

‘A Win-Win’

VFW Post in North Carolina hosts back to school bash

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VFW Post 9134 members welcomed hundreds to their 7th Annual Rita Hand Back to School Bash in August at Rockwell Park in Rockwell, North Carolina.

Like in previous years, the event included games, a bounce house, a bubble machine, and vendors to accommodate its hundreds of participants, which included Rockwell Mayor Chuck Bowman and cadet members from East Rowan High School.

The event served as a fundraiser, where Post members and participants purchased and donated school supplies to local students before the school year began.

“This is a win-win for us and the VFW,” said Alecia Judd, the VFW Department of North Carolina Adjutant General and a life member of Post 9134. “We have always been a family Post. Our mission is not only to serve veterans but also our communities.”

Unlike previous years, this year’s Back to School Bash also included a car show.

“This was our first year including a car show to the event,” Judd said. “We wanted to bring in more participants, and I think the car show accomplished that.”

Judd added that the Post hosts events open to the community to continue to foster relationships.

“It is important that the community knows that the VFW is there for not only veterans but for service to our community,” Judd said. “When we are out there serving in the community, veterans and their families notice what we are doing and will join us.”

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