

VETERANS

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McCranie, a Currituck County resident and a retired Navy chaplain, talked about how Friday's national holiday was started and why. It was created to mark the end of World War I nearly 100 years ago, a war President Woodrow Wilson said would be the "the war to end all wars."

It wasn't. Some conflicts haven't been labeled as "wars" but the results are the same, McCranie said.

"In all these conflicts and wars, young men and women have died or were wounded sometimes with loss of limbs. Weapons are not designed to distinguish between a conflict and a declared war. A bullet is an equal opportunity missile; race nor sex is not an issue for a bullet does not discriminate.

Since the end of a draft



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Capt. Glenn McCranie gives an address an address Friday during a Veteran's Day service outside the Perquimans County Courthouse.

in 1973, those who serve in the military do so by choice, not because they are compelled to by law. Christopher Jacobs did when he enlisted in the Marines. He served three tours in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan before he was killed in a training accident in 2011. His son

Christian was there Friday dressed in a child's size version of a dress blue Marine Corps uniform.

Friday's event was sponsored by Hertford American Legion Post 126 with assistance from Hertford Post 362. It was held as all Veteran's Day and Memorial Day events are,

on the grounds are in front of the Perquimans County Courthouse next to a black Veteran's Memorial erected there.

During his career McCranie served as a chaplain with the 1st Marine Division in California, a circuit-riding chaplain aboard the USS Virginia and at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. During Desert Storm, he served as command chaplain of the amphibian task force of the 4th and 6th Marine Brigade. After Desert Storm, he was promoted to captain and assigned as special assistant to the Surgeon General of the Navy.

As a young sailor he met his wife when he was stationed at the Dare County Bombing Range and decided to join the Chaplain's Corps.

When the Coast Guard seagoing buoy tender Blackthorn sank in Tampa Bay, killing 23 in 1980,

McCranie was among the group the offered support for families.

Friday's ceremony included the posting of the colors by Post 126, an invocation by George Wilmore, chaplain of Post 126 and the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troop 150 and Cub Scout Pack 150.

Joseph Hoffler, the vice commander of Legion Post 363 presided over the ceremony for prisoners of war and those missing in action and each branch of the service was honored with a salute. Carroll Bundy, past commander of Post 126 gave the closing remarks and Jonnie Hollowell, the sergeant at arms of Post 362 gave the benediction.

The Perquimans County High Band was there to play the National Anthem as well as the King Cotton March by John Phillip Sousa.

Arrest made

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The Hertford Police Department arrested a suspect Monday for the armed robbery of a Nationwide Insurance office on Market Street Nov. 1.

Stanley Jones Jr. was charged with two counts of armed robbery and placed in Albemarle District Jail under \$100,000 secured bond.

The insurance office was robbed by a man wearing a yellow bandana and a blue hoodie. Bembridge does not accept cash payments and there was no money to steal, but the robber did take the driver's licenses of the two employees working at the time and threatened to hurt them.

TURKEY

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300 turkeys to serve clients and if it can't get donations, it will be forced to buy the food. That strains the budget to serve people the other 51 weeks out of the year, Hurst said.

Hurst said for some, the food donation is just a one time thing.

"I remember one lady. I helped her take the food to her car. She was in her late 20s. I loaded and car and then she gave me a big hug. She had tears in her eyes. She said "my husband left me and I've got two kids and this is going to feed my family."

Hurst said she told him she just needed help for

now.

"She said 'I'm getting a job, and I won't be back.'"

Vera Harrell, who helped start the Turkey Drop program, agreed the need is there.

"In Perquimans County there is a tremendous need to help our fellow neighbors who have fallen on tough times," Harrell said. "The church is hoping everyone in the county who is able will support the turkey/food drive."

The first year of the program the church used a donated freezer to store the turkeys until it was time to distribute them to families. Last year the church borrowed a van that is outfitted as a freezer so it could handle more. The same van from the Food Bank of the

Albemarle will be used this year.

Standing on the curb helping people unload donations has been an experience for Hurst.

"It's amazing. Last year we had a couple who drove up with two turkeys and they asked if we were going to make our goal. I told them we were still eight short and we only had 15 minutes left and they said "don't leave, we'll be back."

They returned with eight turkeys.

"It's amazing how generous people can be. One lady drove up in an older car, and it didn't look like she was affluent at all and she said open the trunk there are complete dinners for six people."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Don Hurst stands next to a refrigerated truck used to store frozen turkeys last year. The goal this year is to collect 200.

GRANT

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For Gabby Lassiter, who teaches a GEAR UP program designed to break the stigma that college is beyond the

reach of many students, the program was a success.

"I think it will help the students with their confidence in the future," Lassiter said.

Confidence is what it's all about when local students head off to a university miles



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Perquimans County High School students stand on the steps of the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. A grant paid for a program that allowed them to attend a performance of "Beauty and the Beast" as well as experience dining at an upscale restaurant.

away and are introduced to things they've never experienced before.

For Bailey Joyner, an 11th grader, it taught her that dining is different in some cul-

tures. The performance of Beauty and the Beast at the \$47 million 1,200-seat Sandler Center for Performing Arts in Virginia Beach was also an eye opener for a teen.

"I had never been to a play before in my life," Joyner said. "Maybe at high school, but nothing like that. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. The production quality was top notch. I could hear students saying, 'that is so cool' and I could hear laughing, it was a great atmosphere."

After graduation Joyner plans to enroll at Elizabeth City State University for two

years and then transfer to East Carolina University.

"It (the program) showed me different perspectives. It showed me the proper way to talk to people."

Before it all started, students were taught in how to behave and how to dine in a fine restaurant. The included when to clap, and when to not clap. They learned not only which fork to use, but how to use it and how to address a waiter or waitress.

If it appears "snooty" it's not. Employers down the road will hire or not hire employees based on a culture some Perquimans students aren't accustomed to.

For Essence Hunter, another junior, the program was also an eye-opener.

"For me it was amazing," Hunter said. "On a personal

level, it was mind-blowing. It was really nice experience. I knew where the fork was supposed to go and the knife, but I didn't know everything."

"I learned always to respect somebody, don't be rude."

The performance of "Beauty and the Beast" was especially good for Hunter.

"I want to study abroad and become a professional singer."

Hunter's next step will be her lead role in "Alice in Wonderland" for a Perquimans High School play.

"I think it will give me more confidence," Hunter said.

For Lassiter, that's what matters.

"We wanted to give them all an experience that they'd never experienced before," Lassiter said.



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