



Welcome to our NC Post 543 website. If you are an Honorably discharged veteran or a current member of the Armed Forces, we need you! We are a group of more than 280 veterans dedicated to serving other veterans and our community.

Regular meetings are normally held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the St. James Community Center on Southport-Supply Road, Rt 211. Our members come from around the greater Brunswick County area and all are welcome. During COVID-19 when we can not meet in person, we meet virtually on ZOOM.

It's easy to join. Please complete the application below and email a copy to 2nd Vice Commander Membership, Al Lebiednik (al.lebiednik@gmail.com).

PLEASE PRINT

Name (Last/First): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____

I verify that I have served at least one day of active duty between December 7, 1941 and present day, and was Honorably discharged or currently serving as a member of the: () Army () Marine Corps () Navy () Air Force () US Coast Guard () Space Force, () US Merchant Marine (Serving December 7, 1941 through August 15, 1945) () National Guard activated under Title 10 orders issued from the Secretary of Defense.

Please check all that apply to your military service:

- () **Global War on Terrorism** (September 18, 2001 through March 30, 2016)
- () **Persian Gulf War** (August 2, 1990, through April 6, 1991)
- () **Panama** (1989-1990)
- () **Lebanon/Grenada** (1982-1983)
- () **The Cold War** (1962-1979)
- () **Vietnam** (February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975)
- () **Korea** (June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955)
- () **WWII** (December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946)
- () **Other Conflicts not listed above:** _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Provide a copy of your DD214. American Legion Post 543 will retain it in a secure location for your use and family use upon death.

The DD Form 214, Discharge Papers and Separation Documents is the most important military document you will ever receive. This form serves as your proof of military service and is often used to verify military service for benefits.

Because your DD Form 214 is so important, it is imperative you keep a copy of it in a safe place. Unfortunately, things happen and your DD Form 214 can get lost, damaged, or stolen.

You need to treat your DD 214 like any other important document, such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, will, etc. Keep your original copy in a lockbox, fireproof safe, safety deposit box, or another secure location. The VA provides a number of funeral benefits (**Funeral, Cremation, and Burial Benefits**), **but** your family will need the DD214 to access them.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website link for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>



American Legion Post 543 Member Information Form

Member Name: _____

**What special skills do you have that you would be willing to share:
(circle any that apply)**

Administrative

Building/Construction/Carpentry includes painting, plumbing, electrical

Driver

Public Relations/Marketing/Website Management Design/Social Media

Project Management

Teacher/Instructor

Writing/Interviewing

Photography

Yard Work

Rifle Teams

Public Speaking

Other please specify _____

What Post Activities interests you?

Budget and Finance

Ministry Team

Youth Activities/Scholarships

Veteran Services

Parades

Active Duty Support

Post History/Historian

Fund Raising

Public Relations

Golf Tournament

Honor Guard

Other please specify _____