



# The Howler

Cary American Legion Post 67, (Oct 2023)



## Commanders Corner:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the fall season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past year and what we have accomplished as a post.

We had a very successful year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members. We have hosted several successful events, including the Veterans Benefits Live event, our annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Lazy Daze fundraising. We have raised funds so we can support veteran organizations.

I am particularly proud of the work that we have done to support our veterans. We have provided financial assistance to veterans in need, and we have also worked to raise awareness of the challenges that veterans face. We have also continued to advocate for veterans' rights at the local, state, and federal levels.

As we look ahead to the next year, I am confident that we will continue to grow and thrive as a post. We have a strong foundation in place, and we are committed to serving our veterans and our community.

I encourage you to get involved in your post.

There are many ways to volunteer, and every little bit helps. You can attend our monthly meetings, volunteer at our events, or donate to our charitable initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support of Post 67. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our veterans and our community.

Thank you for letting me be your Commander,  
Dennis

## Second Vice Commander's Corner:

**Oratorical Contest for 2023:** High school students of Cary, NC have been invited by Post 67 of The American Legion to compete in the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the U.S. government. The Post 67 Oratorical Contest will be held in January 2024, the exact date has not been scheduled but somewhere between Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (a guess at this time since the District contest is on 02/03/2024). We will need Judges, Score Keepers, Escorts, Tabulators, Time Keepers and an audience. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this important event. For additional information, please also visit [legion.org/oratorical](https://legion.org/oratorical).

Your Second Vice Commander,  
David Christiansen

## Adjutant's Call

Membership report as of 9-27-2023

Division 3 is currently at 53.64%, District 11 is currently at 54.86%, Post 67 is currently at 60.78%. We are ahead of last year's numbers at this point in time. If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time.

## Operation Green Light

America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive. This coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join **Operation Green Light** and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings Green from November 6 to November 12. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported. Amazon has them at

[https://www.amazon.com/s?k=green+led+bulbs&crd=44MBIWEPJ2L0&prefix=green+led+bulbs%2Caps%2C95&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=green+led+bulbs&crd=44MBIWEPJ2L0&prefix=green+led+bulbs%2Caps%2C95&ref=nb_sb_noss_1)

Scan the QR code for more about **Operation Green Light**, look under About, Topics, Veterans Affairs and scroll to Operation Green Lights.



## Chamber Events in October:

- Business After Hours - Charles Ashley Mann, DDS, 315 East Chatham Street, Suite 100 Cary. This is a free event.
- Chamber Appreciation Party at the Chamber Grounds on 10/18/23 starting at 1700 to 1900. I have signed up to help set up and take down. This is a free event.
- Eye Opener Breakfast on 10/25/23, 0800 to 0900 at Prestonwood CC. \$20.00 fee. Please be sure to join us as we hear about "The Future of Transit in Cary" from Kelly Blazey, Town of Cary, and Joe Milazzo, Regional Transportation Alliance, with updates on transportation and road projects.
- Eye Opener Breakfast, 0730 – 0900, November 1, 2023, Join us for an update on Cary's growth, economy, and future prospects presented by Ted Abernathy from Economic Leadership at Prestonwood CC. Cost \$20.
- To register for the events go to the Cary Chamber web page and look under Chamber Calendar.

## Legion Meeting Rules:

In case you are not aware of this, whenever you approach the podium you must salute the US Flag when approaching and when leaving.

You never do business between the flags at the head table or podium as this is Hallowed Ground.

We recite the Preamble at each meeting but do you know what it means? Here are two for now to learn.

### **Meaning of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution:**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes ...

*The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and nation.*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America

*The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. it is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms and went to war to defend and uphold this document of freedom.*

To maintain law and order *Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. it is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws.*

To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism

*Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unlimited opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.*

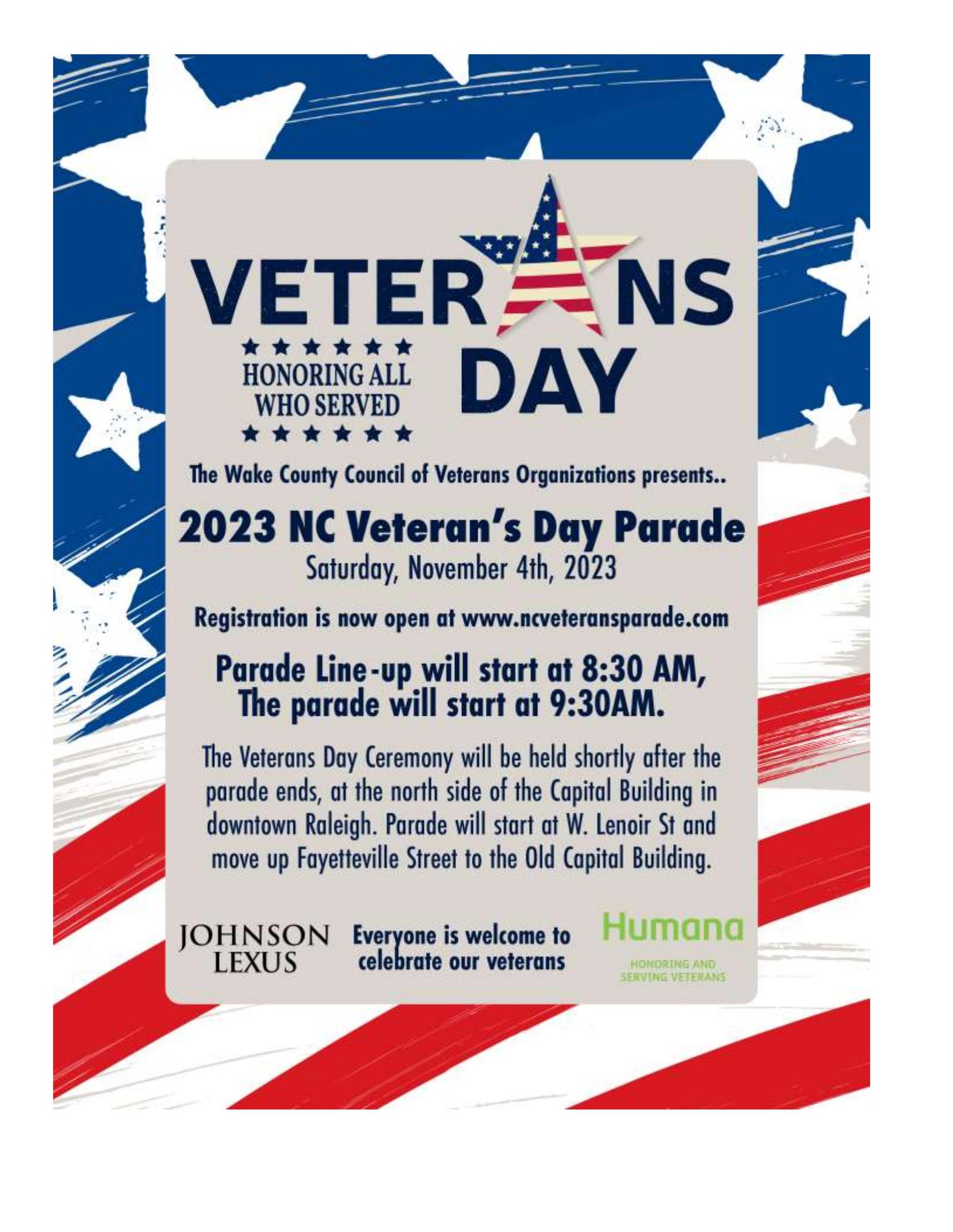
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars

*Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle: the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans and the combat in the wild blue yonder. It means also the inerascible recollection of the comradeships, the bravery of pals, the team work, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. it means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. it also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. it means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.*

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation

*Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in their own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community, state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen – young, old and future – in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word “inculcate” means “to impress by frequent admonitions” and “to enforce by frequent repetitions.” Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward are never finished.*

More to come next month:



# VETERANS DAY

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The Wake County Council of Veterans Organizations presents..

## 2023 NC Veteran's Day Parade

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

Registration is now open at [www.ncveteransparade.com](http://www.ncveteransparade.com)

**Parade Line-up will start at 8:30 AM,  
The parade will start at 9:30AM.**

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held shortly after the parade ends, at the north side of the Capital Building in downtown Raleigh. Parade will start at W. Lenoir St and move up Fayetteville Street to the Old Capital Building.

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## LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

RSVP OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FREE EVENT AT [carync.gov/veteransluncheon](http://carync.gov/veteransluncheon)

### "Lunch for the Brave: Serving & Honoring our Veterans"

Please join us on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. as we celebrate and honor our veterans with a delicious catered lunch and presentation.

Register by calling Cary Senior Center at (919) 469-4081. *Please note: space is limited and each person must register. You will be contacted prior to the event for meal selection.*

Any questions or large group registration? Please contact [Stefanie Nichols](#)

### From our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander David Christiansen:

During the Month of October for Americanism, I will be using a farming metaphor to describe my actions and activities. This month we will be preparing the soil for planting, the planting itself will take place in November. From the first of the year (2024) we will await the harvest in terms of the Oratorical Contest and the Junior Shooting Program- involving Cary High. The NJROTC at Cary High conducted a carwash fund-raiser on September 30. This was followed by a field trip, of about a week, at Marine Corp Recruit Depot - Parris Island, SC.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Report for Howler  
October, 2023

Please bring aluminum soda can tabs to the General Meetings.

The Joel Fund hosts a veteran's coffee connection on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8:30am. You can participate in person or virtually. You can learn more or register at <https://www.thejoelfund.org/north-carolina-veterans-coffee/>.

Had a great turnout at the Heart of Carolina Mustang Honor the Heroes Mustang and all Ford car show on 30 September. The Post was one of the sponsors of the event that raised funds for area first responders.

Please put a spot on your calendar for 9a to 3p on 15 November for the Food Drive. It will be held at the Food Lion located at 2458 SW Cary Parkway. We cannot hold this food drive without volunteers. We need at least two trucks for transporting donations to Dorcas. Please reach out to me directly at 919-319-9062 or [mleazer32@gmail.com](mailto:mleazer32@gmail.com) by October 20th if you can volunteer.

Thank you,  
First Vice Commander, M. Wayne Leazer

### Post Chaplain's Corner

When we take the time to stop and enjoy the world around us, we find God's beautiful creation everywhere. For no matter where we may live beauty surrounds us! "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

It is especially beautiful this time of year! So why not take a few moments today and enjoy

God's FALL creation! It will make you feel blessed to live in such a beautiful land.

**Post 67 Meeting Night for October 10, 2023:**  
The meal for this meeting will be Hamburgers – Hot Dogs and side dishes. Dinner starts at 1800 (6:00) PM.



**Some photos of last month's meeting:**





Two of the five boys that went to Boys State attended our Post meeting and spoke about their Boys State experiences. The young man in the red shirt, Jacob Evans, went on to Boys Nation. We are so proud of these young men.

### **District 11 Meeting in Smithfield:**

Curtis Leary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander attended the District 11 meeting in at the Smithfield Post in lieu of the Post Commander on 9/23/2023. I had the Commander's Post 67 Report but the District Commander SEAN VanPALLANDT announced that no Post Reports would be given. I did turn in the report to the District Commander after the meeting. The next District Meeting will be 11/18/2023 at the Four Oaks Post. It was

announced that the 2024 District Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Location to be decided. The State Oratorical Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2022, please contact Chairman David Shore to give presentation at the conference.

### **To All Conference Attendees:**

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their \$10.00 registration fee. Your attendance and participation will ensure the success of the conference. The annual Fall Conference will be held October 26-28, 2023 at the North Raleigh Hilton. Post 67 members are encourage to attend and go to any open meetings that you may be interested in. Also there will be some shirts, baseball type caps, and other items for sale in the Legion lobby area. You must sign in at the Legion registration desk and pay the \$10 for a name tag/attendance fee that helps offset the Legion meeting expenses.

### **Cary Chamber of Commerce Members**

**Appreciation Party:** October 18 starting at 1700 at the Chamber Grounds. Lots of food and drink plus drawings for some nice gifts. You will get your raffle ticket at the registration tables. This is a free event to all chamber members which we are a member of. See you there. 307 North Academy St. If the parking lot is full at the Chamber you can park across the street by the railroad or at the Herb Young Center parking deck. Not at the train station.

### **Post Home News:**

You may have heard that our Post Home has been painted inside by the church renters volunteering to do that at no charge. We did have to buy the paint and supplies

but the paint job is really nice. Let's take care and not try to mangle the new paint.

The NJROTC Shooting Team is back to practicing at the Post.

Our new Security system is waiting to be installed. We hope to do just that real soon, maybe starting this week.

Our guest speaker this month is from the USO and I am looking forward hearing what is going on these days with the USO, it will be interesting. Be sure to attend.

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<https://www.facebook.com/aIncpost67.org>



QR Code for our Post web page.

**Post 67 Meeting date and time:**

Second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 PM at the Post Home. The Post Executive Committee (PEC) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Post Home. Members are invited to come and speak of any concerns or recommendations concerning Legion business at that time. Post meetings may be

held 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 Pad for Zoom meetings, please contact a PEC member.

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