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The Chapel Hill Legionnaire

Our 100th Year Approaches

Chapel Hill Post No. 6 kicked off our Centennial celebrations by joining with the Army ROTC Unit at UNC Chapel Hill to sponsor David Shuey, who portrays General John J. Pershing. Mr. Shuey is a professional actor, "History teller," and historic person re-enactor. He spoke in the persona of General John Joseph Pershing.

It was a delightful journey shared with us as a young John Pershing described his youth, education, West Point Cadet days, his early Army career and other events that led to his command of the 10th Cavalry in October 1895. The 10th Cavalry was one of the several "Buffalo Soldier" regiments serving in the West. He also commanded them in Cuba where they fought gallantly on the Kettle and San Juan Hills in Cuba. General Pershing also led his 10th Cavalry



in a "Punitive Expedition" into Mexico in search of "Pancho" Villa.

General Pershing was key to the formation of the American Legion when on March 15, 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

He pushed hard for the crea-

tion of the American Legion at the Paris caucus in 1919, but resisted every effort to make him commander. He was content to remain a member of George Washington Post 1 in Washington, D.C.

This event was open to the community and about 100 people attended. As an event memento, Mr. Shuey was presented with a post flag flown over the post the day of the event.

Our New Post Home Takes Shape

Our post completion timeline still forecasts NLT Fall 2019. The several committees are busy with cost accounting and building and construction permits.

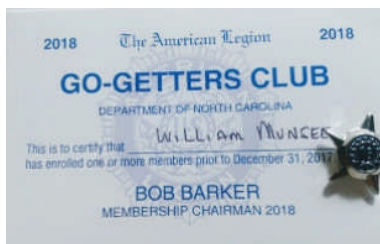
The final design is still a work in progress as the committees evaluate costs and needs.

Watch your email for updates. Also, attend meetings for more detail and discussions.



Recruiting is for everyone. Share your copy of this newsletter and invite them.

Membership Go-getters - are you one?



Membership is the life blood of a Post. We lose some members each year due to health, moves, post activities or lack of, and more. This is normal. We have been very fortunate this year in that we have gained

a lot of new members and in some months four or more. Considering Post size, we are in second place in District 12 with 105% of goal and 9 more members than last year. However, we are determined to

“reenlist” every member who has not renewed.

Our Go-getters are those who recruit new or renew expired members. If you have recruited someone, get credit. Put your name on their form!

Blue Caps - Your Official Uniform



Did you ever wonder about pins and things on your American Legion Blue Cap? There is a protocol for decorating caps.

On the left side is the American Legion emblem and our state’s name.

On the front is a logo selected by a Department to identify the state. We use a Dogwood blossom.

Nothing else decorates the left side. The right side is for pins, office designation, service pin, miniature medals or ribbons, and maybe a miniature for earned service corps designation or grade.

We limit placement of pins to one side to be uniform in appearance. Your Blue Cap is your American Legion uniform and is the only thing needed to identify you as a member.

Officers and committee chairs are encouraged to obtain a dark blue sport coat for special occasions. Gray trousers complete the accessories. There is also a special clear clip and American Legion emblem for the breast pocket. It’s called a plastic patch holder for a 2.5” patch. Ed Gill keeps them in stock.

Some members, constrained by the high cost of jackets,

Visit thrift shops where they often find near new jackets. Just add a breast patch and you are good to go.

We are working on reviving our post honor guard for ceremonies, funerals, and other events. Cost for a used jacket, patch and a \$2 clip is nominal!

Wouldn’t you feel great dressing your best for a funeral, awards ceremony, school visit, flag folding, or fundraiser with a sharp, crisp uniform? Jim Mackorell and others use an Legion white shirt with name tag and flag on sleeve. It is sharp!



Boys and Girls State



Boys and Girls State are two very important American Legion programs that enable our youth to learn about government.

“The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our great

republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching the youth of our state and nation to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep

America strong and ensure freedom for future generations.” We thank Chairman Ed Gill for his many years of service to Boys State. He directly and significantly impacted the future of many, many attendees. Next year, Garrett Brown will be our 2019 Chairman.

Memorial Bricks for New Home

Jim Parise has taken charge of our post memorial brick project.

Bricks are available now. You can order one brick or as many as you want. Bricks start at \$65 each, add \$10 for a Service Corps or unit emblem.

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

How do you order your bricks? Just contact Jim Parise at 315-427-7448

or email him at:

grampajim62@gmail.com

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



All brick orders must be made using one form for each brick, based on type ordered.

Please verify your inscription for errors.

BULLETIN

Post elections

8 May

Cast your Vote

For new officers

Toys for Veterans' Children

This year Post 6 will host a Veterans Toy Drive. Our mission is to take care of our local veterans with children in need of our support during this Christmas season. With so many veterans, returning veterans, and transitioning vets in need for their family, we are here to lend a hand to our brothers and sisters.

New unwrapped toys will be collected and distributed to deserving children of Veterans in Orange County, giving them a message of HOPE.

It is our mission to assist our children in becoming productive citizens of this proud country by sharing our message of serving others.

We are accepting donations now, so please donate a new toy to American Legion Post No. 6. Toys for Vets.

Our Project Chair is Regina Merritt, Post Historian.

Can you imagine the joy on a child's face when they find your gift under their tree? Donate now.



Regina Merritt - Post Historian

Regina Merritt is very active at Post 6 and has many stories to tell and share with others. She was a natural for Post Historian.

The Historian is the record keeper for the Post and shares stories and photographs that depict and record post activities. This is especially important as 2018-19 is our Centennial year and much is happen-

ing.

The Historian also publishes the post newsletter and influences content of the post website.

You, too, have a key part in post history. Share your stories, committee project reports and more with the Historian. We can use your information for post publications, nominations for awards, and individual

member recognition.

If you have a "Humor in Uniform" story, share it. How about a photograph of you during your service years? We can publish it with a short story on the event.

The job of the Historian is important and she needs your support. It is time to share your news with others.





Army ROTC Ball at Carolina Inn

This year our Post was invited to join the Army ROTC Unit at their annual Army Ball.

Several of our members joined them for a delightful dinner and dining-in festivities. The ball room was filled with nearly 200 attendees in their formal wear. Some of our members even wore their dinner formalwear.

We are indeed privileged to live in an area with four large colleges and many Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC

units.

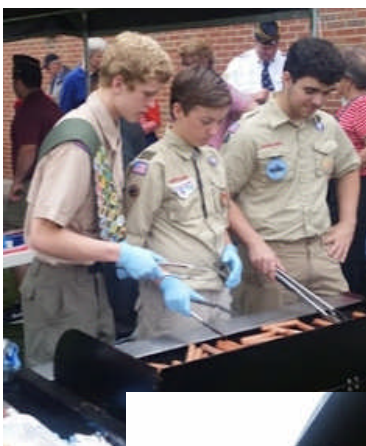
The American Legion also presents American Legion ROTC Awards for outstanding cadets. The awards are presented at formal awards day ceremonies on campus.

Participating in ROTC events provides an opportunity for better awareness of American Legion programs and promotion of Americanism and Patriotism.

You, too, can represent the

post as an awards presenter or event observer. There is no better way for us to demonstrate “The Legion Cares” than by working with the cadets and active duty military at local colleges. What our members learn leads to new programs and projects that we can make a difference through providing space, assistance, and financial support.

See any post vice commander and offer to help.



Memorial Day - Our 99th Year

We continue our Post No. 6 tradition with an Open House and Memorial Service this year on Monday, May 28th. 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 Joint Memorial Day 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 lunch of hot dogs and cool water.

Troop 835 has supported the local VFW Post 9100 with Memorial Day for about ten years and has grilled and served lunch each year. We are very proud to have them as part of our program.

The Orange County Veterans Memorial on Homestead Road event starts at 7:45 am with “Morning Colors” and a service. Attendees will then join the American Legion at Post 6 starting at 10 am.



Books by Vets - Emmett E. Slake

There are a lot of stories floating around in our heads that often awaken good and bad memories. Some make the long and hard journey from thought to print. Have you ever thought about writing your story? Here’s a thought. Take a look at another vet’s story that did make it to print.

We received a an invitation to read and share his book, War Debris—Tales of the Old Army. I have read a chapter and it is interesting, though candid, reading. The author, Emmett E. Slake, is now living in Fuquay-Varina. He served in the Army for 30 years. He does not claim that his stories are true, but they resonate well with the recollections of World War II and Korea vets. His collection of 20 short stories are sure to bring back memories of like situations and personal experiences. This is Emmett’s second book and is available from Amazon for Kindle and Barnes and Noble for their Nook reader. Cost is just \$6.99.

You can also start your personal stories with a simple lined pad. Keep it nearby as you relax or read. Jot down bullet points. They can be just topics and you can add more later. “Just do it.” Don’t wait until tomorrow. You may even have a story to share for our *Centennial Collection*.

