

Mountain Park Military Memorial Dedicated



The Mountain Park Military Memorial was dedicated on Sunday, June 9, at the Mountain Park Cemetery on South Bridge Street in Wilkesboro. Above is Air Force veteran Larry Baity, who was the original driving force for the project. Carl White, with the television show, *Life in the Carolinas*, emceed the event. And, Wilkesboro Mayor Dale Isom was the keynote speaker. Groups participating in the ceremony included the Marine Corps League, the VFW Honor Guard, American Legion, Boy Scout Troop 335, and Wilkes Central JROTC *Wilkes Record* photos by Ken Welborn



Dr. Chris Hefner gave the invocation, Wilkesboro Councilmen Jimmy Hayes and Andy Soots along with Town Manager Ken Noland addressed the crowd. Others included Cemetery Committee Chair Sam Call, and the Marine Corps League’s Lenny McMillan. The bugler was Cadet Airman Kyrie Reid.



Above, the bagpiper was J.V. Hudson. Mayor Isom and VFW Commander Tom Mitchell placed the wreath. Special guests included Baity’s son, Ken, and daughter-in-law, Lisa. C.J. Ballard sang “God Bless the USA,” and Sevyn Emmarose Harrold sang the National Anthem.