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This year your Auxiliary, Unit 6 Chapel Hill, has sponsored many activities to make a difference for veterans and for our community. Perhaps our most popular events were two dinners the Auxiliary prepared at SECU Family House in Chapel Hill.

SECU Family House provides a safe, nurturing, affordable home for patients and their loved ones who travel great distances to UNC Hospitals for life-saving procedures and serious illnesses.

The first dinner was held June 5, and the second dinner was held on March 26.

These events were chaired by Barbara Baker and Pat Simmons respectively. All totaled, 20 auxiliary members prepared food and served over 60 people. We were very pleased to be joined by Post 6 Legionnaires who also assisted.



We know that there were veterans present and one woman introduced herself to us as an auxiliary member from western NC. We were very gratified to have the opportunity help veterans, people from all over NC, and "one of our own" as well!

There are lots to do in the Auxiliary! How about you?

Are you ready to serve our area veterans and their families?



Orange County Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking

The Orange County Veterans Memorial site was dedicated in November 2016. Groundbreaking is set for Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, at 3 p.m.

The county has given local veterans about three acres above Seymour Center on Homestead Road. The actual site is much larger and part of a historic homestead site.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is working on raising money for the memorial and there is much more to do.

We salute the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9100 for their \$5,000 gift. They were instrumental in getting the memorial project into motion by forming the initial memorial committee. All of their

project members were also members of Post No. 6. They included Tom Chegash, Lee Heavlin, Bud Hampton, and Bob Patton.

You are encouraged to attend the groundbreaking ceremony at 3 pm. There is plenty of time to get to the site after our post events end (at 2 p.m.). Learn more. Visit OrangeCountyveteransmemorial.com

Recruiting is for everyone. Do you think a medal wearing vet is a candidate? Ask him or her?



Building for the future

Things have been extremely busy around Post No. 6, Chapel Hill. All three committees are working very hard and doing an excellent job for the post. The future looks great for your post, but we need

everyone's help. The job ahead to build a new Post No. 6 and member consideration and approval of a local tract of land is in the works.

With the leadership of our Commander, Bill Munsee, we

are in good hands. I think everyone would agree, he is doing an excellent job. We also have a group of very talented and knowledgeable officers to support our Post Commander.



Road Trip to Post 116 Fuquay-Varina

On Friday, April 21, 2017, a group of men and women from Post No. 6 and our Auxiliary, left Chapel Hill and paid a visit to Fuquay-Varina Post 116.

We picked a great sunny and warm day to visit the post. We are looking to get ideas from other posts that may help Post No. 6 planning committees make good decisions that will help us.

Everyone at the Fuquay-Varina Post were very helpful. They showed us around their facilities and shared a lot of great information about their post.

Some of the activities that are popular at the Fuquay-Varina Post are monthly fishfry's, Bingo events, and pig pickings using their super-sized cook-

ers. They can cook sixty pigs at one time! Now that is one monster of a cook house. You almost have to see their cookers to believe it! These may be some events we may want to consider doing at the new Post No. 6 home.

Their property backs up to a lake known as Johnson's pond and they own 11 acres of it. Boating and fishing are available.

They have a large canteen and bar with LED televisions for Super Bowl and other popular broadcast activities. There are two bartenders to operate the canteen over two shifts.

The post has two buildings. One is used for their Bingo games, the other is well appointed and serves as a large meeting or dining area. It has

a small kitchen, a sound system and overhead projection. There are lots of configurations possible for receptions, weddings, meetings, and parties. Their newest building was built in 2008.

The post also host to American Legion Riders and Sons of the Legion. Post members report that the Auxiliary, Riders, and SAL are very active and supportive of post functions to support veterans and the local community. men that ride motorcycles.

Legion Riders get together at the post to host riding events and meets and also ride in parades to show their American Legion Pride and Spirit!

We left the post with a lot of ideas, and thanked them for their hospitality.



Boys and Girls State



Tar Heel Boys' State is sponsored by The American Legion Department of North Carolina. It is an intense workshop concentrating on North Carolina state government and politics. The Department of North Carolina reports that some 500 rising high school seniors representing all geographic areas of North Carolina participate annually in this program. Since

2003 the sessions have been held on the campus of Catawba College, Salisbury, NC.

Post No. 6 has selected and nominated five local students. They are: James Huebner and Noah Upchurch, Cedar Ridge High, Hillsborough; Riley Miller, Chapel Hill High; Luke Martinez, East Chapel Hill High; and Joseph (Joe) Zhang, Carrboro High.

The Auxiliary is sending two girls to Girls State this year. They are: Joana Tellez-Flores - Chapel Hill High and Natalie Troy- East Chapel Hill High.

All of the participants and their families will be invited to the post for dinner and an opportunity to share with us their experiences at Boys and Girls State.

Memorial Bricks Project

Pete Jaeger is heading up a special project of bricks to honor our family members. The bricks will be permanently displayed at our new post home.

Bricks are available now. You can order one brick or as many as you want. Bricks start at \$65 each, add \$10 for a logo, and for just \$10 more you can obtain a smaller replica brick for display at home.

Service Corps and unit emblems can be added for a small charge.

We are placing all ordered bricks on display at the post on the fireplace mantel.

How do you order your bricks? Just contact Pete Jaeger at 919-360-7302 or email

him at:

petejaeger55@gmail.com.

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

Pete and he can assist you.



Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.
George S. Patton

Bill McDonald Turns 90

Long time member William C. McDonald, Jr. celebrated his 90th birthday at the Post on April 22nd. His family came from near and far to join local relatives and friends to celebrate.

Bill served during World War II in the Army Air Corps and several photos were on display.

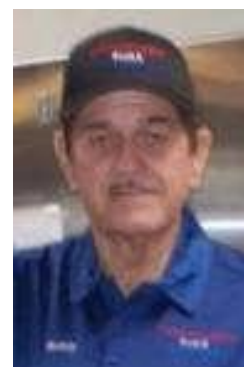


Buddy Fuller - Historian

As I am the newly appointed Historian for Post No. 6, I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Buddy Fuller, USN, I also have a lot to do. I want to thank Bud Hampton for his previous work for the post as Historian. I may need to talk with him for ideas and help in the coming days. If any Legion member has any newspaper articles or pictures they would like to share, please

contact me. My e-mail address is: bsystem44@gmail.com, or see me at the monthly meeting. Looking forward to sharing the great coming news about the post activities, and the construction of the new and bigger Post No. 6, Chapel Hill. We are headed into to the next 100 Years for the Post. Hope we can look back in the next few years and say we made the right decisions for all future

American Legion members. As I have said before, and can not state it enough, your committees are working very hard to make great things happen for Post No. 6. The future looks great for the Post, and things that will benefit our future American Legion men and women! I am open to any and all ideas, as I try to do a good job as your Historian!



Buddy Fuller

American Legion Awards



Springtime is graduation time at UNC Chapel Hill and the American Legion is there to honor outstanding cadets from the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC Units with American Legion ROTC awards.

We are a grass roots organi-

zation of over 2.5 million members. Our local posts are in large cities, towns, hamlets, and counties. We are charged with recognizing the young men and women of our communities as well as EMT, Fire and Police departments, and other citizens that support the Four Pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism, National Security, and Children and Youth.

You can help your post and

our community by chairing or being part of a committee to ensure this happens.

True, we have been weak in this arena for a few years, but we are now financially secure and in a position to better support this effort.

You can learn more by contacting the post adjutant, visiting our post website, or the National website at mylegion.org. Sign in and gain access to the tools you need to make our post stronger.

Memorial Day—More than a date



We continue our Post No. 6 tradition with an Open House and Memorial Service this year on May 29th. The Open House begins at 10 a.m. with the opening of our Post displays of member memorabilia from their personal service days in the many military services. There is something of interest to everyone. Our Memorial Day Memorial Service, Village Band Concert and Open House has become a popular event.

The memorial service starts promptly at 11 a.m. and is followed by a wreath laying at the flag plaza.

The Village Band will perform at 12:30 on the post lawn, as Boy Scout Troop 835 prepare a light snack of hot dogs and cool water.

Our events conclude at about 2 p.m. and our members will then head to the site of the Orange County Veterans Memorial on Homestead Road for its official ground breaking. The memorial is planned for phased construction based on fund raising progress.

Come join us for Memorial Day!



Legion College - July 14-15



There is much more to the American Legion than monthly meetings. Behind the scenes your adjutant, commander, finance officer and other officers of the post are busy at work keeping the post operating efficiently and effectively. There is membership, Legion programs, honors, ceremonies, projects and more to do before and after a monthly meeting.

Have you ever wondered how the American Legion is structured from the Post to National and from National to the Post? You can at Legion College this July in Clemmons. It is a two day event with classes focused on adjutant, commander, and finance officer duties and responsibilities, but there are also classes on public relations, scouting, leadership, and legal.

Contact the post adjutant for details and an application. The cost is \$15 for registration, \$30 for the banquet, and lodging is \$74 per night, plus taxes.

You can also participate in the American Legion Extension Institute on-line for just \$4.95. Visit their website at: <https://www.legion.org/alei> to enroll.