



American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
February 21st, 2019





Meeting Items

- **Be sure to SIGN-IN!**
- **Please SILENCE your cell phones**
- **Meeting agenda handout available**

- **Please LIKE us on Facebook!**
- **Please register on myLegion.org**

- **Military TIMES magazines available!**

- **Check our website: NCPOST68.org often!**





Meeting Order of Business

- **Post Regular Meeting Call to Order**
- **Guest Speaker**
- **Old/Current Business**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Current Activities**
- **New Business**
- **50/50**
- **Adjournment**



Call to Order

Commander:

- **Announce the meeting is about to open -
One rap of the gavel.**
- **Three raps of the gavel and all who are
present shall stand at attention.**
- **All - Face the Colors**
- ***“Hand salute”***
- ***“Two”***



Chaplain's Opening Prayer

Commander:

- ***Remain standing and uncover***
- **Chaplain will offer prayer**



POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

Commander:

“A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor!”

Sergeant-at-Arms: Place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair



Pledge of Allegiance

All:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

All re-cover



Preamble 1 of 2

All:

**For God and Country,
we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**

- To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America;**
- To maintain law and order;**
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;**
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;**



Preamble 2 of 2

All:

- **To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;**
- **To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;**
- **To make right the master of might;**
- **To promote peace and goodwill on earth;**
- **To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;**
- **To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.**



Meeting Convened

Commander:

“I now declare American Legion Post No. 68, Department of North Carolina, regularly convened.”

All are seated....



Minutes / Speakers / Guests:

MEETING MINUTES: Commander

- **Approval of prior month meeting minutes**

GUEST SPEAKER: Heather Holbrook, BEMC

Introduction of new Members and Guests

- ***Dan Fortini***



Committee Reports – Membership Report

Prior Month Membership:	125
New Members:	1
Transfers in:	8
Transfers out:	0
Resignations:	2
Dropped:	20
Active members as of Feb 1st:	112

Members delinquent in 2018 dues dropped from active status



Committee Reports – Finance

Month ending January 2019

Balance beginning of January:	\$ 10,550.91
Income:	\$ 1,644.98
Disbursements:	\$ 710.00
Ending Balance, Feb 1st:	\$ 11,485.89
Cash on hand:	
Cash box 1	\$ 95.50
Cash box 2	\$ 50.00
Total Cash on hand:	\$ 145.50



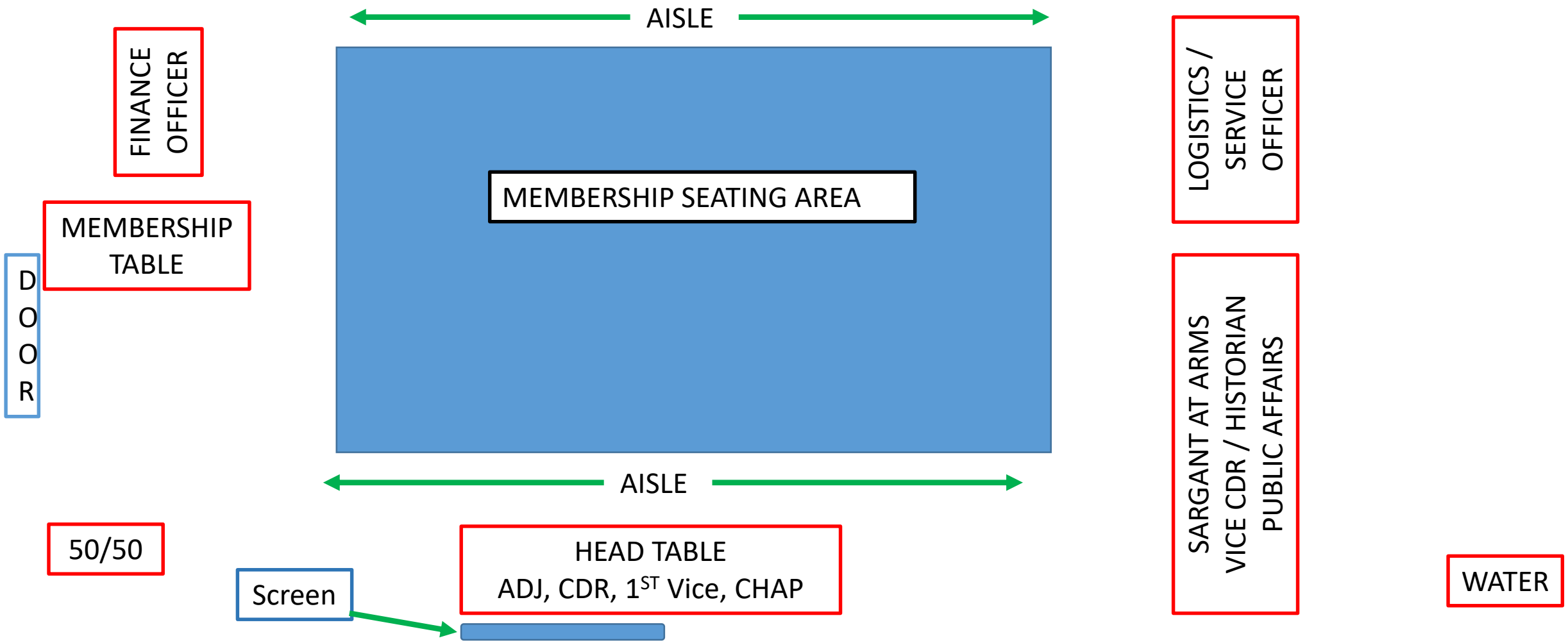
Chaplain / Service Officer

- **Sick Call – Brian Danielson**

- **Service Officer - Lane Adrian**
 - **Brunswick Senior Center Meetup**
 - **Homeless survey**



New Business Proposed meeting room layout





New Business – Post Elections

Position	Incumbent	Candidate
Commander	Dale Todd	Dale Todd
1st Vice Commander	Jim Zelenski	Jim Zelenski
Adjutant	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge
Finance Officer	Elliott Koppel	Elliott Koppel
Post Historian	Vacant	Vacant
Post Chaplain	Brian Danielson	Brian Danielson
Post Service Officer	Lane Adrian	Lane Adrian
Sergeant At Arms	Bill Smith	Bill Smith
Executive Committee	Lou Tranzillo	Lou Tranzillo
Executive Committee	Jim Thompson	Vacant
Executive Committee	Greg Miller	Greg Miller

Position	Incumbent	Candidate
2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich
Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone
Public Relations	Richard Fry	Richard Fry
Membership	Dan Fortini	Dan Fortini



New Business – Commander Todd

- **Updates to Post 68 Constitution and By-Laws**
 - **2nd review by membership**
 - **If passed, Post members will vote on changes in March**
 - **Need contingency vote on Post name should Jacobs family not grant permission to use name**



New Business – Post 68 By-Laws

Updates to Post By-Laws: *Bringing By-Laws up-to-date:*

- Changing wording to be gender neutral
- Post name change: **American Legion Post 68, *John E. Jacobs*, Inc.**
- Added Legion Riders
- Added Post Judge Advocate as an officer position
- Added wording for Public Relations officer
- Standing committees
- Section to define elections, definition of elected vs. appointed
- Updates to grammar and wording



New Business – Commander Todd

- **Historian position**
- **Flag collection event date change to June 15th**
- **Flag Day at the Battleship**
- **Boys / Girls State scholarships**
- **Plaque for NBHS JROTC – 100% accreditation score**
- **Funeral for son of Mark Biddison**



Current Activities: After-Action Reports

➤ Shades of Gray Fundraiser



Interview: <http://www.wect.com/2019/02/14/food-fun-support-veterans/>



Current Activities: After-Action Reports

- **AL Dept. of North Carolina Winter Conference:**
 - **New emphasis on training**
 - **Reduced membership requires new focus**
 - **New public service announcements coming**
 - **Raffle for Bill Oxford's campaign**



Post Calendar – 3 month outlook

MARCH	6-Mar	Boy Scout breakfast Navassa
	9-Mar	District Mtg Post 545 Wilmington
	14-Mar	Officers Meeting
		Start election committee process
APRIL	11-Apr	Officers Meeting
	18-Apr	Post Meeting / Pasta Dinner
	25-Apr	VEAC-BOE Wilmington 25th-27th
MAY	9-May	Officers Meeting
	11-May	District Mtg Post 503 Calibash
	16-May	Post Meeting / Elections
	18-May	Poppy Drive
	25-May	Cemetery Flag Placement
	27-May	Memorial Day

NAVY WEEK
1 – 7 April
Wilmington

<https://www.outreach.navy.mil/Navy-Weeks/Wilmington/>



Upcoming/Future Events - VEAC

Veterans Experience Action Center – VEAC Event for 2019

- This VEAC event is expected to be even larger with on-site assistance being provided to more veterans than were helped during the 2018 event. One of the most critical keys to success is the presence onsite of a large number of volunteers. Those volunteers will assist with registration, escorting veterans to seating & assistance stations, parking lot control, managing client flow, assisting with food service and working with VA personnel
- Over 20 employees from the VA Regional Office in Winston Salem supported by local Veteran Services Officers and other veteran organizations will conduct on-site meetings



Upcoming/Future Events - VEAC

Veterans Experience Action Center – VEAC Event for 2019

- When: Wed April 24th, 3pm – 9pm (for setup only)
Thurs/Fri/Sat April 25,26,27 7:30am – 7pm
- Where: Elks Lodge @ 5102 Oleander Dr, Wilmington
- Critical Need: Volunteers!
- How: Volunteers will be assigned 1 of 3 shifts each day
 - Morning: 7:30am – noon
 - Mid-Day: 10am – 2pm
 - Afternoon: 1:30pm – 7pm
 - Late Shift: 4pm – 8pm (Saturday evening only)



Alibis and Spare Rounds.....

Guest Speaker for March meeting: Ken Klassen, President SENCLand chapter of MOAA – Military Officers Association. What MOAA is doing to support veterans

Post 68 has received another 100% membership banner for our flag



Post 68 – Upcoming Meetings

✓ **March 2019:**

Officers: 3/14/19

Membership: 3/21/19



✓ **April 2019:**

Officers: 4/18/19

Membership: 4/25/19





Meeting Wrap-up & 50 / 50

✓ **Questions from membership?**



✓ **50 / 50:**



✓ **Don't forget to renew your membership!**



Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 1 of 3

Commander:

“Is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not, the Chaplain will lead us in memorial service.”

The Commander gives three raps of the gavel, and members rise, uncover, and stand in silence.

Chaplain’s Prayer



Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 2 of 3

Members re-cover and remain standing

Commander: “Sergeant-at-arms, recover the POW/MIA flag.”

Commander’s Charge:

“Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.”



Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 3 of 3

Commander:

“Hand salute”

“Two”

Commander:

“I now declare this meeting of Leland Post No. 68, The American Legion, Department of North Carolina adjourned.”

Commander: One rap of the gavel



Meeting Adjourned

**Please meet your fellow Legionnaires at
BLOSSOMS for an after-meeting drink!**