



# Cary Post 67 Howler

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## From the Commander

The July meeting starts the new fiscal year 07-08 for the American Legion and Cary Post 67, so I would like to take this opportunity to summarize some of the events that took place in our Post this past year.

All in all I feel we have had a very good year although there have been a few minor bumps in the road, but these only make life interesting.

Financially we are in very good shape. Wayne House has done an excellent job in taking over the position of Financial Officer and providing us with the financial information we need.

Attendance at our general meetings increased 15.0% over the previous year. This is the direct result of the hard work Bob Klatt put into making our meetings more entertaining and enjoyable. Let's make fiscal year 07-08 even better. Let's all try to recruit one new member and get one non-attending member to come to our meetings.

Some of the other accomplishments were

- Update of the Post bylaws
- Started an audit of the Post financial records which will be completed by August
- Increased our Oratorical Contest and Boys State participation.

We continue to serve the community which has always been a strong point of the Post. With the team of officers you have elected we can look forward to another great year. See you at the meetings.

**Jim Jansen, Post 67 Commander**

## From the Adjutant's Corner

Congratulations and best wishes to the members elected at the June meeting to be officers for the coming year. Good luck (and hard work) in keeping the organization alive and growing.

After some discussion of PUFL (Paid Up For Life) in the June column and at the meeting, there have been several questions and much interest. It is worth considering if this is a good match for you. This calendar year we can sign up at the \$25 rate, next year in 2008 the \$30 rate will apply. Plus, time payment over 12 months is available to make it easier, at no interest.

We now have 30 PUFL members in our 230 current membership, our target for 100% is 236 so we are approaching that. We still have 26 members from 2006 who have not renewed for 2007.

In July all members should receive the first mailing of the 2008 dues notices. We received the 2008 membership cards at the Department Convention so they are ready to be mailed to members as dues are received.

Congratulations to **Harry Doty** and **Wade Cooper**. We have received 50 Year Certificates from National Headquarters which will be presented to them.

Post 67 members have served in these wars and conflicts in which the United States was involved:

- **No** members survive from World War I
- **50** members served in World War II
- **56** members served in the Korean War

- 93 members served in the Viet Nam War
- 19 members served in Lebanon and Grenada
- 5 members served in Panama
- 14 members served in the Gulf War/War on Terrorism
- **Note:** we are missing some records of service for some members

Thanks to all who have served and the sacrifices you have made.

During the upcoming meetings we will be recognizing and honoring our members who are WWII, Korean, Viet Nam, Lebanon and Grenada, Panama, and Gulf War veterans. These tributes will appear in the Post newsletter and also will become permanent records on our Post 67 web site.

**Jim DePoy**  
**Post 67 Adjutant**

### Minutes of General Meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Commander Jim Jansen called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**Attendance:**

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attend</u>
Jim Jansen	Commander	Yes
Curtis Leary	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Yes
Bob Klatt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	No
Dick Weis	Chaplain	Yes
Bob Figulski	Judge Advocate	Yes
Jim DePoy	Adjutant	Yes
Bob Gonier	Sgt. at Arms	Yes
Wayne House	Finance	Yes
Jess Ward	Historian/Past Cmdr	No
Walter Stead	Vet Service Officer	No
Don Daniels	Athletic Officer	No

**Meeting report**

1. Membership vote for 2007-2008 Post Officers was conducted for slate of nominees;

**Jim Jansen** Commander  
**Curtis Leary** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

**Pearson Wood** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
**Jim DePoy** Adjutant  
**Wayne House** Finance  
**Frank Rea** Service Officer  
**Robin Hinkley** Historian  
**Dick Weis** Chaplain  
**Bob Figulski** Judge Advocate  
**Don Daniels** Athletic Officer  
**Bob Gonier** Sgt. at Arms

No other nominees were brought forward and election was declared by unanimous consent. New officers will be sworn in at the July general meeting.

2. The Post By-Laws were read through by section and approved by membership with minor changes.
3. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.
4. Committee reports  
 Curtis Leary
  - Membership calls were made for delinquent members
  - Reported on Operation America Rising on July 7 (**Ed. Note:** see *News You Can Use* on page 5 below)
  - Reported on Ricoh copier as a choice
 For Bob Klatt
  - Dick Scoville will arrange dinners
 Wayne House
  - Audit report on hold due to CPA office problems
  - Motion passed to accept Finance report of \$44,881.95 in bank accounts.
  - Chamber of Commerce membership dues
 Jim DePoy
  - Have 12 events scheduled
  - Now at 230 members, target is 236
  - 5 boys to Boys' State
  - Commended Charlie Keadle for letter to The American Legion magazine

Bob Figulski

- Baseball is in full swing, trailer has been moved to field
- Sr. Legion team is 8/3, Jr. Legion team is 20/2
- This Sunday between games at High School field, an Apache helicopter will land. Everyone will have an opportunity to tour the chopper
- Kinko's contributed to producing color programs for Memorial day at black & white price
- Thanks to participants at Memorial Day: Cary ROTC, DAR, Rifle Squad, Dallas Foster, and Curtis & Sybil Leary and their church

Robin Hinkley

- Need information for July newsletter via email

Carl McConnell

- SAL grille is at the meeting for viewing, tickets on sale

Dick Weis

- email address is [rlweisactivity@msn.com](mailto:rlweisactivity@msn.com)

Frank Rea: thanks to attendees in May

#### 5. New business

- The POW/MIA meeting is held on the first Saturday of each month at 12 noon at Capitol Square in downtown Raleigh. Everyone is invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned 8:58 pm.

Submitted By

**Jim DePoy, Adjutant**

### Auxiliary News

I want to thank everyone for all the volunteer hours during the months of May and June.

Our Auxiliary won two Americanism Awards at the NC Department Convention held at the North Raleigh Hilton June 14-16.

Auxiliary and Post served dinner to Student Troopers on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Editor's Note:** For information about the NC Student Trooper program visit this web site:

<http://nclegion.org/studenttrooper.htm>)

Vivian Hammond will install Auxiliary Officers at the general meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

<b>President</b>	Judy Rea
<b>Vice President</b>	Theresa Weybrew
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Stancil
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sybil Leary
<b>Chaplain</b>	Mary Ann Weddington

### Important dates:

<b>Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	V.A. Hospital visit
<b>Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Lazy Days

Thanks,

**President Judy**

### Our Own Copier

*From Curtis Leary:*

We now have a Xerox multi feed copier in place, at 24 ppm. I have tested the copier and it works great. It was completely gone over by Xerox last week. If you need to use it, please turn the off-on switch on and allow it to warm up. It will indicate when it is ready to copy. There are three sheet sizes in use so if it is on auto, it will select the correct size based on the item you want copied. Directions are in the bottom drawer where the toner is stored.

Thanks to Charlie Watkins for helping me pick up and deliver the copier. It weighed over 100 pounds and hard to lift due to the size. I also want to thank Don Daniels for offering to help but due to the last phone call from the donor today, we had to act faster than we thought.

I hope you like it. It is fast and will do a lot of things. I ask that all members using the copier to read the manual or view the video first. Let's take good care of it.

## **A Salute to Bert Price, POW WWII**

*Presented by Pearson Wood May 8, 2007*

Ausburn B. Price was born on July 15, 1915, in New York, New York, but he lived and grew up in Durham, New Jersey. He graduated from New York University in 1937 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He then went to work with an insurance company.



Bert's military career began when he joined the National Guard in 1939; he was assigned to the 119th Observation Squadron. On September 15, 1940, all National Guard units were inducted into the US Army; Bert was sent to radio school at Scott Field, Illinois. In 1942 he went to Navigation School at Monroe, Louisiana; he graduated and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in April 1943 in the Army Air Corps.

On April 29, 1943, Bert married Dorothy Brown at Monroe, Louisiana.

Bert's first assignment as an officer was to the Anti-Submarine Command which patrolled the Gulf of Mexico out of Cuba. Next he went into bomber training, preparing for overseas duty. In January, 1944, Bert was sent to Tunis, Africa, then to Burri, Italy, to perform bombing missions over Austria and Germany.

Then came May 29, 1944, on his 10th mission, Bert's B24 bomber plane was shot by German fighter planes. The entire crew of ten parachuted out of their plane over Austria, however, only

four were reported to have done so; there was confusion as to the identities of those men.

The parachutists landed in Austrian farm country. Farmers were waiting for them with shot-guns, but German soldiers came out and captured the crew, transporting them to Vienna, Austria. The crew was then sent to Stalag Luft 3, ninety miles south of Berlin, Germany.

January, 1945, the Russians were getting close to Berlin and the Germans did not want to lose their prisoners to the Russians. So the prisoners left camp and marched to Nuremberg, Germany. They spent three months at Nuremberg, then transferred to Mooseberg, Germany. On April 29, 1945, General Patton and his army captured the prison camp and the prisoners were freed. Later that year, Bert was discharged as a Captain. He had been awarded the Air Medal and several commendations.

When Bert was captured he weighed 160 pounds, when he was freed from the prison camp he weighed just 110 pounds.

He returned to civilian life and to the insurance business.

Bert had made a promise to God in 1944 when his plane was shot and he had to bail out. He promised to go into the ministry. At the age of sixty he left the insurance business and went to a seminary for two years, then three years at Diaconic School. He was ordained in 1980 as an Episcopal Deacon and served The Lord faithfully. Bert retired in 1997 as an active deacon, but he continues to serve the Lord as he can. He moved to North Carolina after his retirement to be close to his grandchildren.

Dorothy Price died March 10, 1990. He remarried May 12, 1991, to Anne Greene and is still happily married to her.

I met Bert in 2000. Both of us were in the process of joining Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary

and attended the same orientation classes. We liked and respected each other, and became friends. We have served together as Lay Ministers. When I found that Bert had military experience, I invited him to attend an American Legion meeting at Cary, Post 67; he joined our post and has been active as a member.

Bert Price, we salute you for your service to our country in the military and business, then as an Episcopal Deacon, then as an active Lay Person.

The American Legion Post 67, Cary, North Carolina, salutes you.

## News You Can Use

### Support Your Baseball Team

Cary Post 67 is continuing its successful year into the Playoffs. The Junior Legion teams finished first and second in division play and will start playoffs Sat. July 7 at Cary High with games scheduled at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. The Senior Legion will more than likely finish first in division play and begin a two out of three series with Apex on July 16 at Cary High.

As I have traveled to ballgames in Area I, I have noticed most teams have a group of Legionnaires at the game. Not so at Cary. For a Post with a tradition of a respected Senior Program and a superior Junior Program the support is pitiful. To find the Cary Bulls schedule simply go to web site <http://www.carybulls.com>. There are potential members at these games. Come meet them and the players.

**Bob Figulski**

### SAL Gas Grille Raffle

Please support the SAL by buying tickets for the gas grille raffle.

**Commander Carl McConnell**

### “Operation America Rising” Video on the Web

Curtis Leary brings this “Support Our Troops” message to our attention. The rally it talks about will be held in Topeka, Kansas on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The video runs in just under two minutes and is well worth your time. Go to:

<http://www.americarising.org/>.

### USS New York, LPD-21

Steve Guess sent a note about this ship. It is constructed in part by steel from the World Trade Center disaster on 9/11/2001. For details, go to the web site below. The article explains that the widely circulated photo is not the New York but the recently commissioned USS San Antonio, LPD-17. However, the two ships are nearly identical in appearance.

<http://www.snopes.com/photos/military/ussnewyork.asp>

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- Advertising in the newsletter
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**Editor's Note:** This newsletter is in Microsoft Word format because I am vacationing in New England and do not have access to my publishing software. I'll be back at the end of July and will try to do something special for you in the August *Howler*. RH

# July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:00P PEC meeting	4	5	6	7 America Rising Rally in Topeka, KS  12PM - POW/MIA mtg, Capital Square, Raleigh
8	9	10 7:00P General meeting Installation of officers (Post & Auxiliary)	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 7:00P SAL meeting at Post Home	18	19	20	21
22	23 7:00P VA Hospital	24	25 7:00P Wake Country Veterans Council Raleigh Post 1	26	27	28
29	30	31				

