



The Howler

Cary American Legion Post 67, (December 2023)



Commander's Corner:

Welcome to the December 2023 edition of The Howler.

The General Meeting and Christmas Party was held on December 9th at the Post Home. We had a great meal and fun with our gift exchange. I want to thank Chaplain Marie and Bruce & Jill Dale for their leadership in obtaining food and drink for the event. I also want to thank the Auxiliary for decorating the Post and providing dessert for the event. Joyce Bassett was the lead of the group and did a great job. Thanks to her! Pictures will follow.

The Post Executive Committee (PEC) held their meeting on December 5th. The PEC voted to recommend that the Post accept a proposal to fix our driveway and parking area. I sent an email to Post members to see if there were any objections of doing this needed work.

Our security system is up and running well. We are using Simplisafe to provide us with video of the Post. We are learning how the system works and determining if we require more devices.

We will have an Initiation Ceremony at our January meeting. If you haven't been Initiated into the American Legion and want to be part of this Ceremony, please let me know as soon as you can. I need to order materials for the Ceremony.

We have started the process of asking members if they are interested in being a member of the PEC next fiscal year. The term will be from July 2024 to June 2025. We will need

replacement for many of the positions. I will create a list soon, but if you are interested in a position look at the list of PEC officers and let me know. I would like to have people shadow the current PEC member, so they will be up to speed by July. If you would like a description of any position, please let me know.

I need to step down from being the Commander at the end of June. I also need someone with Microsoft Word experience to become our Historian and edit the Howler. Richard has stated that he will need to step down from being Adjutant. Liz, our Finance Officer will also step down next year. There will be other positions open.

Thank you for letting me be your Commander!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dennis



Adjutants Howler Call for December 2023

Membership report

As of December 2nd, 2023, Post 67 has 78.45% retained members. If you have not renewed your membership yet, remember you can do this online at MyLeagion.org or send a check for \$45.00 to the post.

I bring the membership cards to the General Meeting.

If you have a question about membership and renewals or a problem please let me know at adjutant.alncpost67@gmail.com.

Richard Spyrison, Adjutant

1st VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone who helped at the food drive on 15 November. We collected 4 truckloads of food for Dorcas and \$601.40 in cash/check donations. Dorcas was very grateful for the donations to help those during this holiday season.

Buddy checks will start at the end of January or early February. I am looking for volunteers to help call post members. If you have a phone, you can help check on your fellow legionnaires.

If you would like to help please reach out to me directly at 919-319-9062 or mleazer32@gmail.com.

Happy holidays from our family to yours.

Thank you,

First Vice Commander, M. Wayne Leazer

AMERICANISM

Cary High School Air Rifle Team registration for the Legion JSSP/CMP national competition is complete. Targets for the three-position competition and CMP instructions have been delivered to the high school.

Announcements and promotional materials have been delivered to various high school administrators and individuals regarding the 2024 oratorical contest. The Third Vice Commander has also been involved in publicizing this youth program. Curtis Leary has made it possible for us to hold the Post oratorical contest at the Cary Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, January 6, 2024. The contest will be scheduled to begin at 10 AM, with setup and staff briefings at 9:30. All volunteers who perform staff functions for the oratorical contest are required to take an annual background check and pass a youth protection video exam.

The Cary High School NJROTC put on an outstanding display of leadership and precision drill before a large audience attending the annual pass-in-review ceremony. A significant number of the cadets received awards, new assignments, and promotions.

2nd Vice Commander

David Christensen



Changes to your TRICARE prescription drug copayments in 2024

Copayment changes for your prescription drugs will go into effect January 1, 2024. Copayments will change at TRICARE Home Delivery and retail network pharmacies. There is still a \$0 copay for prescriptions filled at military pharmacies.

Why the change?

Congress determined this change to prescription drug copayments in the Fiscal Year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act. Your prescription copayments vary based on where you fill your prescription and on the prescription's formulary status (generic, brand-name, or non-formulary).

If you are an active-duty service member (ADSM), you will continue to have \$0 copays for covered drugs at military pharmacies, retail network pharmacies and TRICARE Home Delivery. Copayments for dependent survivors of ADSMs and medically retired service members and their dependents will remain the same.

What are the copayment changes as of January 1, 2024?

TRICARE Home Delivery (Up to a 90-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$12 to \$13
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$34 to \$38
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$68 to \$76

Retail network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply)

- Generic formulary drugs will increase from \$14 to \$16
- Brand-name formulary drugs will increase from \$38 to \$43*
- Non-formulary drugs will increase from \$68 to \$76*

Non-network pharmacies (Up to a 30-day supply) for non-TRICARE Prime plan

- Generic formulary drugs and brand-name formulary drugs will cost \$43 (up from \$38) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible.
- Non-formulary drugs will cost \$76 (up from \$68) or 20% of the total cost, whichever is more, after you meet your annual deductible.

Beneficiaries with a TRICARE Prime plan will pay a 50% copayment after meeting the point-of-service deductibles.

INFORMATION FOR NEW POST MEMBERS

To all new Post 67 members, thank you for joining. We encourage you 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 usually worn by most Legionnaires. This may be called Business Casual dress. **Emblem Sales:** <https://www.legion.org/promos/230360/shop-online> If you need help, contact a PEC member.

POST 67 MEETINGS

We hold the monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm at the Post. Usually, we have dinner at 6:00 pm before the monthly meeting.

The Post Executive Committee (PEC) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Post Home. We encourage members to come and speak of any concerns or recommendations concerning Post business at that time.

We may need to hold Post meetings using virtual meet from time to time, due to the viruses 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.

POST 67 HOME INFORMATION

8523 Chapel Hill Rd., Cary, NC 27513

Post Home Phone: 919-481-4811

Post Home Web & Facebook Page:

<https://www.alncpost67.org> Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/alncpost67.org>

2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES











TOWN OF CARY VETERANS LUNCHEON PICTURES





CARY AMERICAN LEGION POST 67 OFFICERS 2023-2024

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3 rd Vice Commander	Curtis Leary	919-270-2136	gssi36@earthlink.net
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At-Large			





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.

Important Dates

Dec 17, 12:00pm Wreaths Across America Hillcrest Cemetery

Jan 2, 6:30pm PEC meeting

Jan 9, 6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm General Meeting

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

