

Minutes of the July 8, 2008 Post 67 General Meeting

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

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM, adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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

1. Installation of Officers

- a. Commander Jim Jansen introduces Jerry Tart, Past Command of District 11, who will conduct the installation ceremony.
- b. Commander nominated Jessie Ward for Post Chaplain. Approved.
(At this point the Commander announced that our Post Scrapbook/Yearbook won first place at the Department level and will be forwarded for National judging in October.)
- c. Jerry Tart read the duties/responsibilities of post officers, candidates recited oath of office, Jerry read specific duties of the new Commander, new Officers presented to members who were charged with aiding and supporting the new team.

2. Commander Jim Jansen

- a. We received a certificate for contributing 38 lbs of pull tabs at the Mid-winter Conference where the grand total was over 8,000 lbs (4 tons!).
- b. At Bob Klatt's suggestion Jim explained the pull tab program for the benefit of new members. Curtis Leary requested us to not include plastic bags, just dump the tabs in loose.
- c. Sybil Leary said the Dept got 88 cents/lb, times more than 8,000 lbs equals over \$7,000 donated to Ronald MacDonald House in Durham.
- d. Bill Coz moved to adopt minutes of June meeting, they were approved.
- e. Jim Jansen summarized the last fiscal year:
 - i. Excellent financial shape thanks efforts of Wayne House
 - ii. Attendance increased 25% (it was up 15% in 2006-2007)
(At this point the Auxiliary retired to their room for installation of their officers)
 - iii. Attendance increase attributed to 2nd Vice Cmdr efforts: Bob Klatt 2006-7 bringing in interesting speakers, and Pearson Wood 2007-8 with speakers and his "Salute to War Veterans" program.
 - iv. We achieved 100% membership goal this year. Last year we initiated 7 new members, this year 13.
 - v. Dick Weis found that we participated in 26 events this year, which means this post was doing something every other week, on average. Jim cited several examples.
 - vi. Jim expressed great confidence in new Commander Bill Cozzolino.

3. Commander Bill Cozzolino

- a. An apology to the Auxiliary for overlooking their installation ceremony, normally held in the main hall after our own.
- b. Visitors Bill Studt & Russ Price, and new members Ben Cancel, Brian Eli and Cleveland Bryant introduced themselves.

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4. Committee Reports

- a. 1st Vice Cmdr Curtis Leary: Membership Cards in the mail, would like to have 100% signed up by Veterans Day
- b. Finance Officer Wayne House: everything balanced except baseball which cannot close until October.
- c. Chaplain Jess Ward introduced, stands ready to help anyone in need, call 919-614-6727. Frank Rea, Acting Chaplain prior to Jess Ward's installation, gave sick list.
- d. Service Officer Frank Rea: One veteran still in need, National has helped her twice, Aux Unit 67 has helped and we are trying to get VFW involved. We are waiting for PEC feedback regarding money from our post.
- e. Historian Robin Hinkley, for new members, and old members who forgot: Described our website and Described Howler, distribution, hyperlinks, how to find deadline for input.

5. New Business

a. Commander

- i. Reminder to park across the street if you're capable of walking across.
- ii. Will strive to increase membership and attendance, focusing on the speaker program and meals at the meetings. Wayne mentioned the vendor who provided tonight's meal and who is willing to continue. By not cooking, and using paper plates, plastic flatware, etc. we can avoid all the cleanup after the meetings. He mentioned help tonight from Carl McConnell, Charlie Watkins, Don Daniels and some of the Auxiliary.
- iii. Would like to meet with Committee heads to discuss goals for the coming year.
- iv. We should follow Robert's Rules of Order, e.g., if anyone wants something discussed as a group a motion should be made to see if the group approves. Otherwise, one-on-one is always available.
- v. Bill will attend NC Legion College this weekend.
- vi. Raleigh Army Recruiting Battalion asking if we'd be interested in tutoring new recruits from high school. The Battalion Commander has expressed interest in speaking to us about this. Jerry Tart mentioned new incentives for recruits, Bill referred to Army Advantage Fund.
- vii. Bill wants to reach out to soldiers returning from war fronts as potential members, hopefully involving businesses who are friendly to servicemen and –women.
- viii. Bob Klatt says some new members are asking about coming events. Hopefully most of these will be in the Howler.
- ix. Pearson Wood will "Salute" Curtis Leary at the August meeting.
- x. Curtis Leary mentions Lazy Daze volunteering and the National Convention in Phoenix AZ Aug 22-27. You need to make arrangements by July 10 if you plant to attend. He also mentioned Cary Chamber of Commerce and Business After Hours.
- xi. If anyone has information that should be in a calendar of events, send to Bill. He will get it to Robin for the Howler and may also disseminate himself if it's urgent.
- xii. Wayne mentioned, for new and prospective members, some of the programs we're involved in, e.g., Spring Daze, Lazy Daze, VA visits, BBQ at the Post Home, RBC, Baseball, Oratorical contest, Student Trooper program, food boxes, flag retirement, USO, etc.
- xiii. Robin mentioned the Ch 17 community database he will get us involved in this year.
- xiv. Bob Klatt called for applause in appreciation for Jim Jansen.

Closing prayer by Chaplain Jess Ward.

Submitted by Robin Hinkley, Post Historian

Join us in strength – join us in service