



# The American Legion



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Please rise for our invocation by our Post Chaplin Jim Mackorell

Our flag bearers for today's ceremony are: Bud Hampton, and Frank Horner. They are WWII and Korean Veterans and they are representing the oldest members of Post 6. They have brought the old flag (last flown over the old American Legion building on Legion Road) to our new Post. Those colors have been retired and will be replaced by a new flag hoisted over the newest and most impressive American Legion Post in the entire United States.

It is appropriate that today is not a perfect day. It wasn't a perfect day in Normandy or Iwo Jima; it wasn't a perfect day for the Tet Offensive; It wasn't a perfect day when we battled for the Kuwait International Airport. However, just because it is not a perfect day, that doesn't mean we won't accomplish our mission. And today's mission is to raise this beautiful American Flag over this picturesque building that we have been working on for over 5 years. Today we can truly say...Mission Accomplished.

Since taking Command of Post 6, there has been one statement (made by a member of our Post who actually relinquished his membership) that has stuck in my craw. After he quit, I met him at the funeral of one of our members and I ask him... why did you quit? He looked at me and said, the American Legion doesn't do anything for its members or other veterans. At that point in time, he was actually right. Through a series of unfortunate events, we were broke and just treading water. We were in the survival mode (shelter, food and water). The comradery was great, but there was nothing about our old Post that excited new or younger members...our old Post had reached the end of its great journey and so, that Post and the property were sold to the Town of Chapel Hill.

During the transition, the Post formed 11 different committees to guide us through an exhausting 3 year move. Some committees found land; others searched for an architect; some did interior designing; some determined what younger members would

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like; some planned the move; and others oversaw the actual day-to-day building of the new Post. Virtually every active member of our old Post had a hand in one of those committees...even people with bad backs, bad legs and other inflections pitched-in... and at the end-of-the day maybe wished they hadn't. They just loved this Post so much, they wanted to contribute. Now look at this magnificent masterpiece.

So I would now say to my friend who left us, please come back. The American Legionnaires at Post 6 have now given hundreds-of-thousands of hours to our veterans and we have built something nobody else in the entire nation has. This is my new home, this is your new home, and it will be the home for many veterans that will come after we are gone. This building, however, is the legacy that all of our current members leave for posterity.

"In the name of the American Legion Post 6, Department of North Carolina, I dedicate this new meeting hall. It is the embodiment of the ideals of Justice, Freedom and Democracy for which The American Legion exists. As in time of war, we fight for our country, so in time of peace may we serve the Republic, fearlessly and well. May we bear in mind the comrades who have gone before, that their memory may dwell within this home and in our minds and be a constant blessing among us. It is our hope and desire this edifice may be used ever in the service of our disabled comrades; of the widowed and the orphaned; and to the benefit of our community, state and nation. I dedicate this structure to the purposes of our post, and with it I dedicate this post to the faithful service of our nation, of its people, and to the memory of our heroic dead."

William E. Munsee  
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