



American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC
FEBRUARY 14th, 2019 Officers Meeting MINUTES
Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

Call to Order: at 1300, Commander

Officers/Chairs Present:

Dale Todd, Commander _x_
Dan Dodge, Adjutant _x_
Elliott Koppel, Financial Officer _x_
Lane Adrian, Service Officer _x_
John Marone, Logistics Officer _x_
Post Historian ___

Jim Zelenski, 1st Vice Commander _x_
Art Dietrich, 2nd Vice Commander _x_
Brian Danielson, Chaplain ___
Richard Fry, Public Affairs ___
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms _x_
Dan Fortini, Membership _x_

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Lou Tranzillo, Exec Com. _x_
Jim Thompson ___
Greg Miller ___

UPDATES ON CURRENT ITEMS and NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speakers for upcoming membership meeting:

FEBRUARY: Heather Holbrook – BEMC: Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.
20 minute presentation on BEMC commitment to the Community

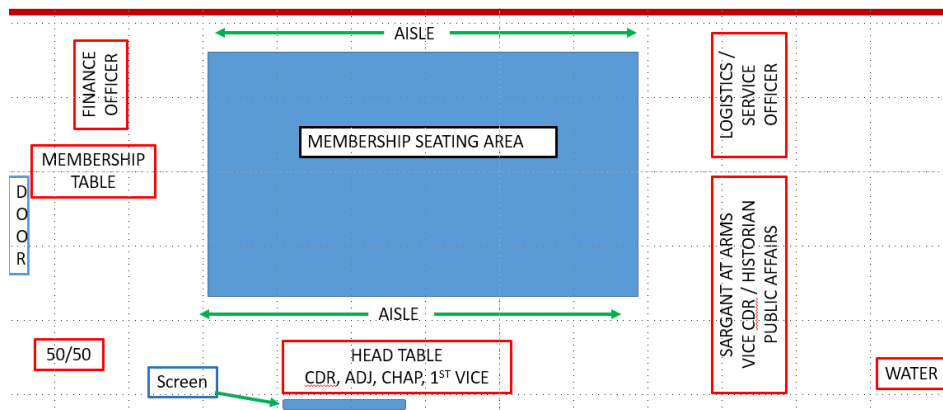
>> We also reviewed upcoming speakers for March, May and June.

PRIMARY TOPICS:

1. Constitution and By-Law updates
 - a. 2nd review with MEMBERSHIP
 - b. Hold vote in March
 - c. Richard Fry has supplied an updated copy with grammar corrections
2. \$50 for scheduling of BF commons for Flag Collection event.
 - Officers voted to fund this
3. Historian position – Gerald Decker has resigned. Dale looking for replacement
4. Annsdale Park Concert venue – Looking at possibly sponsoring a concert with music by Mike;s Garage Band. Dale and Jim working this to see if possible.
5. Change date of Flag Collection day from June 14th (Friday) to June 15th(Saturday) due to another Flag Day event at the Battleship NC
6. Add event for June 14th: Flag Day – Flags on the Battleship – Massing of the Colors: 10am – 2pm. Tara Hunt (Vets organization that organized Vets Day Parade) will let Dale know if approved. See note below:

Fly your own flag at the Battleship on Flag Day! American Legion Post 10 Honor Guard assists visitors in hoisting and folding their flags. Makes a great video keepsake and family heirloom. Provide your name and email and a certificate of authenticity will be mailed to you. Visitors can bring a flag or purchase a 3 x 5 foot American-made nylon flag with embroidered stars from the Ship's Store. Sales from the store benefit the Battleship. Questions? Contact Museum Services Director [Kim Sincox](#) or call 910-399-9114

7. No Riders meeting for Feb per Lane
8. Fat Tony's TV interview with WECT (Richard / Dale)
 - Dale did interview. Link to WECT website to be posted on our website
9. Shades of Gray concert – Feb 16th – Update by Lou T.:
 - We will be able to sell 50/50 tickets inside.
 - We are NOT allowed to solicit any donations outside the restaurant
 - Richard Fry has made up tickets for customers (business type cards)
 - Richard has done a lot of PR work on this event: Papers, news, Next Door, etc.
 - We currently have a small volunteer list. Volunteers stop work at 7:30pm
 - Dan to send out one more reminder to members
10. Spaghetti Dinner
 - Confirm lead by 4 or 5 Feb.
11. VEAC event: April 25 – 27 @ Elks club – Getting more info from Lane/Dale to mail out to membership and put out on website
12. Post Elections: Remind members that elections are coming up in May
 - Will be run using rules of current by-laws
 - Election prep: Commander to get with Exec Committee to start forming slate of candidates. Jim has started a list along with a large board for offices and names.
13. AL Dept of NC Mid-Winter conference, Dale attending Thurs/Fri Feb 14th
14. Downtown concert series application submitted and acknowledged
15. Number of scholarships to Boys State: We budgeted for 1. Kiwanis wants to sponsor a girl thru Girls State. Dale to contact Girls State coordinator while at Winter Conference to ensure we can do this without having an auxiliary. Rick de Moya also wants to sponsor another boy. Officers agreed to accept a donation to sponsor 2 boys.
16. Arrangement of Blossoms Meeting Room – Commander showed a proposed new layout for our meeting room. Officers had positive feedback. We will try the new layout for Feb meeting



17. Boy Scout breakfast – March 6th 7:30am – 9am. Navassa Community Center (David Sink)

18. Plaque for NBHS JROTC for being awarded. Dale to talk with Richard and Rick on wording. Legion members would show up at the school when plaque was presented

The North Brunswick High School JROTC program has received a 100 percent score during the JROTC Program of Accreditation. The JPA inspection occurs every 3-5 years and involves inspectors from the JROTC 4th Brigade, part of the US Army Cadet Command headquartered at Fort Bragg. NBHS is only one of only two 100 percent scores in the last 26 years within the hundreds of JROTC programs in the Southeast (Florida, Georgia, SC, NC, Virginia)

EVENTS: (Need after action reports sent to Adjutant)

- Completed events: None for January
- * Upcoming events: (calendar)
 - February officer and membership meetings
 - * Shades of Gray concert – Feb 16th
 - Department Mid-Winter conference 14 Feb 2019
 - Feb 22nd – Veterans Banquet and Women Veterans
 - March 6th: Boy Scout breakfast - Navassa
 - * Pasta Dinner – April – John Marone and Allan Simmons to lead this event
 - Since both are out for a few weeks on vaca, Dale to get ball rolling on event
 - VEAC: 25 – 27 April 2019

MEMBERSHIP:

- Currently at 107 members per National after dropping for non-payment of dues
- We had 8 new transfer-in members
- Lou suggested we contact Legion members in Compass Point to see if they are interested in joining our Post
 - xx up to date on dues xx unpaid members xx% paid need 106 or 90%

SERVICE OFFICER:

- Lane indicated 1 person we issued a paper check to lost that check. Cost us \$35 for a stop payment. Check had NOT been cashed yet. Lane to re-issue as cash and deliver to recipient. Lane and a case worker have been visiting these people to get them to move to another property that they own but they will not move.

>> LESSON LEARNED: When making donations like this, DO NOT issue paper checks. Use cash or gift cards.

- On Jan 30th, Lane and Lou did a homeless search in conjunction with BFA. They found none.
- On Feb 6th, Lane & Allan Simmons had a meet and great with 2 vets at the Leland Senior Center

Commander status – Dale

- Funeral Saturday at 11am
- As I (Dale) mentioned during the officer meeting today, Mark Biddison, the head of the organization in charge of the Wilmington Veterans Parade and other veteran oriented events, lost his adult son (also named Mark) suddenly this past week. His son was a veteran and passed away without warning. The funeral will be this Saturday, 2/16, at 11:00am, at the Pine Valley United Methodist Church, 3788 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC.
- Mark has been a strong supporter of veterans in this area for a number of years. It would be really good if we could get a few members of the Post, in Post shirts and hats, to attend this funeral to show support to Mark and his family as they deal with this loss. John Marone has indicated that he would be willing to go if several other people would also go. Please let him know if you and/or any other Post members would like to attend. Feel free to share this with any other member or veteran.

John can be reached at: 914-403-5326

Dale can be reached at: 240-338-5411

I know this is short notice but this was a very unexpected tragedy

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, March 14th, 2019, 1pm – 3pm at Shelmore Facility

Next Post Meeting – February 21st, 2019 **Meeting Adjourned at** _____.