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THE HOWLER



Cary American Legion Post 67 Newsletter



GREETINGS AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY!

By Demita Passley - Historian

As spring bursts forth and the days grow longer, we at the American Legion extend a warm welcome to April!

In this month's newsletter, you'll find updates on upcoming events and activities at our local post, shared information from our fellow Legionnaires, and information on important resources and benefits available to veterans.

Together, we can continue to uphold the American Legion's legacy of service, support, and advocacy for veterans.

From all of us at the American Legion, we wish you a happy and healthy April!

In Solidarity,

The American Legion

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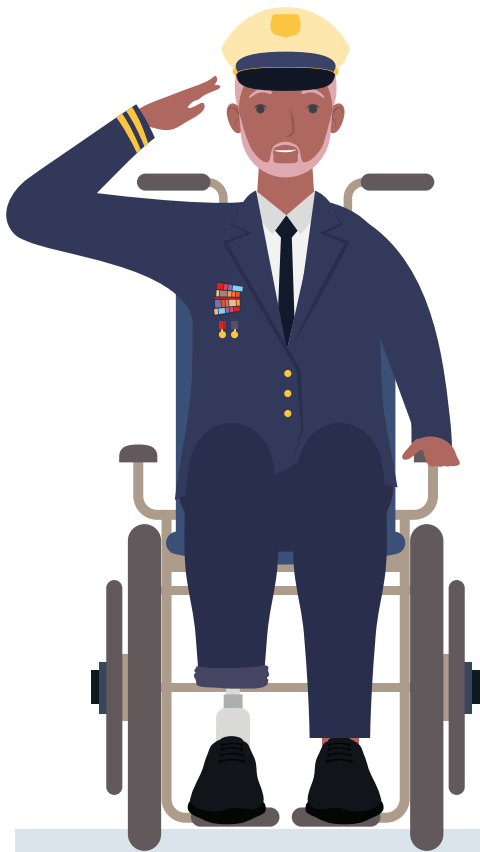
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"AS LONG AS THERE ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE, THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR AN AMERICAN LEGION." - FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, 32ND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Commander Dennis Tackett

Welcome to the April 2023 Commander's Corner.

Spring has sprung! As the world awakens with vibrant hues and warmer days, American Legion Post #67 welcomes you to the month of April. This month holds a special significance for our Legion family, filled with opportunities to remember, celebrate, and serve. The General Meeting will be on the 9th of April at the Post Home. Dinner will precede the meeting. The dinner will start at 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Please join us for fellowship with your fellow Legionnaires. We are in the planning stages of having a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, May 18, 2024, Armed Forces Day. Breakfast will be free for all veterans. If you would like to help with planning and/or volunteer for the event, please let Joe Veilleux know. His email address is joeveilleux1@gmail.com.

Memorial Day is approaching, and we will again have a Remembrance Ceremony at Hillcrest Cemetery. We will place flags on the graves on Sunday 26 May at 3:00pm and the Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday 27 May starting at 10:00am.

The Veterans Benefit Live (VBL – formally called the VEAC) will be held at the Herbert Young Center from September 12-14. More information to come.

Thank you for your dedication, and I look forward to the continued growth and impact of Cary American Legion Post 67.

Thank you for letting me be your Commander!

Onward, with unwavering spirit,

Dennis Tackett
Commander, American Legion 67





AMERICANISM 2ND VICE COMMANDER

David Christiansen

Fellow Legionnaires,

As the first whispers of spring fill the air and the world awakens from winter's slumber, I, your 2nd Vice Commander, extend a warm welcome to April! This month, not only does nature come alive, but so too does the spirit of remembrance within our Legion family.

I participated in the Department Oratorical Contest, which was held in Cary on March 23, 2024. Frank Stancil was the chairman and the venue was at the Westwood Baptist Church. The winner (Miss Natalie Allen of Greensboro) will represent the state at the National Finals.

Our Post candidate (Arjun Kamineni) came in second to Miss Allen at the District 3 contest in Greensboro. We are informed that Arjun has accepted a 20 k per year scholarship to attend a special honors program at George Washington University in D.C. The family believes that this opportunity can be attributed to his accomplishments in the Oratorical competition, Boys State, and his summer research work. He and his family are expected to attend our next general meeting.

The Cary High NJROTC will soon be receiving a second successive NRA Foundation merchandise grant of two Crosman Challenger Air Rifles (plus ancillary shooting equipment). This will allow the Cary cadets to have a total of five Crosman Challenger Sporter Class rifles designed for accuracy. It features a competition-grade Lothar Walther barrel, a 2-stage match trigger for the perfect shot, and a regulator for shot –to shot consistency. This equipment in total is valued at \$4,700.00.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

David Christiansen
2nd Vice- American Legion 67

**"FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE. IT IS BOUGHT
WITH THE BLOOD OF
BRAVE MEN AND
WOMEN." -
UNKNOWN**



PUBLIC AFFAIRS 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Curtis Leary

Fellow Legionnaires,:

Update on the Reverse Car Raffle and Silent Auction held at Prestonwood Country Club on the 27th of March. I won \$100 and a free car raffle ticket for bringing in the most silent auction gifts.

I also was a back up for the ticket drawing for the car, making sure the numbers matched the screen display. 248 tickets were sold and my number was drawn on the 7th draw so I was out on the drawing. Darn.

Three guys left with \$3500 each in their pockets as they choose to end the drawing. Lucky them. I want to thank our Post Commander for donating several gift cards for the silent auction event and helping me win the most items donated out of the other Chamber Ambassadors.

Oratorical Contest:

I helped Frank Stancil who was the Chairman for the State Oratorical Contest obtain the Fellowship Hall at Westwood Baptist church for the State contest and volunteered to be an usher. Also prepared the coffee for all the guests, set up tables and assigned the rooms for the five contestants.

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Frank did an outstanding job and he got a lot of kudo's from the attendees for hosting this event. The young lady that beat our contestant in the Division Contest won the State Contest. All five contestants were top of the heap as the judges had a hard time in selecting the winner.

I have applied for and have been selected to attend the Traffic Control class with the Cary Assisting Police (CAP) team. Once completed I will be able to assist the Cary Police in traffic control events. Another community service by a Post 67 member for Public Relations.

If all goes well I have two more months in the Leadership Cary course as we are scheduled to graduate in May. It has been a worthwhile event and I hope I have made a difference in how our American Legion Post 67 is perceived by the other community business leaders that have been in this class.

Thank you for your continued involvement!

Curtis Leary
3rd Vice - American Legion 67

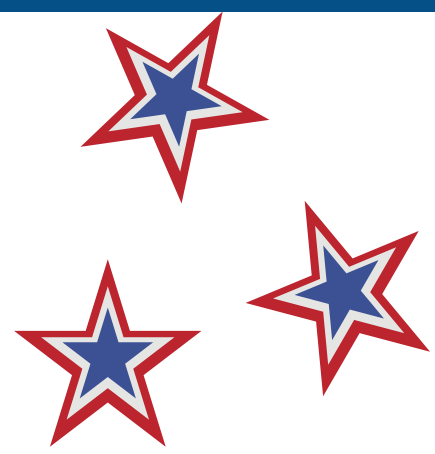
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THEODORE
ROOSEVELT**

ADJUTANTS CALL

Richard Spyrison

Fellow Legionnaires,

As spring unfolds and the days lengthen, I, your Adjutant, extend a warm welcome to April! We have some exciting events planned for this month at our post, offering opportunities for camaraderie, service, and remembrance. Mark your calendars and join us!



The Cary American Legion Auxiliary Unit 67
Will be at Bass Pro Shops North Harrison Ave and I40
Saturday May 25th, 2024 10am to 5pm
for the annual Poppy Day Fundraiser

All donations go directly to our veterans in need.
Come out and get your poppy to honor the sacrifice of our veterans.

MEMORIAL DAY
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND THE FAMILIES WHO LIVE WITH THEIR LOSS.

PLEASE JOIN THE CARY AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 AND OUR GUESTS IN HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED AND PROTECTED OUR FREEDOM.

MAY 27TH, 2024 10:00AM **CARY'S HILLCREST CEMETERY, 608 PAGE STREET, CARY, NC 27511**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, BRING A LAWN CHAIR GUEST SPEAKER, LOCAL DIGNITARIES, COLOR GUARD, 21 GUN SALUTE.



SGT-AT-ARMS

Bruce James

Brothers and Sisters in Arms,

As Sergeant at Arms, I stand before you not just to ensure order, but to welcome you to a season of renewal – April! The days grow longer, the air carries a fresh vibrancy, and within our Legion family, the spirit of remembrance takes root.

Will begin with spring post lawn and yard maintenance to assist Frank Stancil.

Assisted with food delivery loading for Airmen's Pantry at Seymour Johnson AFB on March 21st and completed emergency food delivery to Raleigh area homebound veteran in transitional VA housing.

Attended March 23rd, Legion Oratorical Contest at Westwood Baptist in Cary

Secured location for April 6th 9-11am live broadcast of NGBN-TV Nationwide Suicide prevention program "Save a Life" event.

Viewing will be held at Better Mans Barbershop in downtown Cary.

"OUR FLAG DOES NOT FLY BECAUSE THE WIND MOVES IT. IT FLIES WITH THE BREATH OF EVERY VETERAN WHO HAS EVER FOUGHT FOR THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE THE WIND. KEEP IT FLYING." - HAL HOLBROOK (ACTOR)

A WORD FROM AT-LARGE



VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST IN MAY

Joe Veilleux

Dear fellow Legionnaires,

Spring bursts forth, painting the world in vibrant hues, and with it arrives April! As your At-Large member, I extend a warm welcome and encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of growth and renewal this season brings.

Since the last PEC meeting, I have engaged the planning committee for the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast in May. The following tasks have been completed:

1. Received quotations from two food vendors (Cracker Barrel and IHOP).
2. Created Action Item List with task assignments.
3. Communicated with committee via email.
4. Contacted National HQ and NC Dept HQ to inquire about the availability of a blank template file for creating post event flyers. Unfortunately, this type of template is not available from neither National nor Dept HQ.

In Service,
Joe Veilleux
American Legion Cary Post 67
Post Executive Committee - At Large Member



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INFORMATION FOR NEW POST MEMBERS

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WELCOME ABOARD!

Greetings, New Members and Friends!

April unfolds, bringing warmer days and a sense of fresh beginnings. As a newcomer to the American Legion, we extend a warm welcome!

The American Legion is more than just a membership; it's a family. We encourage you to attend our next post meeting, introduce yourself, and ask questions. We're here to support you and help you connect with other veterans in your community.

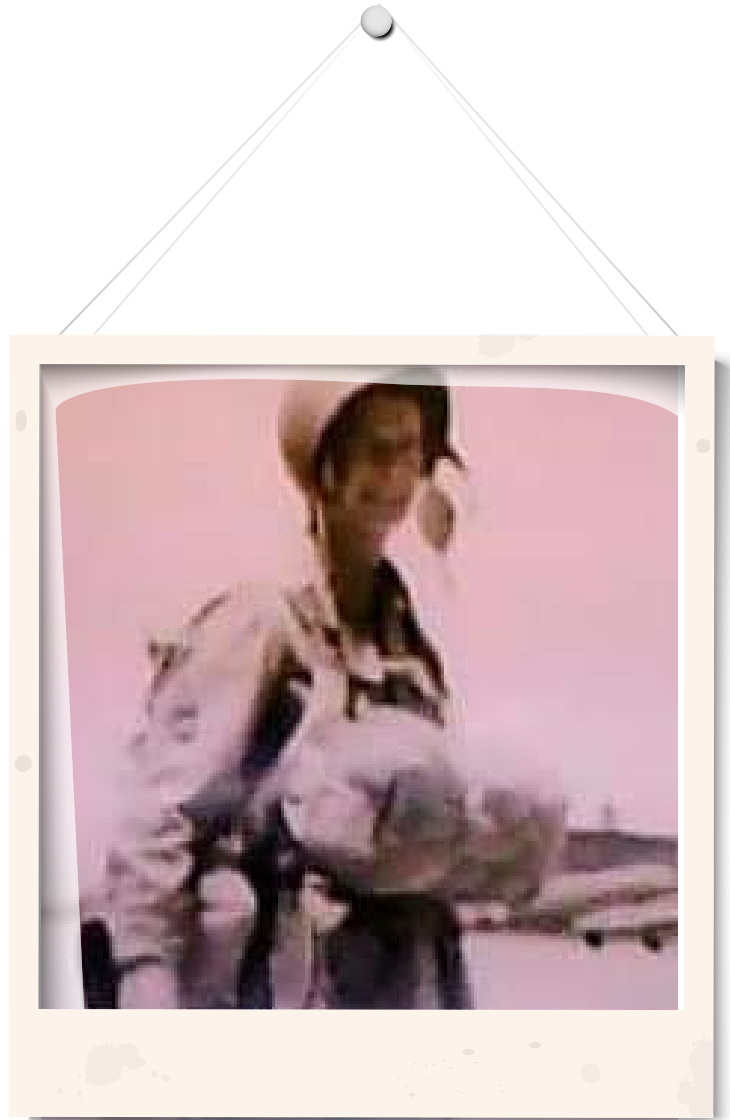
Whether you're a veteran yourself or a family member wanting to show your support, there are countless ways to get involved. Volunteer at a local event, participate in a community service project, or simply lend a helping hand to a fellow member.

We invite you to join us on this journey!

Warmly,

The American Legion Post Cary #67

**"THE AMERICAN
LEGION IS A
VETERAN HELPING A
FELLOW VETERAN." -
HENRY L. DOHERTY
(FIRST NATIONAL
COMMANDER, THE
AMERICAN LEGION)**



Shared Photos: Bruce Dale

Post 67 member Bruce Dale recently travelled to Ft Moore Ga. (Formerly Ft. Benning) to attend the graduation of his nephew, Army Sgt Peyton Dale from Army Airborne School. After completing 3 weeks of training Sgt Dale completed his 5th and final jump and earned his jump wings. He was pinned during the ceremony with a set of sterling silver jump wings. These wings were first earned by Sgt Ed Isbell of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment upon his graduation from Airborne School on Sept 11th, 1942! Sgt Isbell went on to jump on D- Day before being captured on June 11th, 1944. He spent the remainder of the war in German prison camps until his liberation on May 8th, 1945.

These wings were passed down prior to Legion member Bruce Dale; also an Army Paratrooper and have now been passed along to yet another generation of paratrooper.

Pictured are Sgt Ed Isbell and Bruce/ Peyton Dale at Airborne graduation ceremony.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 OFFICERS



CARY AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 OFFICERS 2023-2024

POSITION	NAME	PHONE#	EMAIL
Commander	Dennis Tackett	703-340-9941	commander.alncpost67@gmail.com
Adjutant	Richard Spyrison	919-441-8295	adjutant.alncpost67@gmail.com
1 st Vice Commander	Wayne Leazer	919-319-9062	mleazer32@gmail.com
2 nd Vice Commander	David Christiansen	919-650-3848	dchristi7@gmail.com
3 rd Vice Commander	Curtis Leary	919-270-2136	gssi36@earthlink.net
Finance Officer	Elizabeth Russell	919-302-2518	finance.alncpost67@gmail.com
Service Officer	Lee Wood	843-301-9663	lwoodhhi@aol.com
Chaplain	Marie Faulkner	919-851-9838	calebfaulkner@bellsouth.net
Judge Advocate	John Ferdinando	919-469-5214	anna81mill@yahoo.com
Sgt-At-Arms	Bruce Dale	919-602-7393	advracin@hotmail.com
Historian	Demita Passley	984-332-2269	historian.alncpost67@gmail.com
At-Large	Joe Veilleux	919-454-3348	joeveilleux@gmail.com
At-Large	John Leonard	919-696-6768	johnleonardnc@gmail.com

"LEADERSHIP IS SOLVING PROBLEMS. EVERY DAY LEADERS ARE FACED WITH A SERIES OF GREAT OR SMALL CHALLENGES. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO FIND WAYS OF RESOLVING THEM." - GENERAL COLIN POWELL



Wake County Veterans Services

Need help navigating the complex world of veteran's services?

Wake County's Veterans Service Division can assist eligible veterans, dependents and/or surviving spouses, children of deceased veterans, members of the Reserve, National Guard, and active-duty service members in two major ways:

- ✓ Veteran homelessness, prevention and housing support
- ✓ Assistance applying for benefits and services from the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (NC DMVA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Our Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are highly trained and accredited. VSOs can assist with:

- Disability and compensation benefits
- VA healthcare enrollment
- Survivor and dependent benefits
- VA home loans
- DMV tags
- Employment
- Housing
- Legal assistance
- Discharge upgrades
- DD-214/military records request
- And more!



Wake County Veterans Service Division

4401 Bland Road
Raleigh, NC 27609



919-212-8356



wake.gov/veterans



Walk-ins welcome but appointments are strongly encouraged.

Are you experiencing a housing crisis?

Contact the Raleigh/Wake Partnership Access Hub to get connected to services such as emergency shelter, street outreach and financial assistance programs to prevent homelessness.



919-443-0096



AH@partnershipwake.org



Any additional questions related to veteran housing services can contact 919-856-5250.

CARY AMERICAN LEGION
POST 67

INVITES
ALL MILITARY VETERANS

Veteran Appreciation ★ ★ ★

BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

0800 - 1000

RSVP by May 3rd

via email to:

post67.rsvp@gmail.com

FREE ADMISSION

8523 CHAPEL HILL ROAD
CARY, NC

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IMPORTANT DATES

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It's that time of year again! On May 25th, 2024, we will once again be at the Bass Pro Shop, North Harrison Street to celebrate for our annual Poppy Day Fundraiser.

The 'Veterans Bridge Home' Women's Veteran Coffee event at the Joel Fund at 822 S. White Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587 is set to recognize Women Veterans on April 26th at 9:00 AM.

TJF
The Joel Fund

VETERANS BRIDGE HOME

Porter Insurance USA
Veteran-owned insurance solutions

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WOMEN VETERANS

Coffee & Conversation

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH | 9AM-11AM

GUEST SPEAKER
Brooke Dickhart
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE JOEL FUND

Join us for an educational and networking event that is in a safe, secure and welcoming environment for all women veterans, spouses and supporters. This month's guest speaker is Brooke Dickhart, Executive Director of the Joel Fund. Brooke started The Joel Fund (TJF) in honor of her father who was a Navy SEAL for twenty years. Her father served four tours in Vietnam, was in SEAL Team Two and was a plank owner (original member) of SEAL Team Six. In 2014, Brooke's dad passed away after a long battle with PTSD, substance abuse, and depression. Brooke channeled her strong desire to help others like her dad and her frustration with the lack of treatment options available to veterans into creating The Joel Fund. Brooke brings her knowledge of entrepreneurship and personal experience to TJF in an effort to educate others about the hardships faced by our veterans.

THE JOEL FUND
822 S. WHITE STREET SUITE 106
WAKE FOREST, NC 27587

Register Today [HTTPS://RB.GY/X1XQLS](https://rb.gy/x1xqls)

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 67 WORKSHOP



NATIONAL POPPY DAY

National Poppy Day is almost upon us. On May 25th, 2024, we will once again be at the Bass Pro Shop, North Harrison Street for our annual Poppy Day Fundraiser. Volunteers are needed and sign-up information will be coming out in a couple of weeks. We welcome and encourage the Legionnaires to join us as many of you have in past years. Put this on your calendar.

The Wednesday workshop has completed the spring cards and have sent 720 handmade cards to VA Health Care Facilities in Durham, Fayetteville, Asheville, Salisbury. We also Kinston Veterans Nursing Home, and The Veterans Life Center in Butner.

We have started our summer and patriotic themed cards for distribution in June.

If you wish to join us, we would love to have you. We meet every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm and even if you don't know anything about making cards you are welcome to join us for a good time.

Jo Spyrison
Poppy Day Chairman

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CHUCK ROAST DINNER AT POST 67



Sign Up To Bring Your Side Dish Here!

For Dinner on Tuesday we are providing Chuck Roast and asking members to bring a side dish, dessert, appetizer, drinks, etc. to share! Please see the sign-up sheet below. We are also expecting guests and a speaker at our dinner/meeting!

**DINNER AT POST 67
APRIL 9, 2024 6:00PM
GENERAL MEETING 7:00PM**

**BRING A SIDE DISH, APPETIZER,
DESSERT, DRINKS**



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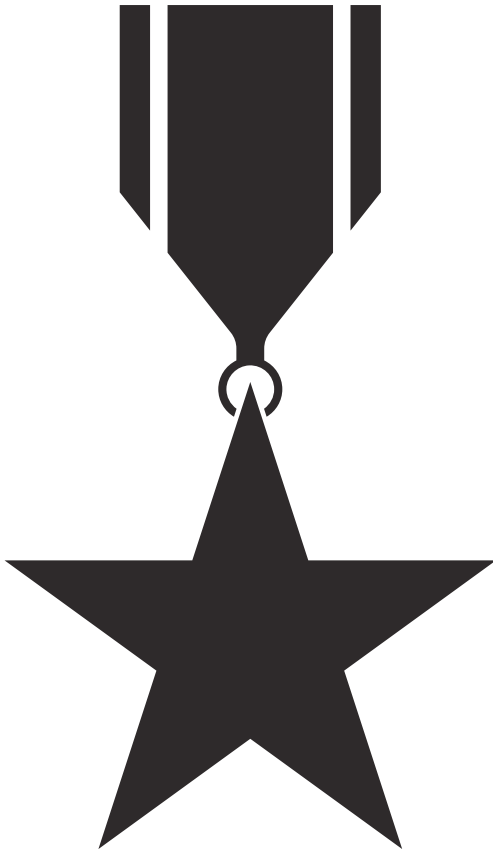
NOMINEES FOR CARY AL POST 67

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I want to share the proposed nominees for Officers of our Post next fiscal year. These are the people that volunteered or were asked to fill that position by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee believes that this is a great slate of Officers. We will vote for the Officers for 2024-2025 in June. As you can see, we do not have a volunteer for the Finance Officer yet. We are working hard to find Liz's replacement. If you are trustworthy and have experience balancing a checking account, and want to be on the Post Executive Committee, let's talk.

Dennis Tackett

Commander, American Legion 67

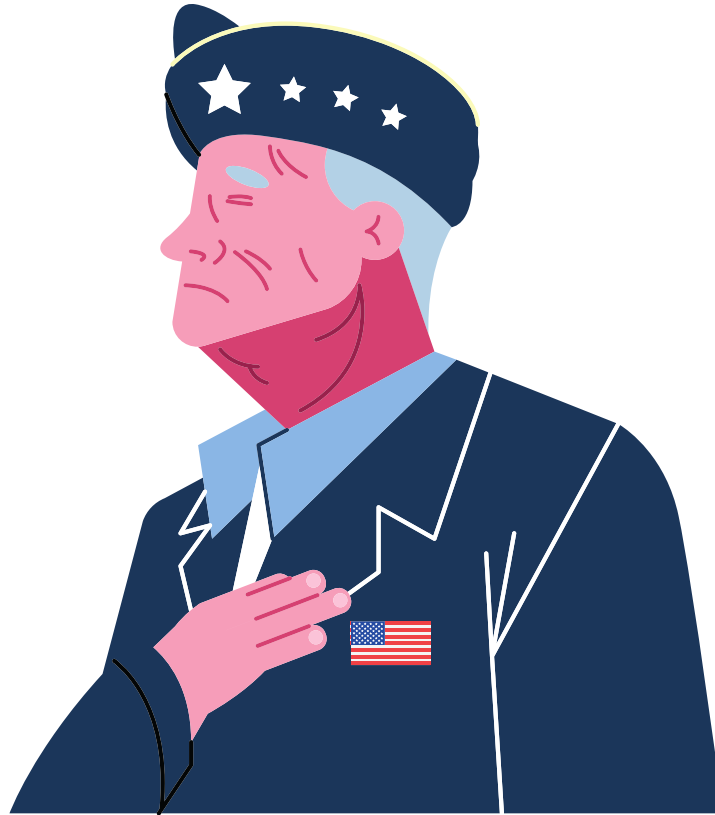


Nominees for Cary AL Post 67 PEC 2024-2025	
Position	Nominee
Commander	Lee Wood
Adjutant	Don Sharp
1st Vice Commander	Bill Slater
2nd Vice Commander	Dave Christiansen
Finance Officer	
Service Officer	Ray Martin
Chaplain	Marie Faulkner
Parliamentarian	Randy Jones
Sgt-At-Arms	Bruce Dale
Historian	Demita Passley
At-Large	Joe Veilleux
At-Large	John Leonard

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PURPOSE AND MISSION

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Purpose and Mission of The American Legion

As the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, the American Legion is devoted to mutual helpfulness, and is committed to:

- Mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities,
- Advocating patriotism and honor,
- Promoting strong national security,
- Continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.



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FINAL WORDS

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS AND A SEASON OF SERVICE

As the days lengthen and the promise of spring fills the air, American Legion Post #67 is excited to usher in a new month filled with opportunities for service, connection, and growth.

April brings with it a renewed sense of energy, mirroring the spirit of the American Legion itself. It's a time to honor the legacies of those who served, to welcome new members into our ranks, and to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening our communities.

As we move through April, let's embrace the season of growth by actively participating in upcoming events, connecting with fellow veterans and families, and continuing the American Legion's legacy of service. Together, we can make a positive impact in our communities and ensure a brighter future for veterans and their families.

In Service,

The American Legion