

Minutes of the March 10, 2009 Post 67 General Meeting

Cary American Legion Post 67, Inc.

P.O. Box 67 Cary, North Carolina 27512

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ATTEND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ATTEND</u>
Bill Cozzolino	Commander	Yes	Bob Gonier	Sgt-at-Arms	Yes
Curtis Leary	1 ST Vice Commander	Yes	Bob Figulski	Judge Advocate	Yes
Pete Emens	2 nd Vice Commander	Yes	Don Daniels	Athletic Officer	Yes
Jim DePoy	Adjutant	Yes	Robin Hinkley	Historian	Yes
Wayne House	Finance Officer	No	Judy Rea	Auxiliary President	Yes
Jess Ward	Chaplain	Yes	Marcus Turner	SAL Commander	Yes
Frank Rea	Service Officer	Yes	Jim Jansen	Past Commander	No

Meeting convened by Commander Bill Cozzolino at 7:16 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Invocation by Chaplain Jess Ward. Pledge of Allegiance, POW/MIA Chair, preamble

Dep't Adjutant Frank Stancil: At Fall Conference 5,782 lbs pull tabs=\$2,023.70 for Ronald McD House Durham; Nat'l Cmdr at Post 8 Lexington April 14; oratorical contest results; Post 67 membership has increased; Extreme Makeover for home of Gulf War Vet; thank you to all veterans for their service.

Other Guests: **District 11 Vice Cmdr Roland Lambdin**, member of Clayton Post 71; **Julie (last name unknown)**, transferring membership from Vermont; **Joe Aker(?)**, Korean War Vet; considering joining Post; **Bob Skiver(?)**, USO volunteer; plans to join Post; **Matt Segal**, new transfer to Post 67, PUFL, USO volunteer.

Approve Minutes of 2/10 General Meeting.

Auxiliary: President Judy Rea: Bunco project produced \$776, will pass hat for \$24 to reach \$800; **Curtis Leary** later reported that the Post actually donated \$158. **Cindy Emens:** Praise for baked goods, Cary News gave coverage for Bunco, raffle baskets, refreshments by Kroger, great cooperation by volunteers. **Bill Cozzolino:** Unit 67 donated \$400 to USO, \$200 and clothing to Homeless Vets Project, and Girls State orientation at Post Home on April 18.

1st Vice Cmdr Curtis Leary: Food Lion donated 95 blankets for homeless veterans to be handed out at Stand Down.

2nd Vice Cmdr Pete Emens: Introducing guest speaker Diane Upshaw, Advancement Associate for Lutheran Family Services (LFS), brief bio.

Diane Upshaw: Spoke about the Charlotte Area Faith Farm shelter for homeless female veterans. It was modeled after the successful Kinard Manor in Greenwood, SC.

Pearson Wood: Salute to Cliff Teague.

Cliff Teague: Described some aircraft he worked on, including the Convair B-36, F7U fighter, F8U, and the Regulus missile.

Commander: Recognize Historian for article regarding NJROTC Awards in the Legion News; also read a letter of appreciation from Cary PD Lt. Ken Quinlan for his 1st Responder Award last month.

Committee Reports

SAL Commander Marcus Turner: Comments about Cliff Teague; Coke Rewards program for troops, collecting Coke caps, discussion about how to collect them; St. Patrick's Day Pizza Party at Post Home courtesy of the SAL, the DVD movie *War Bonds* will be played, **Curtis Leary** ran a brief preview of the movie. **Frank Rea** read a Certificate of Appreciation to SAL for pop tabs contribution to Ronald McDonald House.

District 11 Vice Cmdr Roland Lambdin: 30+ people attended District 11 mtg last Friday at Post 270 Smithfield; Division III meeting due 21 March at Post 109 in Benson 1:00 pm, meal will be served. **Frank Stancil** said that at District 11 meetings Post 67 has the longest report because we do the most.

Adjutant: Jim DePoy stepping down due to family obligations; at the PEC meeting on 3/10, **Brian Eli** was voted to fill the vacated position; he was sworn in by **Dept Adjutant Frank Stancil**.

Curtis Leary: Business After Hours will be at Wake Med.

2nd Vice Commander Pete Emens: Working with SAL on sign project.

Adjutant Brian Eli: Need 8 members to meet 100%; Brian gave his brief bio. Bill Coz mentioned two members needing rides.

Finance (Wayne House Absent), Bill Coz read summary balance sheet info; P/L statement shows negative balance, need to get into projects, BBQ in mid-late April was suggested.

Judge Advocate Bob Figulski: Spring Daze April 25th at Bond Lake Park; Memorial Day will feature Frank Stancil as speaker; our Color Guard will be present; **Bob Klatt:** Color Guard practice Tue 7PM 3/24 at Post Home, Cleveland Bryant will train.

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Service Officer Frank Rea: Ask if anyone knows of veterans in need; no response from follow up on assistance given. **Bill Coz** invited comment about USO; **Bob Skiver:** USO served more than 25,000 vets last year, fund raiser banquet at Prestonwood Country Club 1st Friday night in October, we operate 24/7, get a lot of volunteers, location is being changed. **Frank Rea** says they always need water and money, and volunteers for overnight gigs.

Chaplain Jess Ward: Sick call – John Castranio, John Crissman, Maggie Teague, Richard Bloom(?), Edith McConnell.

Historian Robin Hinkley: Asked for show of hands – how many who do e-mail do not get his monthly note about the Howler, and how many who do get the note read the newsletter online.

Ed Hollowell: Military guarantees freedoms provided by the Constitution; project to provide help for wounded veterans with mental problems; wants Post members to be on the board of directors.

50/50 Drawing

Curtis Leary: Auxiliary is asking how many flags needed for Hillcrest on Memorial Day, **Robin** does not have that number with him.

Calendar: 3/15-17 American Legion 90th birthday; 3/21 1PM Division III meeting Post 109 Benson; 5/13 Veterans Day at the State Legislature; 3/18 tentative date for BBQ; 6/21-26 Student Trooper Program; 7/10-11 Legion College in Clemens; 6/21-27 Boys State at Catawba College

Benediction

Submitted 4/14 by Robin Hinkley, Post Historian post67historian@nc.rr.com 919-460-7665