



The American Legion

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

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Subj: Post Officer Candidates and Elections – Post Year 2020 - 2021

In accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Post 6 Bylaws, 2003, and Post 6 Commander's appointment of Nominating Committee at the December 3rd, 2020, Post Executive Committee Meeting, the Officer Nominating Committee members met and made their recommendations for Post Year 2021-2022 officers. Their final report is announced herein.

For clarification on the procedures for the Post Officer Nominating Committee, the following is provided from the American Legion 2020 Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies.

IV. Nominations and Elections

The choosing of officers for a Legion group is one of the most important functions. It means the choosing of leaders upon whose faithful service the success of the organization largely depends. Among the qualifications necessary for efficient official leadership is an understanding of the purpose of The American Legion, knowledge of the work and enthusiasm for it, a high sense of justice, fairness and courtesy, open-mindedness, moral courage and the ability to get along with other people.

Officers should be chosen for their ability to perform the work of the office to which they are elected, and not because of their social prestige or because they want the office. Willingness to serve is not enough; fitness to serve must stand above every other consideration.

A nominating committee reports to the assembly only nominees approved by a majority vote of the committee. No action is taken on the report of nominating committee. Nominations from the floor are always in order after nominating committee has reported.

A nomination is only a statement of a preference and does not control the election in any way. When voting by ballot, one may be elected without having been nominated, subject to getting the required number of votes at the election.

The elective ballot alone elects. Mistakes made in nominating do not invalidate elections, as you may vote for whom you please, regardless of nominations.

The Committee submitted their report to the Post Executive Committee on April 1, 2021, meeting. Committee members were:

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms Art Prack
Members: 3rd Vice Commander Lewis Atwater
Judge Advocate Jane Lyonnais
Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Attaway
Ex Officio: Post Commander William Munsee

The Officer Nomination Committee submitted the following nominations to the Executive Committee for general membership announcement at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting, April 13th. Additional candidates if any, to be nominated from the floor.

Post Commander Tony Garcia
1st Vice Commander John Saitta
2nd Vice Commander Nathan Mitchell
3rd Vice Commander Jim Parise
Finance Officer Kurt Uphoff

Adjutant	Matt Attaway
Chaplain	James Mackorell
Historian	Lee Heavlin
Service Officer	Rochelle (Shelly) Nowik
Judge Advocate	Jack McCallus
Sergeant at Arms	Art Prack
Sergeant at Arms	Bart Sevier
Sergeant at Arms	Garrett Brown
Sergeant at Arms	Robert "Sarge" Sweeney
Sergeant at Arms	Tony Steele

At the regular post meeting of the general membership the nominations were announced by the Committee Chair, and additional nominations were accepted from the floor for each position. All position nominations from the floor having been singularly announced and called for three times, the Assembly was canvassed for the next officer position. At the end of each canvas of the Assembly for additional candidates' nominations from the floor for each position, the nominations were closed. Nominations from the floor are as follows:

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| 1. For Commander | Robert Medred |
| 2. For 1 st Vice Commander | Tony Garcia* - Nomination Challenged |
| 3. For Sergeant at Arms | Wallton "Walt" McMillan |

**The nomination from the floor of Tony Garcia for 1st Vice Commander by Nick Cervantes was challenged by the Adjutant in that Tony Garcia was already a selectee of the Officer Nominating Committee as a nominee for Post Commander; had accepted the nomination by the Post Officer Nominating Committee; and in that he, Tony Garcia, was not present to accept the additional nomination from the floor. Robert Medred advised that he believed he could be nominated in absentia, and, therefore, his nomination and name should appear on the post ballot for both positions.*

The Adjutant advised the Assembly that he, the Adjutant, would investigate further, but the nomination from the floor for Tony Garcia was invalid in that he, Tony Garcia, was not afforded an opportunity to decline election to the position of 1st Vice Commander. The American Legion Officer's Guide states:

The by-laws should provide that no name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee. This prevents promiscuous nomination and withdrawals.

After further Adjutant review, and as concurred in by the Department Adjutant and the Post Judge Advocate, the nomination from the floor was voided and Tony Garcia's name was stricken from the 1st Vice Commander nominee list.

In accordance with post bylaws, the Slate of Officers, along with nominations from the floor candidates, are sent to all members prior to the Annual Post Meeting and Election of Officers. Elections will be by written ballot (in that two positions have additional candidates).

The Annual Post Meeting and Election of Officers is on May 11th during the meeting. Members will check-in on arrival to validate current membership.

In addition to, and preceding, post elections, the Chapel Hill Post No. 6, American Legion, Incorporated, revised Constitution and Bylaws revision will be presented for vote, followed by the election of delegates and candidates for the Department of North Carolina, American Legion, 2021 Convention, June 10-12, Raleigh, NC.

WILLIAM MUNSEE
Commander, Post No. 6