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- Executive Meetings—First Thursdays
- Monthly Dinner and Meeting, Second Tuesdays
- District 12 Meeting—Nov 7th
- Veterans Honored at St. Thomas More School—Nov 9th at 8 am
- Post Christmas Party, Dec 19th
- Oratorical Contest at Post—Date TBD

## Chapel Hill Post No. 6 American Legion, Inc.



*The Chapel Hill Legionnaire*

# 96 Years and Still Serving

The American Legion was the original band of AEF brothers that gathered in France to form the American Legion on February 15, 1919.

Chapel Hill Post 6 was formed on Aug 28, 1919, and a Post Home was built on Rosemary Street near Columbia. We will share our history on this website as we continue a four-year celebration of the American Legion leading up to a Centennial Celebration.

During the next four years we will be making great changes in the post. We'll have a new building on a new site built to support our 1990—returning veterans and their families.

This is not the first time our members made bold decisions to improve our post. In the 1950's the post realized that it was growing in members, but confined as to post



We moved from a log cabin to Legion Road. The canon still graces our post home. Did you know it was a naval gun? A Field Artillery piece for embarked Marines!

home expansion. Those forward-thinking vets chose to sell their post home and build a new one out in the country, en route to Durham. Our post home has served us well for over 60 years, as the first home did for over 35 years.

You can help us prepare for

the future by joining one of the many committees that we will form. From design to construction to move-in, there is a lot to do. You can join one of the many committees now forming.

## The Post Executive Committee and You

There is a lot of work to do in running and managing a post and it all starts with the Post Executive Committee. The committee is formed from the officers of the post and it meets at our post monthly on the first Thursday at 10 a.m.

This is a very important meeting and you are invited to attend. In fact, you should make it a point to attend as many of

the meetings as possible. Why?

Our monthly meeting is our social event. We don't spend that night hashing out ideas, concepts, and problems. Our monthly meeting is for caring and sharing with our members and Auxiliary. The tough stuff is for the Executive Committee.

They do not operate in secret. This meeting, and all post meetings, are open to all members. The results of their meeting are provided to the general membership at the monthly meeting. So, why not mark your calendar for an upcoming meeting. Stop by and see what it takes to operate your post.

Planning now for our one-year celebration of Centennial Year 2019 starting on August 28, 2018



2nd Vice Commander Robert Medred is our Legionnaire in the Spotlight. He is everywhere doing what is needed to build, lead, and maintain our Post!

## Membership - More than Numbers

When you hear "membership," what comes to mind?

It is not about meeting numbers. Numbers are only a measure of the post's growth.

It is about renewing the lifeblood of the post. We need a continuous stream of new members from all conflicts. We need both older members and youthful members.

Older members bring with them years of business and life experiences that they can

share with others to build a strong post and continue our legacy.

Our current conflict members need and want a gathering place for themselves and their families. They need to network, to attend college, grow a family, and to share their talents.

It is a combination of the established, the seasoned, and youthful vitality that makes up a vibrant, active post.

You may remember the old phrase, "This ain't your dad's American Legion." Many a returning World War II vet shared that thought with their comrades. We can assure you that the same is true today.

The American Legion is and must change to meet today's conflict veterans' needs.

Tell your friends and neighbors about Your American Legion. Help us meet today's challenges for today's veterans.

## Our 2015-16 Post Officers

### Thoughts

What we do as veterans to serve others and our community is a living memorial to all of our brothers and sisters who died serving our country.

**Your post officers form the Executive Committee of Chapel Hill Post No. 6. They are:**

**Post Commander** Bill Munsee. The post commander is the Chief Executive Officer of our post and corporation. He leads, motivates, plans, supports, and grows the post and post facilities.

**1st Vice Commander**, Shane Hale. Shane is the second in command and is responsible for post growth through membership. Shane is also active in the Carolina Veterans Organization.

**2nd Vice Commander**, Robert Medred. Robert is responsible for Post activities and functions and chairs the Ceremonial Committee.

**3rd Vice Commander**, Pete Jaeger. Pete is the chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

**Adjutant**, Lee Heavlin. The Adjutant has charge of and keeps a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, and under the Commander's direction, handles post correspondence.

**Financial Officer**, Nick Ladd. Nick is responsible for all post finances and is chairman of the Finance Committee.

**Historian**, Bud Hampton. Bud maintains a record of post activities and maintains a post scrapbook.

**Service Officer**, Jim Turkaly. Jim looks after the welfare of veterans in the post and community.

**Chaplain**, Peter O'Grady; **Asst. Chaplain**, Elmer Hughes. They share responsibility for providing spiritual assistance to post comrades and offer divine, but non-sectarian services for funerals and post events.

**Judge Advocate**, Tom Chegash. Tom provides the post with legal advice and advises on the proper conduct of post business.

**Sergeants at Arms:** Paul Horwhat, Don Bonin, Robert Bauman, Lyle Miller, and Ed Gill. Our Sergeants-at-Arms preserve order at all meetings. Our post bylaws state, "You are the sentinel or tyler, the outer guard of this Post. You will guard especially against the loss of one of the American Legion's greatest possessions—our deep and abiding spirit of comradeship."

## Commander's Message

On September 8th we had a historic event at the Post. For almost two and a half hours your fellow members debated the pros and cons regarding whether to sell the Post property or retain the property. There was heartfelt debate from both sides and when the final ballot was taken, the majority of post members agreed that selling the Post was in the best interest of the membership. The final tally was 48 to 1 with 1 abstention.

Your vote was the culmination of over two and a half years of work by the Revitalization Committee led by Robert Medred. If you have attended our regular meetings, you will remember the five options that the Revitalization Committee and EXCOMM reviewed during the process. Ultimately there was only one option that ensured the survival of the Post...that was to sell the Post, relocate to a new property and build

another Post (with the proceeds from this sale).

The process of selling the property, finding a satisfactory location and rebuilding a modern facility will be a 3-5 year project. In the meantime, we must conduct "business as usual" and still maintain our facility in a condition that will attract renters. We will still need to paint, polish floors and keep our grass cut for the foreseeable future. Therefore, when Ed Gill posts a "workday" it is imperative that all able bodied members make an attempt to show-up at the Post and lend a hand...even if you can't work, Bob Medred and I always need supervision.

I am extremely proud to be your Commander as we begin the transition from "old to new." In the future, we will be making many tough choices and debating issues

like: location of the Post; size of the Post, amenities, etc. Within the next few months, we will be forming committees to tackle these tough issues. Nobody in this organization has the "right" answer for every question, however, collectively we can overcome any obstacle we encounter no matter how difficult the issue.

When we announce that we will be forming the Committees, it my greatest hope you will volunteer your expertise and assist us as we forge ahead and plan for our new home...everyone has something they can contribute.

**In closing, we are entering the most exciting time in the history of Chapel Hill Post 6.** Thank you for all the support you have given me!!

## Post Projects and other short stories

### Pecans are coming!

The Ladies Auxiliary is holding its annual Georgia Pecan Sale in October. These are Select grade pecans and not the stuff you will find at your grocers. This is the only fundraiser they have and it funds Girl's State. Price this year is rumored to be \$9.50 a bag. **Why not give them \$10? They are selling pecans at near cost.**

### Carolina Veterans Ruck

UNC's Carolina Veterans Organization is holding a Ruck on Oct 3rd. The march is about 8 miles and the vets will stop along the way to stuff their backpacks with donated food. All food goes to local needy. At noon, they will have a cookout at the post.

### VFW Raffle Ticket Sales

Post 9100 is raffling off two sets of UNC Chapel Hill Tar Heel basketball season tickets. Only 300 tickets are

available at \$10 each. That's great, no outstanding, odds. The raffle is their only fundraiser and the money is used to assist local veterans with emergency needs. See Ed Gill, Lee Heavlin, or Rusty Edmister for tickets. There are not many left!

### Jim Mackorell

We have our own Secret Helper. It's Jim Mackorell. He has been busy lining the back area with concrete block, restoring Scout Eagle Scout signage, painting traffic cones, and restoring our old post sign. He does this quietly and without asking for anything. He is even funding most of the work. It is members like Jim who have keep our post going "Thank You, Jim!"

### Oratorical Contest

Post Commander Bill Munsee volunteered to support the District Contest. This is a lot off work, but, as Bill said, "This is an \$18,000 scholarship,

Over \$138,000 in scholarships ! It is wrong not to make it available to local students."

### Boys State

Ed Gill and Bud Hampton have been teaming up for a number of years to make Boys State happen. This once dormant program has new life and funding from the members each month. We thank everyone for participating in the 50/50 for Boys State. Many have given their winnings back to fund more students.

### Orange County Veterans Memorial

The memorial project has moved from the Chapel Hill Cemetery to Homestead Road. Donations for the project are now accepted. Visit the memorial's website at:

[chapelhillveteransmemorial.com](http://chapelhillveteransmemorial.com)



### We salute C. V. Cummings Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapel Hill Post 9100

Did you know that just about every member of the local VFW is also an American Legionnaire? They are pulling double duty!

We thank them for their generosity and financial support of our post. Their help was and is above and beyond that expected.

Consider showing your gratitude by joining the local VFW. It meets at our post on the first Tuesday of each month.

The VFW welcomes combat area veterans, including Korea from 1955 to present. Learn more at: [vfwpost9100.org](http://vfwpost9100.org)



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Veterans Day is fast approaching. Be proud of your service and wear your Legion Blue Cap at patriotic or school events. Share our mission, history, and future.

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**Legion College On-Line.** Learn more about the Why and How in the American Legion. You can take a Legion Extension Institute Course on-line and work at your own pace. Graduates receive a course completion certificate. Learn more at: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)



The mystery photo is of 1st Lt Jim Stallings, a ship driver of LCU 1103 for the U.S. Army in Korea. Jim served our post in many roles and is best known for his work with producing a post newsletter.



## *Department of North Carolina*

Our charter is issued by the National Headquarters in St. Louis, but we are connected via the Department of North Carolina. All posts in all states function through a state department.

The Department holds several events each year for administrative actions, holds a convention in June, and hosts Legion College in July.

The Department also monitors the activities of all posts within North Carolina and commissions District Commanders to work with local posts. We are in District 12 and our District Commander is Joel Lipsey.

Our Department also recognizes and honors posts, post leaders, Scouts, local leaders, EMT, law enforcement, and firemen. There are also scholarships for student nurses via the Colon Furr Scholarship.

Students are encouraged to participate in local and national scholarships and especially the \$18,000 top scholarship in an Oratorical Contest.

All of these programs and more are shared on the state website at [nclegion.org](http://nclegion.org).

You can also participate in growing our state programs by learning more about the Legion

and working with department committees. Did you know that Post 6 members now serve as members or leaders of department committees? And, over the years, our post has provided volunteers that raised up through the ranks to achieve great prominence. At least five were elected to Department of North Carolina Commander!

Are you interested in learning more? Speak to one of the post officers today.