
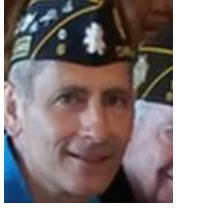
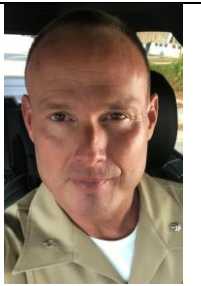










**CHAPEL HILL POST NO. 6, AMERICAN LEGION, INC.
OFFICER CANDIDATE PROFILES 2021-22**

	<p>For Post Commander Tony Garcia</p>	<p>Mental Health Coach VAMC Durham. Veteran Suicide Awareness Counselor. Current office: Sergeant-at-Arms for Legion Riders, Honor Guard Captain. VA Hospital Liaison. Active in post events, attends Post Executive Committee Meetings, Post Lawn mower, Gun Range Committee, Member Grand Opening Committee. Veteran family advocate. Assisted RangerUp to raise funds for Orange County Veterans Memorial. US Army.</p>
	<p>Robert Medred For Post Commander</p>	<p>Past Post 2nd Vice Commander, 6 yrs. Chairman, Revitalization Committee, 2 yrs. Member, Post 4-person construction committee. Past Chairman, Officer Nomination Committees. Retired USAF meteorologist. Local business owner.</p>
	<p>John Saitta 1st Vice Commander</p>	<p>John joined the American Legion last year and made Post 6 his first home in District 12. He currently serves as a LtCol in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He began his career in 1992, enlisting after obtaining his degree from UNC. Upon entering the service, he shipped out to Paris Island and served as an Arabic linguist and Radio Reconnaissance Marine at 2nd FRC. Following two years as an NCO, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in 1996. Since that time, he has been an armor officer and intelligence officer. He has 14 years of active duty and 15 years in the Marine Corps Reserve. Here at Post 6, he is our Treasurer for the Legion Riders and also leads our new Post 6 Sons of the American Legion organization. John is also a member of the local VFW in Chatham County. He has one daughter, Adrienne, who is 17 and attends Carrboro High School.</p>
	<p>Nathan Mitchell 2nd Vice Commander</p>	<p>Post Legion Riders, active in supporting and managing post events. Top recruiter of new members. Member NC Highway Patrol.</p>

	<p>Jim Parise 3rd Vice Commander</p>	<p>US Army Security Agency - 4yrs; Post 787 Cicero, NY – 8 yrs; Post 6 Memorial Brick sales manager - 4yrs; Post 6 Sgt-at-Arms - 3yrs; Department Sgt-at-Arms - 2yrs; Post 6 Facility Manager - 1yr; Post 6 Construction Committee - 4yrs; Orange County Veterans Memorial, Inc. - 3yrs. The American Legion has been serving our fellow veterans, our great country, and our communities for 102 years. I want to continue this tradition and obligation to all comrades, past, present, and those who come after us.</p>
	<p>Finance Officer Kurt Uphoff</p>	<p>Post Finance Officer since 2015. A critical period that began with sale of Post 6 property, building of new home, and managing all of these and the day-to-day financials of Post 6. Owner-operator of a large local company. Strong business and finance skill set. Instrumental in success of post building project and funding, accountability, and cashflow during build. US Navy</p>
	<p>Adjutant Matt Attaway</p>	<p>A very ACTIVE Member for 3 years. Serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, Honor Guard member. Active contributor or have been Active on Post Executive, Grand and Soft Opening, Building, Gun Range, Nominating and Finance Committee. Weekly Volunteer as Grounds Crew, Bar Tending, Equipment and Building Maintenance/Upkeep. Defacto Gym Rat!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired Naval Submarine Officer (20+ years) • 2nd Career in Business and IT Management • 1st Ever Post Pool Champion (lol)
	<p>Chaplain James Mackorell</p>	<p>Multiple year chaplain. Boy Scout Program Chair. Flag Disposal program. Liaison with Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council. Long time Boy Scout Leader in Chapel Hill. Many of his kids now have grandchildren in Scouts and some of his Scouts serve or have served as officers in Post 6. A behind the scenes one-man post renewal team and project doer. Local historian.</p>

	<p>Historian Lee Heavlin</p>	<p>Now Post Adjutant (4 years); Past Post Commander (4 years); Past Vice District Commander; and now Chairman Department NC Public Relations and Communications Committee. Historian works in concert with Post Adjutant and Department Historian. Orange County Veterans Memorial, Inc., Secretary/Treasurer. USN (Ret.) – 30 years service</p>
	<p>Service Officer Shelly (Rochelle) Nowik</p>	<p>New member greeter. Buddy Check letter/note writer to shut-ins and members. Veteran Advocate. US Army Military Police 74-77. Retired 9-1-1 Police Dispatcher. Served as a GI Bill benefits advisor at local college 1979-81.</p>
	<p>Judge Advocate Jack McCallus</p>	<p>Member, Grand Opening Committee; Buddy Check volunteer; Member, Gun Use Policy Committee; where we recommended that for the time being, no guns be fired on the Post property; Fish Pond Committee Chairman; Chairman, Perpetual Donor Program contact where we recruited 18 post members to donate \$120.00 yearly to assist in paying the monthly utility bills; Relocation & Construction Financial Auditor (presented the final report to the PEC on April 1st.); Finance Committee member, where we will decide how to invest the one million dollars left over from post construction to realize the maximum growth potential and where we will also monitor post finances in general going forward. Recruited 9 new post members and working on the 10th.</p>
	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Art Prack</p>	<p>Sergeant at Arms (Lead), Honor Guard member, In charge of Bar Operations. Chairman, Post Officer Nominating Committee 2021. President, Board of Directors, Christian Camps of Pittsburgh. Works for Cisco Systems, Inc.</p>
	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Bart Sevier</p>	<p>Has Withdrawn from Election</p>

	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Garrett Brown</p>	<p>Boys State Program Chairman. Veterans Advocate. Active in all things for Post 6.</p>
	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Robert "Sarge" Sweeney</p>	<p>Honor Guard member. Sarge retired 28 years ago after serving 23 years in the Army. Three years active and 20 years in the reserves. "I was a drill instructor for 8 years and First Sergeant 7 years. I will support the Commander of post six to the best of my ability." Chapter President at Sleep In Heavenly Peace Durham NC – Build Beds for Kids.</p>
	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Steele</p>	<p>Member of Post Honor Guard. Supports Post Events and Ceremonials. Assists with post event hosting. Member of Post 6 Dedication Day team.</p>
	<p>Sergeant-at-Arms Wallton "Walt" McMillan</p>	<p>Serving as POC for the Lawn Maintenance at Post 6 and willing to serve where the need arises! US Air Force Reserve Retired-2017 (33 years) OEF; OIF veteran (14+ years Active Duty); NC State Highway Patrol Retired (30 years); and currently employed with US DOT as a Safety Investigator</p>