



The Howler

Cary American Legion Post 67, (Feb. 2022)



Commander's Corner:

Valentines Day 2022 is just a few days away. It's time tell our loved ones how much they mean to us. As veterans we have spent many days, months or even years away from our loved ones. We need to say thank you in a special way.

The PEC voted at the February meeting to purchase a new ice machine for the post building. This should be in place prior to the baseball season getting under way.

Our February General meeting will be on Zoom on next Tuesday the 8th. A flyer for the link is attached to the Howler. There will be no General meeting for March.

As you may remember the Veterans Experience Action Center (flyer attached) is around the corner, March 17th, 18th, 19th. We will need your help. The link to the volunteer signup is attached. We are

grateful for your time for this event. Many of you volunteered in September 2019 and want to return. On the signup link there is a comment box, please tell us about any physical limitations. Also, the hours are in three shifts. If you are not sure on when you can help don't sign up. But if you find that you can give us a few hours one day or several days please join us. We will put you to work. On the 12th of March from 10am to 12 noon we will have a volunteer training session. More to come as we get closer.

I hope that we will be able to meet in person for our April General meeting. We will be discussing the Officers' positions that are available and asking for volunteers for these positions. It's important to step up and assume a position to keep the Cary American Legion Post 67 active in the community with our programs.

Thanks everyone, continue to be safe and healthy. See you Tuesday night on Zoom.

Your Commander,

Richard



Post Chaplain's Corner

"Moments in Life"

1. There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real! So cherish them while they are with you.

2. When the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one which has been opened for us.

3. Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.
Find the one that makes your heart smile.

4. Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

5. May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you humble and enough hope to make you happy.

6. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

7. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past. You can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

8. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. So live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

9. Don't count the years-count the memories.....Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take; but by the moments that take our breath away!

Have a wonderful day and may God's Blessings be with you always!

Your Post Chaplain,
Marie Faulkner



Public Relations Corner:

I have been actively working on the District 11 Oratorical Contest as I was asked to be the District Oratorical Chair due to circumstances that I won't go into at this time. I want to thank those Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from Post 67 and Unit 67 that volunteered to make this contest happen. By the time you read this the contest may be over depending on how soon this newsletter gets published. We have two contestants, one from Post 67 and Post 124. If the contest is not over by the time you get this, you are encouraged to attend the contest. After all, it is our contestant competing for the \$25K scholarship. I also want to thank Westwood Baptist Church for allowing us to hold the District Contest in the Fellowship Hall and the use of class rooms for the contestants at no cost.

This is indeed a community service that we appreciate. Post 67 will be responsible for holding the District 11 High School Oratorical Contest and you are encouraged to attend. After all, we do have a contestant taking part for our Post. Now is the time to show our support by attending. Wear your Legion cap and bring a mask to wear.

Date: Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Place: Westwood Baptist Church, 200 Westhigh St., Cary

Time: Doors open at 0900 and the contest is scheduled to start at 1000 hours. Once the contest speakers starts, the doors will be closed to the contest room until the speaker is finished.

Eye Opener Breakfast at Prestonwood Country Club is February 23 at 0730 but you have to register on the Chambers web page at <https://web.carychamber.com/events?oe=true> at a cost of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. We are members. Breakfast buffet so eat all you want. Subject is the RDU Airport and its future.

The VEAC is fast approaching so we are working with local businesses trying to get donations like we have done in the past. So far most businesses have responded positively but two major business have not; a little disappointed but we still have time.

Curtis Leary

Post Public Relations Officer

Post Service Officer Corner:

Please use the following link or the QR code to view the February 2022 Veterans Benefits Newsletter. Articles include information on how to file a claim for military exposure, how to obtain free tax preparation, etc. Please let me know if you have any benefit questions.

Eugene Meyle,

Post Service Officer

[Veterans Benefits Newsletter | February 2022 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)



Department Mid-Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 17-19, 2022 at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the toll-free number for reservations. You must specifically state you are with The American Legion. The room rate was \$109/night plus tax. The cutoff date for reservations at this rate was January 20, 2022.

2022 Department Convention & Conference Dates

Convention: June 9-12, 2022

Fall Conference: October 27-29, 2022



February 4th was the official birthday of the organization known as [United Service Organizations](https://www.uso.org/) or USO. The USO has been a fixture in military life for more than seven decades. Founded in 1941, the agency is a private, not-for-profit organization working in cooperation with the Department of Defense. USO facilities are open to all with current, unexpired military ID cards including dependents and retirees. But you do not have to be associated with the military in order to volunteer or help out with the USO mission. You can learn more about USO facilities and volunteer opportunities at the [USO official site](https://www.uso.org/). Today the USO offers help for military families including being an emergency contact resource for troops stationed overseas. If there is a death in the family or other crisis, family members can contact troops stationed overseas via the USO and get financial assistance with travel back home to attend funeral services, be present for sick or injured loved ones, and more.

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Post 67 Meeting date and time:

Second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 PM at the Post Home. 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.

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JOKES of the Month

1. As a group of soldiers stood in formation on an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said "All right! All you idiots fallout." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention. The Drill Sergeant walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him. The soldier smiled and said "Sure were a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"
2. Confucius say : "Balloon factory will go out of business if it can't keep up with inflation."
3. "Man is the only animal that blushes...or needs to." Mark Twain

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.



True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.



Your Commander Richard Spyrison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting of the Cary American Legion Post 67

Topic: Cary American Legion Post 67 February meeting
Time: Feb 8, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81832580140?pwd=bUE2NOYvcTJSzczlyMmVkSWIHd2tlZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 3258 0140

Passcode: 277436

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81832580140>





VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER

VETERANS BENEFITS LIVE VA IN MY TOWN CARY, NC

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS EVENT

Should any of the following apply :

- You would like to file a new claim with the VA.
- You have questions about VA appeals or benefits to which you may be entitled.
- You have questions about VA healthcare.

Veterans and dependents will be assisted by a combined team including Veterans' Benefits and Health Administrators, Vet Center, and Veterans' Service Officers.

They will assist with the following:
Face-to-face explanation and assistance facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals, filing new claims, and accepting all claims-related evidence for processing and providing information regarding benefit related VA programs.

Who: All veterans and family members of veterans

Where: Herbert Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary, North Carolina 27513

When: 17th, 18th, 19th of March 2022.
Hours on Thursday from 9 am to 3pm, Friday from 8 am to 3pm, and Saturday 8 am to 2 pm.

Please bring with you the proper documentation about your case: DD 214, all medical records about your disability both military and civilian, and dependency documents if new or not already provided to the VA.

Wait times may be long, please be patient.
Coffee, water, and snacks provided free of charge.

For more information contact Richard Spyrison at CaryVEAC@gmail.com



I WANT YOU

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE
VETERANS EXPERIENCE
ACTION CENTER

Va Benefits Live in Cary NC
March 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th

VOLUNTEER

Scan the QR code to the Sign up



Or click on the link below
<https://bit.ly/3op2wSx>

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Important Dates

Feb 5, 10:00am Oratorical Contest, Westwood Baptist Church, Cary (doors open at 9:00)

Feb 8, 7:00pm General Meeting, Zoom

Feb 17, 7:00pm VEAC –VA Benefits Live Committee Meeting

Mar 1, 6:30pm PEC Meeting

Mar 8, 7:00pm General Meeting

Mar 17-19, VEAC-VA Benefits Live, Herb Young Community Center, Cary, NC (Need volunteers, setup on Mar 16th)

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

“Veterans are a symbol of what makes our nation great, and we must never forget all they have done to ensure our freedom.”

—RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN



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