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The Chapel Hill Legionnaire

Post 6 - The 2nd Century

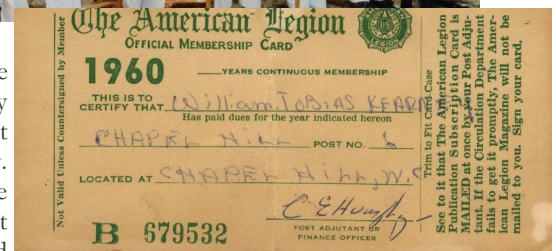
In 1955 our Korean War and World War II local vets realized that they needed to expand and that they needed more room. They bought 30+ acres of rolling, wooded dairy farm area and went to work.

On November 13, 1957, they dedicated their new home and began recruiting and improving their new "hut." 1960 member rolls show 428 active members. One of our members, Frank Horner, has been a post member for 67 years and his father, Dewey Maine Horner Sr., was key to the Legion Road Post Building project.

Now, 63 years later, we have repeated the process by expanding again to meet the needs of today's returning vets and active member veterans.



Our new home was designed by and for our current vets for tomorrow. We are large enough to host local, area, and district events. We think that our legacy has been protected and honored. We are now passing it on to others to continue our traditions and service



to the Chapel Hill area veterans, their families, and children. We are proud of what we have done and look forward to the formal dedication of our new home.

New District 12 Commanders

Lewis Atwater took command of American Legion District 12 on Oct. 10th at a change of command district flag passing ceremony here at Post No. 6.

Regina Merritt was also installed as Vice Commander.

District 12 is one of 25 North Carolina Districts

and serves Orange, Person, Alamance, Durham, and Caswell Counties. The ceremony was attended by about 25 people representing our post, the district, department and the Atwater and Merritt families.

Past Department Commander and National Executive-Committeeman Patricia Harris

and Division III Commander Jerry McClough officiated.

Outgoing Commander Nick Cervantes served for over two years as District 12 Commander and was instrumental in encouraging many UNC Chapel Hill Vets to join our post and to work with the post on programs in support of area veterans and the American Legion.



Recruiting is for everyone. Share your copy of this newsletter with a potential member.



Membership Go-getters

Membership is more than adding a number. We are adding the future leaders of our Post. The person you recruit today could well be a future Post Commander or Depart-

ment of North Carolina officer.

We salute 14 of our members for leading our 2020 membership drive as recruiters. All were awarded Go-getters cap pins for 2020 and will re-

ceive them at our first meeting later this year.

Head's Up for 2021! Our top recruiter so far this year is Nathan Mitchell.

Order American Legion Blue Caps

Ed Gill is one popular guy. He is easy to point out at a Post meeting because there is a small crowd around him.

When he is not offering 50/50 tickets for Boys State, he is helping members navigate the ordering process for Le-

gion Blue Caps, name badges, shirts, and more. 919-732-3468.

Ed is always ready to explain the process, offer ordering suggestions, explain how and where to get a Flag & Emblem catalog, or find a service veteran's pin for a cap. Contact Ed

Learn more about Blue Caps and cap etiquette on our website under HELP.



VFW Pavilion is Going Up



IBM Grants for Posts

Are you an IBM employee or have retired from IBM? The bet from the Department is that if we asked around we would find one!

You are eligible to get a

grant for our Post for up to \$2000 and ***you can get the grant every year for us.*** Here is more information about the grant

<https://www.ibm.com/volunteers/faq/communitygrants.wss>

The Post Auxiliary met October 10th to install new officers. This was the first official meeting of the Auxiliary during the Covid-19 rules. The members got to enjoy their new meeting and office spaces for the first time! Membership is growing, too!

Post Takes 1st Place - NC Department Website Award



American Legion Post 6
American Legion Veterans in Chapel Hill, NC

ABOUT NEWS NEW POST 6 MEMBERSHIP OUR HEROES RENTALS EVENTS AL AUXILIARY

Donate

After more than 65 years, we have upgraded and improved our facilities on a new site. Where? We are now at 3700 NC Highway 54W, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. We are hoping to open this Fall for regular meetings as permitted by NC Executive Orders for Covid. To say that we are proud of our new home is an understatement. "If you build it, they will come." This our favorite line from the cinema classic, *Field of Dreams*. It was one of our more significant "battle cries" when we were holding planning sessions long before the first spade of dirt was turned.



Our post veterans from World War II to current conflicts strongly believe that our new home was not for us, but for tomorrow's returning veterans. They have kids waiting at home while they are in one of the hot spots across the sea. Maybe they are soon to be students, again. Maybe there is a marriage coming soon. Maybe they are already one of the hundreds of vets and "students on active duty" at Carolina, State, and Duke. Maybe they are boomers sailors, aviators, or black shoe sailors assigned to a Navy ROTC unit while they prepare for a commission or a specialty medical degree. Yes, these are but a few veterans we are readying our new home for. May we built it for you...

Covid-19 has really taken a hard punch at Post activities, programs, and recognition.

At the mid-Winter Department Conference our Post Website was considered for an award for excellence and was awarded 1st Place for the Department of North Carolina.

We have taken 1st Place honors several years ago and won another award last year.

Post Adjutant Heavlin puts a lot of effort in our post's website and also writes and publishes several other veteran's group sites.

Our site contains a lot of information and news, but its most important function is to serve as a central location for information about the American Legion, Legion Programs, post activities, and procedures.

It is a strong recruiting tool as it attracts many visitors and eventual members. He reports that we gained one member from Washington, DC, and another from Pennsylvania.

Heavlin has a standing invitation to any member who would like to learn more about publishing a no-cost website for personal use. Who knows, we may gain another ace reporter. Call: 919-260-6571.

Memorial Bricks are Available

Jim Parise is ready to accept your order for a memorial paver.

Bricks are available now. You can order one brick or as many as you want. Bricks start at \$65 each, add \$10 for a Service Corps or unit emblem.

We relocated all cast pavers to our new home and we are working on display options.

How do you order your bricks? Just contact Jim Parise at 315-427-7448

or email him at:

post6facility@gmail.com

Additional bricks may be ordered for display at home or for family gardens of parents or aunts and uncles. Talk to Jim and he can assist you.



All brick orders must be made using one form for each brick, based on type ordered.

Order forms are on the post website under **STORE**.

BULLETIN

**Vote on
Election Day
November 3rd
You fought for the
right to cast a vote.**



Don't toss your cans before you pull the tab for the American Legion. We recycle and donate the funds to Ronald McDonald Houses in Durham and Wake Counties. You can make a difference. Pull your tabs.

Pecans are Coming!

The Auxiliary announced at their October meeting that Schermer's Jumbo Pecans will be available in November.

For a donation of \$11 or more you can have a one pound bag reserved for you. We saw one pound bulk bags of similar pecans for \$14.99 in our area.

These are hand packed and fresh shelled just in time for delivery to Post 6. They make a great gift or for use during the Holidays.

See any Auxiliary member or contact Barbara Baker at 919-489-1774 to place an order.



President Trump and Bud Hampton

Lots of things happen during the month that are often overlooked. Our newspapers are thinning and downsizing their print page. Human interest stories go untold. There are few reporters and fewer advertisers and subscribers.

Local churches, clubs, and veterans groups are filling the void with blogs, websites, Facebook, and more. But all

need their members to share stories and pictures.

Here is a story you did not see on television or in the paper. Then District Commander Nick Cervantes escorted Bud Hampton to Wilmington to meet President Trump who was in town to designate it as a World War II Heritage City.

Bud was joined by three other WWII NC Veterans.





Our Post Historical Museum

We thank everyone for their strong support of our Post Historical Museum. The Museum is filling up and we have many unit patches, plaques and artwork to beautify the Post.

Bud Hampton has recently added his D. F. Zanuck director's chair used during his filming of *The Longest Day*. It is now on display along with a bronze statue of a combat Marine.

There's a story or two to share and you can get them

first hand from Bud. He has a strong memory and lots of Pacific combat history.

The displays are looking great and they are very impressive. Be sure to slow down as you enter the Post and take a walk thru the museum. Items are added all of the time.

See Greg Smith about adding something from your collection. Your service items are unique and we might have a home for some of them.



Our home, your home!

Newsletter and Commander's Note

This newsletter, *The Chapel Hill Legionnaire*, supplements the frequent Commander's Note that is published about twice a month. The Commander's Note is Commander Munsee's personal message to each and every member. It is shared to cover immediate, pressing issues, and events. They are our look forward.

The Post Newsletter is our look backward to record and share post activities, individual stories, programs, events, recognition and more. It is published in .pdf format by email and mailed to member's without email.

Our adjutant writes the stories and publishes the newsletter. He encourages all members to share stories, activity photos, and event information with him. You can use your cellphone as your camera and then send photos to him at americanlegionpost6@gmail.com. He'll select some for the newsletter and add a story based on the info you share. Don't forget, he needs the Four W's. Who, What, Where, and When. And, if you write a short story to go with it, you'll get published with a byline.

We have won several communications awards, but that's not why we publish news. We do it to build a strong community of Legionnaires and to encourage other veterans to join our Post.

**89.2% of
us have
already
renewed
for 2021.**

**How
about you?**



The American Legion
Membership Year
runs from January to December

Early Bird Renewals start July 1st
PUFL's renew July 1st
Automatic Draft renew July 15th

Posts must be at 50% membership for
2021 by August 31st.

You can help by renewing for **2021** at www.legion.org/renew
or through your Post.



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