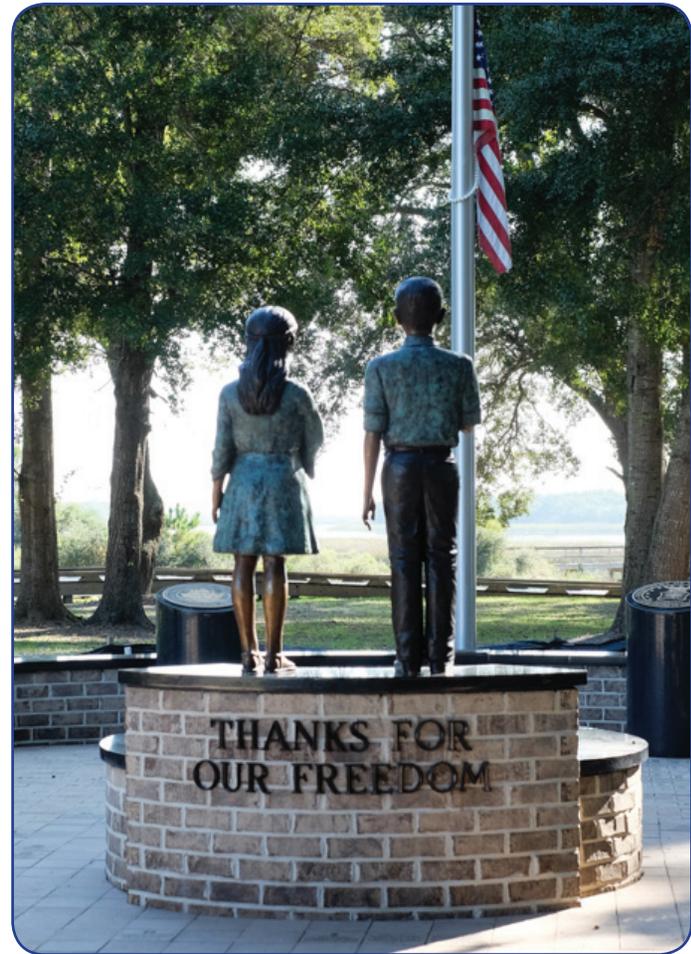


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Installation in progress.



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This Memorial, dedicated on November 11, 2015, and funded by private donations, honors the Men and Women Who Have Served Our Nation.

It was made possible through the heart, vision, dedication, and tireless efforts of the

Committee to Honor America's Veterans

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 and the support of friends and supporters from across the country.