

Minutes of the August 12, 2008 Post 67 General Meeting

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

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM, adjourned at 8:45 PM.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Bill Cozzolino	Commander	Yes	Don Daniels	Athletic Officer	No*
Curtis Leary	1 st Vice Commander	Yes	Bob Gonier	Sgt. at Arms	Yes
Peter Emens	2 nd Vice Cmdr	Yes	Robin Hinkley	Historian	Yes
Jim DePoy	Adjutant	Yes	Wayne House	Finance	Yes
Jess Ward	Chaplain	Yes	Frank Rea	Vets. Svc. Officer	Yes
Bob Figulski	Judge Advocate	Yes			* Attended but absent for committee reports

1. Approved minutes of the July 8th meeting.
2. New members introduced themselves: **Frank Hill** from NJ and **Andy Dawson** from VA
3. **2nd Vice Cmdr Pete Emens** introduced guest speaker **Dr. Eugene Kamprath**, Dept. of Soil Science at NC State University. Discussed experiments in Brazil as it related to North Carolina soil conditions then invited questions.
 - a. **Curtis Leary** inquired about phosphate mining in Beaufort County. *Response:* They make ammonium phosphate for fertilizers in U.S. and abroad.
 - b. **Frank Stancil** asked about an effort to by NC State to eliminate kudzu near Lake Wheeler Road. *Response:* That comes under herbicide research in the Crop Science dept.
 - c. **Bill Coz** mentioned that Brazil is a world leader in converting plant material into combustible fuel. Also, there was discussion regarding the military in Africa and subsidizing agriculture in that country.
4. **Pearson Wood** presented a Salute to Curtis Leary.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **1st Vice Cmdr Curtis Leary**
 - i. Membership report: Per Jim DePoy we have 142 with several more to mail.
 - ii. We need to pay \$117.50 to the Dept for Veterans Service Fund obligation.
 - iii. Cary Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" is August 21st, 5:30-7:30 PM, Twin Lakes 103 Bright Sand Court, Cary.
 - iv. Chamber banquet on Sept 17th, Preston Woods Country Club at 6 PM.
 - v. Coast Guard is now training with Navy Seals for the first time, related to the demands on Homeland Security
 - b. **2nd Vice Cmdr Pete Emens** We will have an Army and Navy recruiting person as guest speaker at the Sept 9th meeting.
 - c. **Adjutant Jim DePoy**
 - i. He has membership renewal forms, but some may have already received via mail
 - ii. Currently we have 122 renewals received, 30 PUFL, total of 152, goal is 235.
 - d. **Finance Officer Wayne House** Total balance of all accounts is \$49,709.22
 - e. **Historian Robin Hinkley** Explained exactly why input to the Howler must be received by Thursday before the General Meeting.
 - f. **Chaplain Jesse Ward**
 - i. Dick Weis was injured but Jesse had no details, Frank Rea explained that Dick had fallen, perhaps more than once, and due to a slow heartbeat he may need to have a Pacemaker installed.
 - ii. Bert Price, recently undergoing serious cancer treatment.
 - g. **Judge Advocate Bob Figulski**

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- i. Lazy Daze, Bob asked Curtis to head the committee for this year, Curtis will need help, a signup sheet was distributed.
- ii. Renewing annual contract with RBC center, we'll need to set up teams of 2-3 people to work.
- iii. Thursday, Sept 11: need flags and rifles at North Raleigh Hilton for morning ceremony.
- iv. Cary Bulls Jr. Legion won the state tournament. They have won 2002, 4, 6 and 8.

h. Service Officer Frank Rea

- i. Female veteran helped twice in the past year by National. I haven't heard from her lately, so hopefully her claim has been processed by the VA in Winston-Salem.
- ii. Question from Wayne House: what is the status of Edna Adams? Curtis Leary said they seem to be okay. Bill Coz said he will follow up on her attempt to contact Senator Dole's office.
- iii. Wake County Vets Council meets on the last Wednesday of every month at Raleigh Post 1.
- iv. Veterans Luncheon will be at the Herb Young Community Center on Friday Nov 7
- v. Fort Bragg Outreach Commissary at Nat'l Guard HQ off Reedy Creek Rd, Sept 4 noon-5PM, Sept 5 & 6 from 9AM to 5PM.

6. New Business

a. Commander Bill Coz

- i. For Auxiliary: 1st Saturday in December is our Christmas Party
- ii. For Thurs Sept 11 the Town of Cary requested that our post present a 5-10 minute speech. It has been drafted for review by the PEC.
- iii. Dept Cmdr Jim Mayhew's Homecoming on Sat Sept 13 in Lincolnton NC at noon. Robin said the August Howler electronic edition has a link to print out a map and registration form.

b. **[Unknown voice]** A small PX has opened at Nat'l Guard HQ off Reedy Creek Rd. Unlike the commissary mentioned above this is a permanent operation.

c. **SAL Cmdr Carl McConnell** – If anyone can join we need members

d. **Charlie Watkins** Collecting cans for elderly couple in his church. Motion approved to set up plastic barrel at Post Home for collection.

7. Dept Adjutant Frank Stancil

- a. Congratulations to Bill Cozzolino on his election, best wishes for a successful year.
- b. Described HQ staff
- c. Nat'l Executive Committeeman Jerry Hedrick entered hospital on July 11th for rotator cuff surgery. After surgery he suffered several complications. He is now in rehab and showing considerable improvement. He will be in rehab for several months, all this stemming from probable hospital error.
- d. Thank you for supporting the department programs sent in recent mailing.
- e. Thank you for participating in the pull tab program, proceeds support Durham Ronald McDonald house.
- f. Congratulations to Bob Figulski for participation in state playoffs in Gastonia.
- g. Congrats to Historian Robin Hinkley on winning 1st place in Dept Yearbook competition. He has a good chance to win national also.
- h. Thanks to Frank Rea for following up with the female veteran with financial difficulties.
- i. Congrats to Post 67 for outstanding baseball program, thanks to Wayne House & Don Daniels
- j. Praise for neat, clean, well-maintained post
- k. Thanks for supporting him in his various offices with the Legion

8. **Bob Klatt** mentioned poor condition of sign out front. Wayne says the sign is there on temporary permit pending road widening. PEC will take up the issue of what we can do to improve the appearance.

Submitted by Robin Hinkley, Post Historian

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