

Bio for Keith Kirkland

Position Historian Post 6

Chapel Hill N.C.

My name is Keith Kirkland and am a native of Orange County NC. I served a combined total of 30 years in the USAF before retiring. During my military career I was responsible for the integrity and repair of Aircraft structural components and flight control systems on various types of aircraft which included the OV-10, F-4 phantom, B 52, C5-A, C 141, and C17. Training personnel was also part of my duties especially after being assigned to the USAF Air University as a Technical Instructor. As a Senior NCO I chaired the enlisted advisory council at Charleston AFB and was the NCOIC of Wing safety. During the transitional phase of acquiring the new C17 Aircraft I served as liaison for the USAF and Boeing Aircraft company.

Currently I am the Executive Director of Environmental, Health, and Safety for a Local Firm and an instructor for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) Out Reach Training program administered by N.C. Dept. of labor, NC State University, and the National Safety and Health council. I am a certified Accredited training institute Instructor.

Education and certifications:

- AS in Aircraft structural maintenance technology
- AS in Aircraft Metals technology
- USAF NCO academy, USAF Senior NCO academy
- Manager of environmental, health and safety (MESH)
- Occupational Safety and Health OTI NC State University

Professional organizations include:

- Nation Safety and Health council
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- USAF Sergeants association
- Toastmasters public speaking association

I have previously served as post 6 Adjutant and look forward to continuing my service to Post 6 as Historian if elected. I believe that the American legion family here at Post 6 plays an essential role in the community by offering a place for Veterans, their families and friends to socialize, share experiences, feelings, and to promote understanding and healing. The bonds that are created here with fellow legionnaires will last a lifetime. I am committed our veterans and the promotion of Post 6 to continue its success.

For fun I keep busy by maintaining the old family farm, enjoy fishing, boating, and outdoor activities.