

Minutes of the June 10, 2008 Post 67 General Meeting

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

Meeting in progress at beginning of recording. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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

1. **Finance Officer Wayne House** reported that as of 9/31 all accounts are balanced.

2. **Bill Cozollino** spoke about the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). There is currently only one chapter in NC, he wants to get a satellite chapter started in Triangle area. Bill spoke a few minutes about the AUSA. It is primarily a lobbying organization for all components of the Army: Active, Reserve & Nat'l Guard but is also involved in other activities.

3. **Slate of Officers for FY 2008-2009**

Commander: Bill Cozzolino
1st Vice Commander: Curtis Leary
2nd Vice Commander: Pete Emens
Adjutant: Jim DePoy *
Chaplain: TBA **
Judge Advocate Bob Figulski

Athletic Officer: Don Daniels
Sgt. at Arms: Bob Gonier
Historian: Robin Hinkley
Finance: Wayne House
Service Officer: Frank Rea

* Jim will handle members' payments and send out cards, Robin will do all meeting minutes

** Two names have come up for Chaplain, until this is resolved Frank Rea will assist

This list was approved by voice vote

4. **Danny Jones** questioned the slate of officers procedures. Reference was made to May meeting minutes which listed positions needed in item 9J.

5. **Notes from the Commander**

- We helped the Auxiliary raise \$1331.35 in poppy donations at WalMart on May 31st, Frank says Judy Rea picked up \$10 more last night.
- In May: Confirmed 100% membership
- On May 17 we held flag retirement ceremony. Sparsely attended but the barrel we provided at the Post Home was nearly half full. Fire and police departments came by to check what we were doing. We didn't have a permit in our possession but this was resolved in a friendly manner. Some people misunderstood our purpose but we straightened this out with the PD. Fire department extinguished the fire when we finished.
- Memorial Day service was excellent, item in the Cary News.
- We need a window air conditioner for our kitchen.

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- f. Bob Figulski asks that we do not purchase detergents, bags, paper products etc. for the kitchen. He will replenish as needed.
- g. We should ask WalMart if we can set up an information table for the American Legion, what we're about, meeting dates and times, etc.
- h. Some discussion about the downtown Raleigh Memorial Day service.
- i. During flag retirement we found half a dozen flags that were in better shape than some people are flying, If you know someone with a flag in this condition give them one of these.
- j. Frank Rea and Jim Jansen took one over to Briarcliff Elementary school today, presented it to them and retired their old one.
- k. VA hospital visit on May 26th about 14 patients attended. Meet 4th Monday of all odd-numbered months (Jan, Mar ... Sep, Nov).
- l. Legion College is in Clements on July 11 & 12, if you've never attended it is well worth the time.
- m. Department Convention June 12-14 at the North Raleigh Hilton
- n. Show support tomorrow evening for American Legion baseball at Green Hope High School. Wear either your Legion hat or baseball cap. See Cary Bulls website for season schedule.
- o. Don Daniels discussed the USA Park baseball.
- p. Pearson will no longer be 2nd Vice but will continue to do the "Salutes".
- q. Dick Scoville will no longer be Master Chef after this June meeting. Great thanks for his service.
- r. Thank you to these PEC officers who made my job easier for the last two years:

Curtis Leary, 1st Vice Commander	Bob Klatt, 2nd Vice Commander I
Pearson Wood, 2nd Vice Commander II	Jim DePoy, Adjutant
Wayne House, Finance Officer	Don Daniels, Athletic Officer
Bob Figulski, Judge Advocate	Bob Gonier, Sgt-at-Arms
Frank Rea, Service Officer	

6. 2nd Vice Commander Pearson Wood

Lance Yost, guest speaker at the May 13th meeting, is in charge of Veterans Affairs at Wake Memorial Park. He invited to attend the dedication of the Veterans section and my wife and I attended to represent the Post. A colonel from Fort Bragg gave a fine dedication speech. It is a beautiful location so if you are considering advance selection of a site remember that the first 100 veterans' sites are free.

7. Chaplain Dick Weis

- a. Discussion about the Annual Service Report which is submitted to the Department for possible recognition. Our post was involved in 26 significant events. This is an average of one every other week, a record to be proud of. The commander agreed, we are a very active post for our size and should be proud of our accomplishments.
- b. Special thanks to Roy Hood for the Post Everlasting display.

8. Service Officer Frank Rea

- a. Unable to attend Wake County Veterans Council this past week and won't have the minutes of that meeting until the end of this month. Would like to see more post members attend the Council.
- b. Veterans Day Parade planned for Saturday, November 8th.

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- c. Still working with Evelyn Jones, problems since September, delayed claims processing . Waiting to see what VFW will be able to provide.
- d. USO: new terminal next year will have additional 2500 sq ft, need more volunteers.

9. **Danny Jones** expressed concern about the audit, the Commander said that issue is put to bed at this time.

10. Adjutant Jim DePoy

- a. We achieved a target of 233 members in May.
- b. If you are a PUFL you will get a renewal card just to check your address. All other members will receive renewal notices in July. If you are a new member to this post or have changed address it can take up to three months behind because they come from National to the Department. Dues are on a calendar year so you are now running on your 2008 dues. When you receive renewal notice you have until the end of the year to pay for 2009. There will be three notices (probably) until you pay. Your card will be sent directly to you once payment is received.
- c. Wayne noted that the sooner you pay the more money you save the Department because of the cost of printing and mailing subsequent reminders.

11. Pete Emens

- a. Described needs of Operation Sweet Tooth
- b. Need updated membership list

12. Sick Call/Closing Prayer

Submitted by Robin Hinkley, Post Historian
Special thanks to Frank Rea for the recording

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