



# The Howler

Cary American Legion Post 67, (October 2022)



## Commander's Corner:

It's hard to believe that October is already here. This year is going by very fast for me. I hope that you are well and safe. I also hope that you weathered Hurricane Ian well. If you need anything, please let us know. We are here for you!

We had a very nice First Responder Dinner on September 10th. Thanks to all that supported and helped with this event. Special thanks to the Auxiliary Unit 67 for the cake and decorating the Post. Pictures are on page 5.

Members of the Post supported an Eagle Scout project. Vincent (Vinnie) Rudzki designed and built a Post Flag Retirement drop box as his Eagle Scout Project. More about this in the Americanism section of this Howler.

The Building and Grounds Committee led by Ray Martin with help from Jared Martin has been busy ensuring our building is in good repair. The Post porch railing was repaired and painted. The roof has a bow in it and it was

evaluated by a roofing company and we are waiting for an estimate and to see if it needs repair. The committee along with the Ways and Means Committee is also looking for estimates to repair the driveways and parking area. Please thank Ray and Jared for their work on keeping us in good repair.

We had a very successful fundraising event at Chicken Salad Chick on October 5th. Chicken Salad Chick donated 10% of their proceeds to our Post. We also had a donation jar there. We received a total of more than \$1,300.

The Post has been asked by the coordinator of the Town of Cary Veterans Day Luncheon if we could perform the presentation of colors and the presentation of the service flags, on November 4th. Prior to COVID we did this for several years and it was very impressive. If you are going to the luncheon (registration required) and would like to help please let our Adjutant, Richard, know.

The Department Fall Conference will be held October 27-29, 2022 at the North Raleigh Hilton.

The Wake County Council of Veterans Organizations is presenting the 2022 NC Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 5th. The parade will start at 9:30am and will proceed on W. Lenoir St. and move up Fayetteville St. to the Old Capital Building. The

Veterans Day Ceremony will be held shortly after the parade ends at the north side of the Capital Building. Everyone is invited.

The PEC voted to have our Christmas Party on December 3rd at 3:00pm at our Post facility. Please plan on attending. More to come.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Commander.

Dennis Tackett  
Commander

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### Memorial

Richard Bloom, a member of our Post, passed away peacefully with his wife and three children at his bedside on September 30, 2022. He was 92 years old.

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### Post Chaplain

Chaplain Marie wanted to make sure each of you got this information—please click on link for new information on the Family Caregiver Program:

[Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregiver program expansion - VA News](#)

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### ADJUTANTS CALL

I would like to update everyone on our membership drive for 2023. American Legion Post 67, as of 28 September 2022, has achieved 59.78% renewals for 2023. I would like to thank everyone who has help us reach this goal. For those who have not renewed yet please do so by December of this year, if possible.

I would like to remind everyone, and I know I am repeating this, but the Town of

Cary Veterans' luncheon is coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. You must register to secure a place at the table. Space is limited due to early voting and there will be no walk in accepted. As of October 6, 2022, there are only 21 spots remaining. It will be held at Prestonwood Country Club this year.

To register go to [mycary.org](http://mycary.org) or call [Cary Senior Center 919-469-4081](tel:919-469-4081).

**Don't delay or you may not be able to get in.**

We have been asked to provide the Honor Color Guard and presentation of service flags at the luncheon. We will need volunteers to assist with this. There will be 5 service flags and 5 for the Honor Color Guard.

Below is an excerpt from an email I received from Wake County Commissioner Vickie Adamson regarding Operation Green Light. The Wake County Roll out is Monday, October 3, 2022, when the press release is put out. Governor Cooper will be at the Veterans Day Parade on November 5<sup>th</sup> to read the proclamation he is signing. What we are asking is for you place a green light bulb in your porch light or a light in a window to honor and bring awareness to our veterans' issues.

**“This is a national collaborative to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges that veterans and their families face. We plan for this to be an annual Wake County event.**

**We will be lighting County Buildings green between November 7 and November 11 to honor those who have served. The Governor is joining us lighting the Capital and Mansion green during the week leading up to Veter-**

ans Day.

**I am encouraging all cities, towns, private businesses, and organizations to light their buildings green to show support of our Veterans. This can be as simple as placing a green light bulb in an outside light, placing a lamp with a green light in a window or lighting an entire building green.**

**The national Sponsor is Amazon, and the NC Sponsor is Lowe's Hardware who will be offering green light bulbs at a discount.**

**Will you join me in getting the word out to our businesses and organizations."**

The following are several websites with more information on the Operation Green Light.

<https://www.wakegov.com/operation-greenlight>

<https://www.naco.org/resources/operation-green-light-veterans-county-toolkit>

<https://www.ncacc.org/operation-green-light/>

Let's turn Cary, Morrisville, and Raleigh Green in November.

Richard Spyrison  
Adjutant

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### AMERICANISM

From the 2nd Vice Commander, David Christiansen:

The Post Oratorical Contest will take place at the Cary Chamber of Commerce facility on January 14, 2023 beginning at 2:30 PM. The post winner will be one of the contestants at the District 11 contest. The place and

time for this contest is TBD. The Division 3 contest is scheduled for noon on February 11, 2023 at the Chapel Hill American Legion Post 6 facility.

Vincent "Vinnie" Rudzki presented his idea for his Eagle Scout project to the PEC at the September meeting. His project was unanimously approved. He designed and built a Post Flag Retirement Drop Box. The box is located on the side of the Post building. Thanks to all who supported this project. You are invited to use this Flag Retirement Drop. Here are some pictures by Ray Martin:



Vincent (Vinnie) Rudzki with the 2nd Vice Commander, David Christiansen







Vinnie's team works on the Post Flag Retirement Box. Michael Pitney - Life to Eagle Coach, Patti Ripple - Troop Committee Member, Patrick Ripple - Scout, Jimmy McNamara - Friend/ High School student , Fred Pollaci - Assistant Scout Master



Post Flag Retirement Box, Front View



Post Flag Retirement Box, Side View



Vinnie with Pamela Wheatle Vinnie's Mom & Troop Committee member, Nicolle Pollaci - Vinnie's Eagle Coach. Fred Pollaci - Assistant Scout Master, Post Flag Retirement Box





## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

From the Post Service Officer, Gene Meyle:

Please see the latest Veterans Benefits Newsletter at this link:

[Veterans Benefits Newsletter | October 2022 \(govdelivery.com\)](http://govdelivery.com)

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

From the Sgt-At-Arms, Ray Martin:

The front porch railing had some dry rot so Jared Martin (SAL Commander) and I (Ray Martin) repaired it.

Annual A/C inspection was accomplished on October 5th.

The roof has a bow in it. It was inspected by a roofing company on October 5th and we are waiting for an estimate for repair.

A **BIG THANKS** again to Frank Stancil for cutting grass and cleaning weeds around post last week....(ALL SUMMER!)



Sgt-At-Arms, Ray Martin staining rail

## First Responders Dinner

Post 67's First Responders Dinner was held on September 10. Awards were presented to the three First Responder Units that provide service to the Cary area. Officer Andrew Reuther of the Cary Police Department, Engineer Tyler Riva of the Cary Fire Department, and District Chief Marion Houle were the First Responders chosen to receive the American Legion award. Plaques, certificates and challenge coins were awarded to each Responder .

(Pictures by Barry Biagini)



District Chief Marion Houle, Officer Andrew Reuther, and Engineer Tyler Riva were the First Responders awarded at the Annual First Responders Dinner



Cake provided by the Auxiliary

## No Cost Flu Shots for Eligible Veterans

Eligible Veterans can get a no-cost flu shot from a nearby VA clinic or within their community. To find a flu shot near you, visit our [VA locator](#). You can choose a nearby VA facility or one of 70,000 in-network pharmacy or urgent care locations nationwide. Simply type in your ZIP code.

For more information go to:

[No-cost VA flu shots for eligible Veterans - VA News](#)

## Past Post Commander Awarded

Past Post Commander Shelton Faircloth was awarded a plaque for his service as Commander of Post 67 between 2017-2019 at the September General meeting. He was also presented a clock for his service.



Past Commander Shelton Faircloth is awarded for his service.

(Picture by Barry Biagini)

## Chicken Salad Chick Fundraiser

The Post held a fundraiser at Chicken Salad Chick at the Waverly Place Shopping Center in Cary. Chicken Salad Chick donated 10% of all sales to Post 67. Chicken Salad Chick had a great day and will be providing the Cary American Legion with a check for \$779. Adding that to the \$522.01 that was put into the donation jar we will end up with \$1301.01 for the day. Please eat at Chicken Salad Chick. Veterans receive 10% off every day.



Second Vice Commander, David Christiansen at Chicken Salad Chick



Third Vice Commander, Curtis Leary tabling at Chicken Salad Chick



# More Pictures from September—October





**Post 67 Officers & Phone Numbers:**

Dennis Tackett, Post Cmdr.: 919-703-9941  
Richard Spyrison, Post Adjutant: 919-441-8295  
Ernest Long, 1st Vice Cmdr.:  
David Christiansen, 2nd Vice Cmdr.:919-650-3848  
Curtis Leary, 3rd Vice Cmdr.: 919-270-2136  
Liz Russell, Finance Officer: 919-302-2518  
Ray Martin, Sgt-At-Arms: 919-481-4811  
Tim Kenny, Athletic Officer: 919-481-4811—X7  
Marie Faulkner, Post Chaplain: 919-851-9838  
Eugene Meyle, Post Service Officer: 417-234-7608  
Dennis Tackett, Post Historian: 703-340-9941  
Adelfo Campos, At-Large: 540-246-7151

**Post 67 Home Address:**

8523 Chapel Hill Rd., Cary, NC 27513  
Post Home Phone: 919-481-4811  
Post Home Web Page: <https://www.alncpost67.org>  
Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/alncpost67.org>  
Cary Post 67 Legion Baseball:  
<https://www.carypost67baseball.com/>

**Post 67 Meeting date and time:**

Second Tuesday of each month starting 7:00 PM at the Post Home with dinner starting around 6:00 PM. The Post Executive Committee (PEC) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Post Home. Members are invited to come and speak of any concerns or recommendations concerning Legion business at that time. Post meetings may be held using Zoom from time to time due to the virus and guidelines, so be on the lookout for announcements via email. If you need assistance in setting up your computer or tablet for Zoom meetings, please contact a PEC member.

Editor: Dennis Tackett  
Articles should be sent to Dennis no later than the Thursday morning following our PEC meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month.  
[dennistackettpost67@gmail.com](mailto:dennistackettpost67@gmail.com)

**New Post 67 Members:** To all new Post 67 members, thank you for joining. You are encouraged to purchase Legion hats and shirts from Emblem Sales so when we are at Legion meetings or taking part in a Community activity, you will be in uniform. For Color Guard, Rifle Detail, funerals, and other more formal activities, the uniform will be your Legion hat, gray pants, white shirt, and blue jacket with tie, black shoes and socks. At other times the Legion hat, a polo or golf type shirt with the Legion emblem is worn by most Legionnaires. This may be called Business Casual dress. **Emblem Sales** can be reached at <https://www.legion.org/promos/230360/shop-online> Need help, contact a PEC member.

**TRICARE Pharmacy Network Shrinking**

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) has announced that beginning Oct. 24, 2022, thousands of community pharmacies will leave the TRICARE network. Express Scripts Inc. (ESI) is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor with oversight of home delivery, military pharmacy and civilian contract facilities. Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies are among those leaving the network. It is recommended that beneficiaries contact their pharmacy to see if it will remain in network. DHA estimates that almost 400,000 beneficiaries, or roughly 4 percent of the TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries, will be impacted by the change.

Impacted beneficiaries will receive a letter from ESI with a list of alternative in-network pharmacies. Walgreens, Rite Aid, and CVS will remain in the network as will many grocery store pharmacies and smaller chains. Network pharmacies also can be found using this [online search tool](#). DHA notes that beneficiaries can file a claim for a partial reimbursement for the cost of their medication when filling at a non-network pharmacy. For more information, [go online](#).



JOIN US FOR CARY'S ANNUAL

# Veterans LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

## “Lunch for the Brave: Serving & Honoring our Veterans”

Please join us on Friday, November 4 at 11:30 a.m. as we celebrate and honor our veterans with a delicious catered lunch and presentation.

Registration starts August 1(R) & August 15(NR) but ends October 28, register via [mycary.org](http://mycary.org) or by calling the Cary Senior Center (919) 469-4081. *Please note: space is limited and each person must register. Please contact Stefanie Nichols via contact points below if you need a vegetarian meal option or have a group registration.*

Any questions? Please contact Stefanie Nichols ([stefanie.nichols@townofcary.org](mailto:stefanie.nichols@townofcary.org)).

<https://www.townofcary.org/recreation-enjoyment/events/holiday-events/annual-veteran-s-luncheon>





# VETERANS DAY

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HONORING ALL  
WHO SERVED  
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The Wake County Council of Veterans Organizations presents..

## 2022 NC Veteran's Day Parade

Saturday November 5th, 2022

Registration is now open at [www.ncveteransparade.com](http://www.ncveteransparade.com)

**Parade Line-up will start at 8:30 AM,  
The parade will start at 9:30AM.**

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held shortly after the parade ends, at the north side of the Capital Building in downtown Raleigh. Parade will start at W. Lenoir St and move up Fayetteville Street to the Old Capital Building.

**Everyone is welcome to  
celebrate our veterans**

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HONORING AND  
SERVING VETERANS



Join Wake County in  
shining a light on  
**the service of veterans!**



**Nov. 7 – 13, 2022**

#OperationGreenlight  
**wakegov.com/greenlight**

## What is Operation Greenlight?

Operation Green Light is a new, national collaborative initiative to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges they may face.



Wake County buildings will be lighting up green during the week of Nov. 7 – 13, and we encourage businesses and residents to do the same – change one light bulb in your business or house to a green bulb.

This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

## When should I go green?

Operation Greenlight is  
happening **Nov. 7 – 13, 2022!**

## Where can I learn more?

Visit [wakegov.com/greenlight](http://wakegov.com/greenlight)  
for more information and links to  
resources available to veterans.



#OperationGreenlight  
**wakegov.com/greenlight**

# NORTH CAROLINA VETERAN ART SHOW



NOVEMBER 10TH - 13TH

TOBACCO WOOD BREWING CO  
2500 MERIDIAN PARKWAY  
DURHAM, NC 27713

## CALL FOR ART

CALLING ALL NORTH CAROLINA VETERAN ARTISTS!

SCAN THE CODE

-OR-

VISIT [THEJOELFUND.ORG/NC-VETERAN-ART-SHOW/](http://THEJOELFUND.ORG/NC-VETERAN-ART-SHOW/)





## Important Dates

October 11, 6:15pm Dinner with Girls State attendees, 7:00pm General Meeting

October 27-29, Department Fall Conference, North Raleigh Hilton

November 1, 6:30pm PEC Meeting

November 4, 11:30am Town of Cary Veterans Luncheon

November 5, 9:00am NC Veterans Day Parade (Downtown Raleigh-8:30am Line-up)

November 7-13, Operation **Green Light**

November 8, 6:15pm Dinner, 7:00pm General Meeting

November 11, Veterans Day Observance, Cary Veterans Freedom Park

## 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.

### Mission

"To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

### Vision

Veterans Strengthening America