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"Not for fame or reward" was the theme for the Memorial Day Ceremony held Monday, May 25 in Pembroke. The event was hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2843, Pembroke. Commander is W.D. Oxendine. Quartermaster is Ardell Jacobs.

Invocation was by Archie Oxendine, Post Chaplain. The Flag Raising Ceremony was by the Purnell Swett Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arthur A. Shull, Past 8th District Commander. The welcome was given by Ardell Jacobs. An American Salute was delivered by the Purnell Swett High Chorus. Post Quarter Master Ardell Jacobs introduced guest speaker, Major Augustine Vendetti and the Roll Call of Heroes: Hope Hunt, Angela McIver and Tasha McLean.

Members of the Pembroke VFW laid a wreath in honor of their fallen comrades.

A reprint of Major Vendetti's speech follows:

It is a high honor for me to be here with you today to remind and praise a very special group of Americans, our brothers and sisters who gave their lives for peace, freedom and the very survival of our country. They made the supreme sacrifice. They gave their all while in the prime of their lives. They did not die in a bed, in a secure home, surrounded by family and friends, as it ought to be. They died in far off places, from the scorching deserts of North Africa to the muddy trenches of Europe, to the cold waters of the North Pacific, to the steamy jungles of Southeast Asia. They died unselfishly, not seeking any special reward, no

recognition, no thanks. Since the American Revolution, 1,000,000 have died. These dead now rest in 109 National Cemeteries in the United States and in 24 military cemeteries overseas. Arlington National Cemetery became a national shrine after the Civil War, in which 600,000 Americans died. Both blue and gray lie at Arlington. Their sacrifices described as well for one side as the other by the eloquent inscription of the Confederate Monument.

"Not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty as they understood it. These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all, and died."

We see in the side by side resting place of these old foes, a symbol of the ultimate achievement of that conflict--national unity, that is a worthy cause not just on Memorial Day, but every day.

Who were these mostly average citizens who made such an extraordinary contribution? And why? It is a great challenge for me or for any speaker to find the words that adequately praise and describe these special Americans. The great General and speaker, Douglas MacArthur, in his final address at West Point, described them this way: "I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory." General MacArthur without knowing it gave an almost perfect description of the heroes that we honor today. Each and everyone of them was also someone's son, brother, father or husband. They were those that answered the

call to serve their country in times of peril. They left the safety of their homes and went off to our nation's wars. All of these men where ever they fought did so superbly. They fought first to save our country and to preserve the freedom and values of our Democracy, that are the essence of our Constitution. They fought to protect family and friends. They fought for love of country. They fought in selfless defense of foreign lands. They fought with care and restraint, often at additional risk to themselves, and they grieved at the occasional, unintentional civilian casualties that are the cost of war. They fought for love.

In April 1865 a young Confederate private by the name of John Denning wrote in his diary: *My shoes are gone, my clothing is gone, I am hungry and sick. All this I endure because I love my country--If this war is ever over, I'll be damned if I ever love another country.* As the story goes, several days later he was killed in one of the last battles of the Civil War. His spirit is an example of the character of citizen that we honor today.

It is important that we take this time to remember those who died for our country in War. In performing these visible acts of honor and respect, we educate our young citizens as well as rededicate ourselves. We show publicly our awareness that we did not build this nation by ourselves. That it was forged 200 years ago by brilliant and selfless men, and that the building process has continued ever since by many generations of hard working and dedicated citizens, to whom we of today are much indebted. Unfortunately, all of this effort and sacrifice has not provided a perfect nation. We are all live in perfect harmony. But it has produced the most perfect nation ever known to man kind. We must as often as possible rededicate ourselves to the values that our fallen comrades died for. These values are well defined in the professional Army ethic: *Loyalty to the Institution: a Commitment to the Army exists only to serve and defend the nation; Loyalty to the Unit: a two way obligation between the leader and the led to be considerate of the welfare of others, to instill pride and devotion to duty, that produces the cohesiveness that turns individuals into effect teams, Selfless Service: Doing what is good for our nation and our fellow man; Personal Responsibility: Means everybody being responsible for his or her actions; Commitment: being committed to a purpose larger than ourselves and being willing to pay any price for that purpose.* These core values stated in the Professional Army Ethic have application to each of us.

For the sake of the sacrifice that those we honor today made, we must be steadfast and for the sake of the dedicated in living the values for which they died. We must love and respect our families and one another, and we must love and honor our nation and our flag. When you look at your flag, know that it represents all of the sacrifices of those we honor today. Know also that it represents each of us and all that we want to be as individuals and as a nation. Know that it represents each of us and all that we want to be as individuals and as a nation. Know that it represents the land, the people, the government, and the ideals of the United States of America. We must resolve to keep the faith with those whose heroism we honor today who gave their all for us. Our resolution to do so will be a living memorial to them and a guarantee that they did not die in vain. Briefly, for a moment in the history of our nation, the fighting men we remember today held the destiny of our nation in their hands. In that moment, they did not fail. We must not fail them now.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Cancer kills nearly 1,000 Americans a day. It doesn't have to be that way. The long-range goal of the American Cancer Society is to eliminate cancer as a human disease.

We provide education, patient support and research funding. Without your help, our goals of eliminating cancer and saving more lives would be impossible.

By becoming a volunteer, you implement the Society's programs and services. During annual EDUCATION-Funds Crusade, you will bring lifesaving information to your neighbors, door-to-door, and face-to-face.

Join our volunteer army and see that thousands of North Carolinians are receiving information designed to save more lives. An informed public is our greatest weapon in the battle against cancer.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The American Cancer Society is a community-based organization that relies on your support! Activities such as special events, our community door-to-door crusade and corporate drives need volunteers and contributions. If you would like to help support American Cancer Society programs, make a Memorial or "In Honor" gift or to receive information about our Legacy and Planned Giving Program, contact your local Unit or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

WHERE YOUR CONTRIBUTION GOES IN NORTH CAROLINA

We're proud of the chart below, which shows where your American Cancer Society contribution goes in North Carolina.

"Jail and Bail" Cancer Society fundraiser in progress

What do Maggie Oxendine (shown above) of Pembroke and Mayor Milton Hunt have in common? They along with other Pembroke personalities will be in "jail" on today and Friday in the American Cancer Society's Jail at the James B. Chavis University Student Center on the PSU Campus from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. They are not going to a "real" jail. As participants in the American Cancer Society's Jail and Bail, they'll be raising money for the fight against cancer.

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Their participation is strictly voluntary. If they agree, they will be led away in handcuffs to the American Cancer Society's jail at the PSU Chavis Student Center.

After bail is set, the prisoners are given one hour to raise bail by calling friends and family to make pledges to the American Cancer Society.

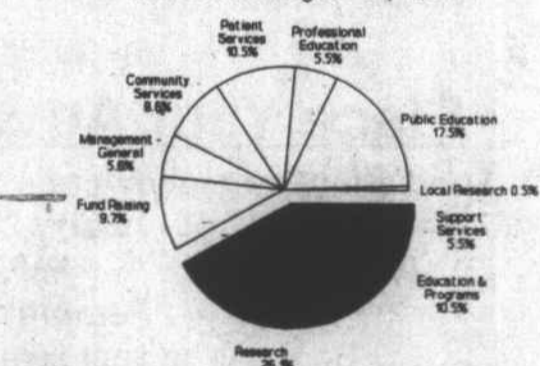
All profits from Jail and Bail will go toward funding cancer research, service to cancer patients and lifesaving educational programs of the American Cancer Society.

If you're interested in having some one arrested call Brenda Brooks at 521-9460.

As you can see, 57.9 percent of the funds raised stay here and 42.1 percent are sent to the American Cancer Society's national pool of funds. But there is something the chart doesn't show, and we want you to know it! Because of the outstanding number of research institutions here, the Tarheel state receives more than seven million dollars back each year from the national pool of funds.

That means that for every dollar you give, \$3.00 comes back to North Carolina in the form of research grants every year!

Thank you for your contributions!
Year Ended August 31, 1991



57.9% spent on North Carolina programs.
42.1% allocated to National Office for research, program development and general supporting services.

CORRECTION

Correction: In last week's community feature on Rev. Welton Lowry the headline identified him as Welton Locklear. Our apologies to Rev. Lowry, pastor of West End Baptist Church.

NASA albums judged

Ruth B. Locklear, LRDA tribal enrollment director (left) leads thru several Native American Student Association [NASA] albums submitted by area high school students while Billy Mills (center), Olympic gold medalist, and PSU Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine look on. NASA hosted its first ever Field Day at the Indian Cultural Center on Saturday.

Bridging generations



Kristen Elk, left, and Danyelle Hagans, right, both Native American Student Association [NASA] members and students at Purnell Swett High School, get a bit of sage wisdom from PSU Chancellor Joseph B.

Oxendine during the first ever Field Day for NASA, held Saturday. More than 120 students from all six Robeson County high school enjoyed a day of Native American culture and education.

