

Veterans Day ceremony addresses flag burning and protests

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During a time of division and unrest, many came together at Triad Park in Kernersville to honor those who've served on Veterans Day.

The ceremony was held at the park's Carolina Field of Honor, which is the largest veterans' memorial on the East Coast. Ret. Lt. Gen. Walter Ulmer addressed a large crowd in front of the memorial's 57-foot tall granite obelisk. The 33-year Army veteran talked about the honor, discipline and sacrifice his fellow veterans have made.

The ceremony took place days after the divisive election of GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, which has resulted in large protests around the country (and smaller ones in Winston-Salem), some of which have turned violent. Several have involved burning the American flag, which Ulmer said brought a mix of feeling to veteran.

"I think perhaps the overwhelming emotion is one of sadness," said Ulmer. "It is sadness for, in many cases, well-meaning people who have forgotten that there are shameful things in the world, that there are things that you

can do but that there's a sort of a higher consequence that says that you must not do."

Ulmer continued by saying if a country loses its shame, it loses a part of its soul. He said with the current unrest in the United States and around the world, it's possible to say that "youth has gone to hell in a hand basket." But he said he's optimistic about the next generation because of the heroism of young people fighting in recent wars.

"America has the challenge of getting itself together and trying in the long run to so educate our



Photo by Todd Luck

Veterans salute during a wreath presentation at the Fallen Soldier Statue at the Carolina Field of Honor in Kernersville's Triad Park on Veterans Day.

people that there are no shameful things done," said Ulmer. "Not that they don't have the right to explain and explode, but perhaps if they were more in tune with what they have inherited, more understanding of the reputation of this unique institution, the fact that they are part of the longest sustained

Democracy in the history of the world."

He said the country is "still a project that's being worked on" and that everyone has obligations to things bigger than themselves.

Many people are upset over the election of Trump, who was even rejected by

some in his own Republican party. His rhetoric, policies and actions have been viewed by many as racist, misogynistic and bigoted. The Klu Klux Klan and white nationalists endorsed Trump, though he did denounce both endorsements.

Urban Farm class brings new life to Liberty Market

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Recent graduates from the Urban Farm School are using the Liberty Street Market to sell vegetables grown in East Winston.

The Liberty Street Market is owned by the city and was originally envisioned as a farmers and vendors market. It closed after it failed to attract costumers and vendors and has been available to rent for events.

The recent class of the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension's Urban Farm School used the market to sell vegetables they grew to the public. Mary Jac Brennan, a horticulture and local foods extension agent, said that selling the crops there has helped teach students how to market their produce.

"We know it was a great resource for the community," said Brennan.



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The most recent class of the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension's Urban Farm School graduated last week.

"We want to try to help enliven their development there."

She said it's a challenge to get farmers to go there because it's not a developed market with an established customer base. She's hoping their use of the market will help change that.

The crops were grown on nearby Cleveland Avenue in a small lot

owned by the city. The Farm School uses the land in partnership with the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, which has a community garden there. Each of the 10 students in the class had their own garden bed to grow a variety of crops like lettuce, cabbage and collard greens.

One of the students, Curtis L. Wilkes, said he

learned a lot about selling vegetables at the market.

"It was definitely a good experience to have someone come out and actually want to buy your produce, and get compliments on it and tell you how good you did," he said. "That's the good feeling."

Wilkes said he loves gardening, which is a tradition in his family. He also



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Urban Farm School students sale produce at the Liberty Street Market on Oct. 29.

runs the garden at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. He said he learned a lot from the class and hopes to pass that knowledge on to others to help in the city's food deserts, where fresh produce isn't readily available.

The class held its graduation on Nov. 10, with a pot luck feast that included some vegetables from the garden. It also featured words from the graduates, which at times were emotional, describing a close-knit class where students became friends as well as gardeners.

Courtney Mack, another student in the class, said that though graduated, the

class plans to return to the Liberty Street Market this weekend to sell vegetables. Their use of the Cleveland Avenue garden will end soon as the weather changes for the winter, but she said that the class is looking for land so they can continue gardening. After they are able to start growing again next year, they plan to regularly return to the Liberty Street Market to sell their goods.

"We're not separating; we're just getting started," said Mack about her class.

Urban Farm School graduates at Liberty Street Market
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