



The Howler

Cary American Legion Post 67, (Jan. 2023)



Commander's Corner:

Happy New Year!

I hope you are having a great start to 2023! Please remember that your Cary American Legion Post is here for you. We all are Veterans helping Veterans! There are many things happening within your Post, and I hope we can relay all the information to you.

The Post 67 Food Drive that occurred on the 14th of December 2022 was a remarkable success. We received over three truckloads of food and monetary donations of \$648.00. Kudos to all that supported this effort. A special thanks to Wayne Leazer for taking charge of this event.

The Post 67 Christmas party was a fun event. If you were not able to come, we missed you. The food provided by City BBQ of Cary was delicious and the White Elephant Gift exchange was a nice social event and let us get to know each other a little more. I want to thank the Auxiliary for providing desert for the evening. They always do a wonderful job in the variety of deserts we have, and I am sure I gained weight that day.

The General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10th. Before the meeting we will have a Potluck Dinner starting at 6:00pm.

A sign-up sheet for the Potluck dinner was sent earlier this week. Please come for the social and meeting, if you can.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest is this month. Post 67 will have our Oratorical Contest on the 14th of January, 2023 starting at 2:30pm at the Cary Chamber of Commerce facility. I want to thank our 2nd Vice Commander, David Christiansen for all his efforts in leading this event.

The Post will start performing Buddy Checks at the end of this month. Please expect a phone call from one of your fellow Legionnaires to just check to see how you are doing. If you need assistance, or just want to talk, contact your fellow Veterans of the American Legion. If you would like to help perform Buddy Checks, please contact a member of the PEC. Some members performing the Buddy Checks will have out-of-state phone numbers.

Our Adjutant will be presenting more on the upcoming Veterans Benefits Live – Veterans Experience Action Center that will take place in March. A copy of the flyer for the event is attached to this newsletter.

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be on February 17-19, 2023, at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. If you are interested in

attending, please let me know. The National Commander, James Troiola will be attending this event.

We will be forming a Nomination Committee this month to develop a slate of officers for the next term. If you are interested in either being on this committee or serving on the Post Executive Committee, please contact me.

Thank you for letting me be your Commander!

Dennis

ADJUTANT'S CALL

JANUARY 2023

I just want to give you an update on our membership status, as of January 4th, 2023, we are 76.33% membership renewal. We need to be 80% by the 18th of January. If you have not renewed, please do so. If you have any questions, please contact me at adjutant.alncpost67@gmail.com.

Our membership dues remain at \$45.00 per year.

The Cary Veterans Experience Action Center is fast approaching. March 22nd is setup, 23rd, 24th, 25th is the event. We will be asking for volunteers to help with setup, parking, helping the veterans from getting from the gym to the upper level. Many of you have worked the event before so I am looking forward to having you back. Even if it is for a couple of hours or all three days. Your

time is appreciated. And the veterans appreciate you.

Adjutant

Richard Spyrison

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

God's Good Gifts

"Every good action and every perfect gift is from God...." James 1:17

Ever felt like you have nothing? Just look at the gifts God has given you:

He has sent His angels to care for you, His Holy Spirit to dwell in you, His church to encourage you and His Word to guide you. Anytime you speak, He listens; make a request and He responds.

He will never let you be tempted too much or stumble too far.

Let a tear appear on your cheek, and He is there to wipe it away.

Let a prayer appear on your lips, and He is there to hear it.

You have been chosen by Christ. He has claimed you as His beloved. God will always give what is right to His people who cry to Him night and day, and He will not be slow to answer them.

May the Year 2023 bring unity, new members, and even greater outreach to Post 67. God bless each of you. If you are sick may you experience His healing touch. If you are

lonely, may He bless you with a community of friends to help and encourage you.

Chaplain Marie

AMERICANISM

From the 2nd Vice Commander, David Christiansen:

Commander Dennis Tackett presented the Post 67 Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year Award to Cadet Nathaniel Dempsey at the Cary High School NJROTC Military Inspection and Pass-in-Review on December 7, 2022.

The Post 67 Oratorical Contest will take place on January 14, 2023 at 2:30pm the Cary Chamber of Commerce facility.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

From the Post Service Officer, Gene Meyle:

Please see the January Veterans Benefits Newsletter at this link:

[Veterans Benefits Newsletter | January 2023 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/newsletters/veterans-benefits-newsletter-january-2023)

#VetResources is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

From the 3rd Vice Commander, Curtis Leary:
Chamber events for January:

January 25, 2023, 0730 breakfast, at the Prestonwood Country Club Mayor Harold Weinbrecht will recap Cary's previous year in the Town of Cary and will go over what 2023 holds for the Town of Cary. You must register and the cost is \$25/person.

January 26, 2023 at 1700, Business After Hours at the Cary Courtyard Crossroads Hotel across from BJ's Gas. You must register and no cost.

February – The Chamber will have their Reverse Car Raffle and Silent Auction at the Prestonwood Country Club. Tickets for the Cary raffle is \$100/each. Please let Curtis know if you want a ticket.

INFORMATION FOR NEW POST MEMBERS

To all new Post 67 members, thank you for joining. We encourage you to purchase Legion hats and shirts from Emblem Sales so when we are at Legion meetings or taking part in a community activity, you will be in uniform. For Color Guard, Rifle Detail, funerals, and other more formal activities, the uniform will be your Legion hat, gray pants, white shirt, and blue jacket with tie, black shoes, and socks. At other times the Legion hat, a polo or golf type shirt with the Legion emblem is usually worn by most Legionnaires. This may be called Business Casual dress. **Emblem Sales:**

<https://www.legion.org/promos/230360/shop-online>

Need help, contact a PEC member.

POST 67 MEETINGS

We hold the monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm at the Post. Usually, we have dinner at 6:00 pm before the monthly meeting.

The Post Executive Committee (PEC) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Post Home. We encourage members to come and speak of any concerns or recommendations concerning Post business at that time.

We may need to hold Post meetings using Zoom from time to time, due to the viruses and guidelines, so be on the lookout for announcements via email. If you need assistance in setting up your computer or tablet for Zoom meetings, please contact a PEC member.

POST 67 HOME ADDRESS

8523 Chapel Hill Rd., Cary, NC 27513

Post Home Phone: 919-481-4811

Post Home Web Page:

<https://www.alncpost67.org> Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/alncpost67.org>

PICTURES FROM OUR FOOD DRIVE

17 DECEMBER 2022 (Pictures by Barry Biagini)



CARY AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 OFFICERS 2022-2023

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January 10, 2023

Dinner 6:00pm & Meeting 7:00pm

Dinner & General Meeting



VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER

VETERANS BENEFITS LIVE VA IN MY TOWN CARY, NC

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS EVENT

Should any of the following apply :

You would like to file a new claim with the VA.
You have questions about VA appeals or benefits to which you may be entitled.
You have questions about VA healthcare.

Veterans and dependents will be assisted by a combined team including Veterans' Benefits and Health Administrators, Vet Center, and Veterans' Service Officers.

They will assist with the following:

Face-to-face explanation and assistance facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals, filing new claims, and accepting all claims-related evidence for processing and providing information regarding benefit related VA programs.

Who: All veterans and family members of veterans

Where: Herbert Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary, North Carolina 27513

When: 23th, 24th, 25th of March 2023.

Hours on Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 3pm, and Saturday 8 am to 2 pm.

Please bring with you the proper documentation about your case: DD 214, all medical records about your disability both military and civilian, and dependency documents if new or not already provided to the VA.

Wait times may be long, please be patient.
Coffee, water, and snacks provided free of charge.

For more information contact Richard Spyrison at CaryVEAC@gmail.com



Important Dates

Jan 10, 6:00pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm General Meeting

Jan 14, 2:30pm Post 67 Oratorical Contest, Cary Chamber of Commerce—Be there early

Jan 28, 10:00am District 11 Oratorical Contest, Westwood Baptist Church

Feb 7, 5:30pm PEC Meeting

Feb 11, 12:00pm Division Oratorical Contest Post 6 Chapel Hill

Feb 14, 6:00pm Post Dinner and 7:00pm General Meeting

Mar 7, 5:30pm PEC Meeting

Mar 14, 6:00pm Post Dinner and 7:00pm General Meeting

Mar 18, 10:00am VEAC Training Session

Mar 23-25 Cary VBL-VEAC

Purpose and Mission of The American Legion

As the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, the American Legion is devoted to mutual helpfulness, and is committed to:

- mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities,**
- advocating patriotism and honor,**
- promoting strong national security,**
- continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.**

Mission

"To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Vision

Veterans Strengthening America