

Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Post 67 General Meeting

Cary American Legion Post 67, Inc.
P.O. Box 67
Cary, North Carolina 27512

Commander Jim Jansen began the meeting at 7:10 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| Jim Jansen | Commander | Yes | Don Daniels | Athletic Officer | No |
| Curtis Leary | 1st Vice Commander | No | Bob Gonier | Sgt. at Arms | Yes |
| Pearson Wood | 2nd Vice Commander | Yes | Robin Hinkley | Historian/NL Editor | Yes |
| Jim DePoy | Adjutant | No | Wayne House | Finance | Yes |
| Dick Weis | Chaplain | Yes | Frank Rea | Vets. Ser. Officer | Yes |
| Bob Figulski | Judge Advocate | No | | | |

1. **Greet New Members** Bob Luedke, Alfred Percy, Gerald Polson
2. **Pearson Wood Introduced 1st Speaker**
Dr. John L. Johnson, PhD, Assoc. Professor & Assoc. Dean of Winston-Salem State University. Dr. Johnson spoke about his book *Every Night & Every Morn*, stories about ethnic winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor.
3. **Salute to Bob Klatt delivered by Pearson Wood**
4. **Pearson Wood Introduced 2nd Speaker**
Lance Yost, Vietnam Vet, responsible for Veterans Affairs at Wake Memorial Park, Green Hope School Road in Cary. It includes the Veterans' Garden of Honor', with free spaces for the first 100 veterans' families who respond to this offer.
5. Auxiliary will be distributing poppies on May 31st, signup sheet for volunteers passed around.
6. Bill Couchon displayed some artifacts commemorating the transfer of the flag on May 3rd from the USS North Carolina BB55 to the new submarine USS North Carolina SSN 777.
7. Dr. Lucas Kruse announced his new office will open in two weeks and he is offering free initial consultation to all Post 67 members who stop by.
8. **Wayne House Financial Report.**
 - a. Balances of all accounts
 - b. Spring Daze made more money than last year
 - c. BBQ may be our best money maker from now on. Danny's BBQ provided product at no charge.
Danny Jones asked for status of the audit, Wayne explained it's in the hands of the accountant. Danny said no reports were filed for last 3 years. Commander said we'll find answers.
 - d. Report accepted

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9. Adjutant (not present).

- a. Group discussed membership, we are still 2 short.
- b. Legislative Day is Wednesday, May 14.
- c. We will give Danny's BBQ a plaque to show appreciation
- d. Flag disposal ceremony on Armed Forces Day Saturday, May 17th 7:30 PM at NVFP
- e. Robin's scrapbook lookin' good
- f. Memorial Day May 26th 10:00 AM at Hillcrest Cemetery, Congressman Price, NC Rep Jennifer Price, Dave Milidonis and perhaps others will speak. Reception at Post Home at 11:00 AM.
- g. Sunday 3 PM at Hillcrest for flag placement, Wayne knows someone who may have a usable map
- h. Need to move drum with disposable flags to NVFP
- i. VA Hospital visit Monday May 26, meet at Kmart at 6 PM
- j. Officers for 2008-2009, need Commander, Adjutant, 2nd Vice Commander, Sgt-at-Arms and Chaplain. Dick Weis told of his first venture as Adjutant, encouraged everyone to try. Jim Jansen insists Commander office is easy, just delegate.
- k. We have one boy attending Boys State
- l. Dept Convention June 12-14 at North Raleigh Hilton
- m. Black chairs in office need to be eliminated

10. Service Officer Frank Rea

- a. Wake County Veterans Council meets on the last Wednesday of every month, next meeting is May 28th.
- b. Frank Rea and Bob Klatt will attend Veterans Day at the State Legislature tomorrow, Wednesday May 14th.
- c. GI Bill in U.S. Congress, Senate Bill #22 and companion House Bill #5740. Contact Senators & Representatives, available on web.
- d. Wake County Veterans Council has vacancies, American Legion Post 1.

11. Old/New Business

- a. June 10th meeting at Cary Bulls game cancelled due to double booking of ball field. After discussion it was decided to have regular scheduled meeting Tuesday and all who are interested go to Green Hope High School for Cary Bulls game the next day, Wednesday June 11th.
- b. Signup sheet circulated for placing flags at cemetery Sunday, May 25th.
- c. Bill Cozzolino spoke of the new Army Advantage Fund, targeting parents and "influencers". Instead of money specified for college the discharged soldier can use the money for a new home, starting a business, etc. Bill will forward to Robin the link to the Wall Street Journal article, Robin will distribute via e-mail to everyone and include the article in the June Howler.

12. Sick Call/Closing Prayer

- a. Roy Hood has cancer and the prognosis is not good. His flag cabinet and Post Everlasting display were mentioned specifically.

Submitted by Robin Hinkley, Post Historian

Join us in strength – join us in service