



Cary Post 67 HOWLER

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From the Commander

On Saturday March 31st the North Carolina Veterans Freedom Park (NCVFP) dedicated a Veterans Marker Plaza and consecrated a Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Vault. The attendance was very good and Post 67 was honored to have three of its members involved in the dedication ceremony. Bob Gonier assisted in raising the Marine flag, Curtis Leary was honored to raise the Coast Guard flag and Hal Shook was the Keynote speaker.

In his keynote address Hal stated that, "You can have a veteran without freedom, but you cannot have freedom without a veteran and freedom is not a right but a privilege that must be won and protected". This statement epitomizes the full meaning of the NCVFP. If you are looking to help a cause this is one you should definitely consider by either volunteering your time or resources. Hal also mentioned that he is involved in a program, through the NCVFP, that lectures to school children about what freedom is, how we come by it and who protects it. This is what the American Legion is all about so if you are interested in lecturing to school children please get in contact with the NCVFP by e-mailing Dave Milidonis at Dmilidonis@AOL.com. Dave said they can use all the help they can get.

Jim Jansen, Post 67 Commander

Post Chaplain's Desk

Surgeries and Critical Care

Robert Christopher, Sybil Leary, Bill Cox, Elaine Wood, Charlie Nagle, Charlie Keadle, Bill Jansen, Joy Weis, Herman Schreve, Steve Guess, Scott Booth and family, Russell and Juanita Seacrest, Charlie and Shirley Watkins

Ongoing and Chronic

Don Davies, John Castranio, John Filipowski, Doris Guess, Emmajean Weis, Dick Weis, Ward Robinson, Frank Stancil, Mandy McConnell and family

Special Needs

Mike Evans, Matthew Hurley

Post Everlasting

Since Memorial Day 2006

Roy Hatcher, Jr

Former Post 67 Commander

Dallas O Tucker, Sr

A Stuart Dyson

Walter G Toomey

Harold W Blackley

Carlton A Gilfillin, Sr

Former Post 67 Commander

William C Holder

Post Charter Member

Chaplain's Corner

As I write, two major religions celebrate days and events which to them are Holy.

At the same time our nation is involved in two separate wars (plus other actions).

We often pray for our veterans and recite the Preamble to the American Legion. It is right so to do.

We need to remember that as soon as a person enters into the preparation for and process of war that person and all he/she has left behind become veterans. Whether your faith is one of those currently taking note of their beliefs or no faith at all, it is good to take some time to remember all veterans...present as well as past...and say a prayerful thanks.

Many Blessings to you and yours,

Please apprise me of any changes, additions or errors above.

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Post 67 Social Events Calendar

(Supersedes all previous calendars)

Saturday, April 21

Pancake Breakfast (\$5) & Auxiliary Auction

- **8:30am:** Breakfast for Members and open to public. All proceeds to benefit Auxiliary.
- **9:30am:** Self Auctioneer of items not larger than a breadbox: Bring eatable goods, crafts, and gadgets to contribute. Items not sold and left behind will be discarded.
- **11:00am:** Reset room and clean kitchen.

Saturday, April 28

Spring Daze Concession at Bond Park

- **9:00am to 4pm:** This is a fun fund-raiser talking with your Cary neighbors while selling hotdogs and cokes. Call Bob Figulski at 481-4811 to sign-up for 2 hours

Wednesday, April 25

Wake County Veterans Council meeting at Post #1 in Raleigh

- **6:00pm:** Meet at K-Mart parking lot to carpool
 - **6:15pm:** Dinner (\$8)
 - **7:00pm:** Meeting
 - **8:30pm:** Arrive back at Post Home
- For more information and to carpool contact Frank Rea at 467-9860

Tuesday, May 8

General Meeting Night with Speaker

- **6:30pm:** Dinner (thank Bert Price for providing the ham)
- **7:00pm:** General Meeting
- **7:30pm:** Legion Baseball report and schedule, Don Daniels
- **7:40pm:** Salute Bert Price, POW, WWII

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day Ceremony at Hill Crest Cemetery in Cary followed by Reception at Post Home

- 10:00am:** Opening payer
- 10:05am:** Military Speaker
- 10:20am:** Honor Guard
- 10:30am:** Post Home reception

Tuesday, June 12

General Meeting with guest speaker

Sons of the American Legion News

The SAL is actively seeking new potential members. We would like to encourage any eligible new potential members to come out and see us on our meeting night, which is now the 3rd Tuesday of every month at our fabulous new post home.

The SAL is very involved with projects that the Legion coordinates and like the Legion we have child welfare and Americanism programs that may interest people. Future projects for the SAL will include a Holland grill raffle, with tickets being only a dollar and the building of ramps for veterans who badly need the services. All proceeds from the grill raffle will be used to provide funding for SAL

projects for the upcoming year such as the Christmas Family, Stocking Stuffing and to pay the general expenses of day to day business so the SAL can operate. Members of the SAL are also encouraged to help participate in upcoming Legion Family functions such as the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday April 21st and Spring Daze on April 28th. Being a participant does not necessarily mean you have to work, just by going by there and maybe purchasing some pancakes or visiting the concession trailer and buying some food is a good way of supporting the Legion and the SAL as well.

We hope to see you soon!!!

Auxiliary News

Recognition Reception

I would like to thank all the Auxiliary and Post members who helped with the March 20th Recognition Reception. It was a wonderful Reception. It was great to meet the men who helped with the donation in time and materials for the Post Home more than two years ago.

Girls State

Thanks to Sandy and Sybil for interviewing the six candidates for Girls State to be held June 10-16th.

V.A. Hospital notes

We had four Auxiliary members and three Post members visit the V.A. Hospital on March 26th. Twelve boxes of books and magazines were delivered in March to the Hospital. Please continue to collect magazines no more than 6 months old. We need someone to be in charge of the May 28th visit. Sandy Depoy will bake for the May visit.

Potpourri

Theresa will have the cook books soon, they are \$15.00 each. 24 have been paid for so far. Make checks payable to A.L.A. Dept Treasurer N.C. Please continue to save used Christmas cards for W.W Cary Hospital. Thanks to all Auxiliary members for all the

volunteer hours. And last but not least, we need to elect Officers for next year.

Thanks,
President Judy

Other Information

Post 67 license plates

Available for \$10.00. Purchase at the Post meeting from Bob Klatt.

WWII Experience on UNC-TV

If sufficient funding is achieved, UNC-TV plans a multi-part documentary series telling the story of North Carolinians at war and at home. It is planned for fall 2007.

How to Reserve the Post Home

1. Phone 481-4811 or email CaryLegion67@aol.com. Leave message stating name, date & time needed and your return phone number.
2. The Post Home Manager will return your call indicating availability and necessary paperwork needed.

Boys and Girls State

It is that time of year that the Post and Unit will be courting local high school counselors for eligible boys and girls to attend Boys and Girls State. This year's Boys State session will be June 17 - 23, 2007 at **Catawba College**. The fee will be \$275 per delegate.

Girls State will be \$250 each and the dates are June 10 - 16, 2007 at Catawba College. If you know of a rising senior that wants to attend, let the Post know.

Spread the word to all your grandchildren, neighborhood kids and church family. Public school, private school and religious school students can apply if they are eligible.

Cary Post 67 Meetings

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Meals are at 6:30 PM followed by the general meeting at 7:PM. There is a nominal charge for meals from ranging from \$5 to \$8 dollars,

depending upon the meal and event. All members are welcomed and visiting veterans are encouraged to come and join us. The PEC officers meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This is an open meeting and members are welcomed.

Post Home telephone number is 919-481-4811 Do not forget to visit www.nclegion.org and click on our web site under Post Links.

What's New at the Post Home by Bob Klatt

- The walls in the hall have been repainted, floors scrubbed, office and kitchen cleaned. Thank Jim Jansen, Jim DePoy, Don Daniels, Bob Figulski, Bob Klatt, Curtis Leary.
- Lights have been installed at the rear of the building for better lighting in the parking lot. Thank Curtis Leary.
- A CD music sound system and wall speakers have been installed in the hall. Thank Curtis Leary.
- A beautiful wall frame has been built and installed in the hall for portraits of those in Post Everlasting. Thank Roy Hood. For obtaining the portraits, thank Dick Weis.
- Upkeep and maintenance of the Concession Trailer is now in the hands of the SAL.
- The Reception on March 20 for Business Sponsors of the Post Home was a very pleasant evening. The Cary Town Mayor and two of the Council were also present and mentioned the value of Veterans and how the Post Home is an important part of the Cary community. Thank the Auxiliary for decor and Dick Scoville for food arrangement.
- The RBC Center fund-raiser for the Post has been a success. Thank Bob Figulski for managing and thanks to all those who worked the concessions.

Why did my son have to die?

Author unknown, contributed by *Curtis Leary*

A mother asked President Bush,

"Why did my son have to die in Iraq?"

Another mother asked President Kennedy,

"Why did my son have to die in Viet Nam?"

Another mother asked President Truman,

"Why did my son have to die in Korea?"

Another mother asked President F. D. Roosevelt,

"Why did my son have to die at Iwo Jima?"

Another mother asked President W. Wilson,

"Why did my son have to die on the battlefields of France?"

Yet another mother asked President Lincoln,

"Why did my son have to die at Gettysburg?"

And yet another mother asked President G. Washington,

"Why did my son have to die near Valley Forge?"

Then, long, long ago, a mother asked...

"Heavenly Father, why did my Son have to die on a cross outside of Jerusalem?"

The answers to all these are similar --

"So that others may have life and dwell in peace, happiness and freedom."

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