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AMERICAN LEGION POST 126
VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

HERTFORD, NC – Hertford American Legion post 126 will hold their annual Perquimans County Veterans Day Observance, Saturday, Nov. 11, on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn at the veterans Monument. The observance will begin at 11 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be moved to the County Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road in Hertford.

Post Commander Ric Caporale related that this year's observance will honor Perquimans County Vietnam Veterans. This is part of the nation's 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War which will continue through Nov. 11, 2025.

Former President Barack Obama's Proclamation, signed on Memorial Day, May 25, 2012, launched the this nation's commemoration of this anniversary. "This 13-year program is to honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced," stated this Presidential proclamation.

The Federal Government has partnered with local governments, private organizations and communities across America to participate in this commemoration. The Regional Director of Veterans, Jarvis Abott, in Elizabeth City, has partnered with Post 126 with this Commemorative Partner program.

Through this partnership, the Vietnam War Commemoration, through commemorative Partners program as Veterans Day, recognize and provide living U.S. veterans who served during the Vietnam War Era, a memento, a Vietnam Service Lapel pin, of the nation's thanks.

Since last August, the Post has attempted to identify county Vietnam War Era veterans. Perquimans County area veterans were asked to contact Post 126, [252 426-1679], with their name, telephone number, and address. These county veterans are asked to attend the observance to get recognized and receive their lapel pin. The veterans were asked to contact the Post with their name, address and telephone number.

Commander Caporale stated, "Any living veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive the lapel pin. You did not have to physically serve in Vietnam."

Veterans Day, while deceased veterans are also remembered, the day is set aside to thank and honor veterans who have served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime beginning with the Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan, efforts were made to include the military family, and the many 'Blue and Gold' mothers"

The observance also will include the American Legion's traditional POW/MIA Remembrance. A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings or observances as a physical symbol of the thousands of American prisoners of war {POWs} and those missing in action [MIAs] still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving this country.

Participating in the observance will be members of Post 126, Post 126 Legion Riders,

Hertford American Legion Post 362, the Perquimans County High School Band and members of Hertford Boy Scout Troop 150 and Cub pack 150.