
Selecting Chapel Hill Post No. 6 Leadership - 2023

It has been a fast, fast year. Our officers are finishing their one year assignment and we are preparing for a slate of new officers.

There is no mystery to what we do in the selection process. We team build and we start the day after we install a new Post Executive Committee (PEC). American Legion Posts are led by a team of about 15 “elders.” It was once referred to me as a Presbyterian Leadership Style. What’s that?

Presbyterianism uses a conciliar method of church government (that is, leadership by the group or council). Thus, the ministers and "elders" govern together as a group, and at all times the office is for the service of the congregation, to pray for them and to encourage them in the faith. (Wiki)

Yep, we get to participate and enjoy in all things American Legion because a group of dedicated, professional, and caring veterans do most of the hard lifting for us. They are our PEC. The Post is led by a Commander and just like our military commands, their job is to lead and support the post officers, monitor our effectiveness, suggest/encourage the team, lead the team to greatness, and be the face of the American Legion in our community. Here’s what National has to say about a Post Commander in the Post Officers’ Guide 2023.

“The ability to lead is recognized by election to the office of post commander. Now, draw on that ability and experience while developing new skills to help the post prosper. The charge accepted, commander, is broad and difficult. How you respond will determine to a large degree the standing of The American Legion among associates and within the community. The support of district and department officers, the information in this guide, and help from post officers will together make performing the job possible. Look to the overall operation of the post and realize you have stepped to another level. At first it may seem the step is too high, but as time goes by, following the suggestions and recommendations in this guide, the year as commander will be most rewarding.”

A Nominations Committee of post officers, including two Post 6 Past Commanders, has spent the last two months talking to post members and current officers about continuing or beginning to serve as an officer. They have a list of candidates as their recommended list of new officers. **That list is not the ballot.** The ballot will include their recommendations, but we add more candidates to our “slate” in the April Post General Meeting on April 11th. That’s where you come in.

Are you interested in serving in one of the officer positions? If yes, then ask someone to nominate you. You do not need a second to be nominated. Want to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of a specific job? Just visit our post website at <https://chapelhillpost6.com/post-elections-are-upon-us/>

And, if you are not ready yet or just want to get more involved, let any officer know that you want to get involved. There are upcoming events, programs, and challenges that may be just your specialty. Remember that when you wear our Blue Cap, you can always say, “I AM THE AMERICAN LEGION!”

Post 6 Election Day is May 9th. It starts promptly at 5:30 p.m. and the voting ends at 7 p.m. Sorry, but you must be present to cast your ballot.