



American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting April 18th, 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: Ed Hawfield – WWI – A Wilmington Boy in the Trenches – Letters Home

Introduction of new Members and Guests

- ***Dan Fortini***



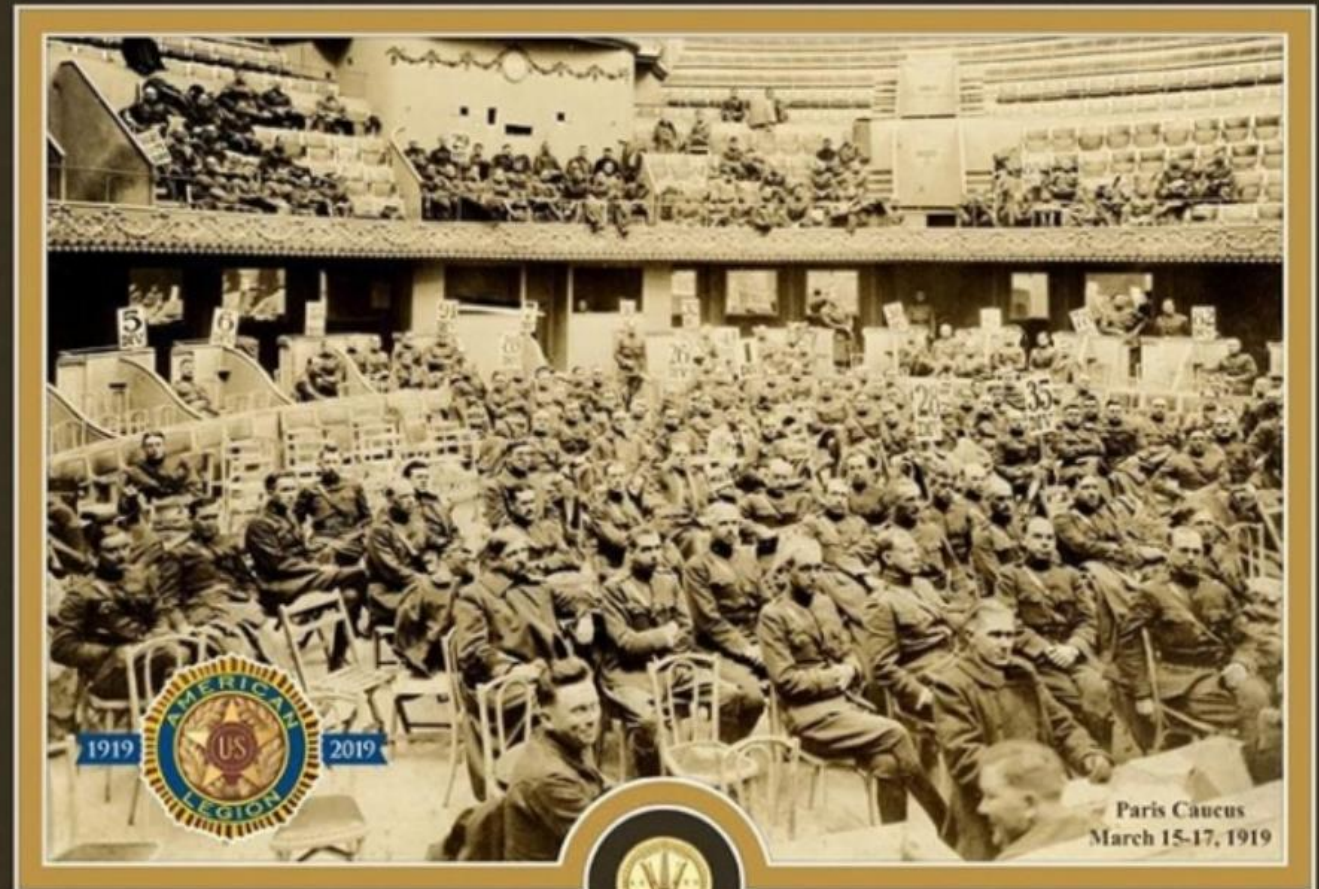
American Legion 100th Anniversary!



*Coffee and Cake:
All Members*

*100th Anniversary:
Commander Todd*

Celebrating 100 Years





Old Business – Post Elections

Post 68 - 2019 election of officers:

- **3 positions currently have no incumbents running for:**
 - **Historian & Executive Committee (2 openings)**

- **Officers in elected positions can only serve 2 consecutive terms**
 - **Post Officers have approved extensions for:**
 - **Brian Danielson / Chaplin**
 - **Lou Tranzillo / Executive Committee**

- **Nominations are open and will be closed this evening**



Old Business – Post Elections

Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Position	Incumbent	Candidate
Commander	Dale Todd	Dale Todd	2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich
1st Vice Commander	Jim Zelenski	Jim Zelenski	Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone
Adjutant	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge	Public Relations	Richard Fry	Richard Fry
Finance Officer	Elliott Koppel	Elliott Koppel	Membership	Dan Fortini	Dan Fortini
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		John Hacker			
Executive Committee		Mike Connors			

* Extension Required to continue



Committee Reports – Membership Report

Prior Month Membership:	115
New Members:	0
Reinstatements:	1
Transfers in:	2
Transfers out:	0
Resignations:	0
Dropped:	0
Active members as of March 1st	118



Committee Reports – Finance

Month ending March 2019

Balance beginning of March:	\$ 11,102.00
Income:	\$ 978.00
Disbursements:	\$ 2,464.28
Ending Balance, April 1st:	\$ 9,615.72
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**



Old Business – Post 68 By-Laws

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

- Post 68 membership voted to approve By-Law changes including name change during March 2019 meeting
- Approval has been received from family of PFC Jacobs
- Working with NC Department on change packet routing



Old Business – Boys/Girls State

- Girls State applications (2) have been submitted to NC Department
- Boys State interviews (2) were held today, April 18th



New Business –

- **None this month**



Current Activities: After-Action Reports

➤ **Events completed in March: none**



Current Activities: Near Term

APRIL	1-Apr	Navy Week Wilmington April 1 - 7
	11-Apr	Officers Meeting
	18-Apr	Post Meeting
	25-Apr	VEAC Wilmington 25th-27th
MAY	9-May	Officers Meeting
	16-May	Post Meeting / Elections
	18-May	District Mtg Post 503 Calibash
	18-May	Poppy Drive -
	25-May	Cemetery Flag Placement -
	27-May	Memorial Day



Current Activities: Upcoming

JUNE	5-Jun	Department Annual Convention thru 9th
	13-Jun	Officers Meeting
	15-Jun	Flag Collection Event
	20-Jun	Post Meeting / Install of Officers
	27-Jun	National Convention
JULY	4-Jul	July 4th Parade
	11-Jul	Officers Meeting
	18-Jul	Post Meeting
	25-Jul	Vietnam Wall at UNCW thru 29th



Veterans Experience Action Center Event

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 May meeting: None – Post Elections



Post 68 – Upcoming Meetings

✓ **May 2019:**

Officers: 5/9/19
Membership: 5/16/19



✓ **June 2019:**

Officers: 6/13/19
Membership: 6/20/19





Meeting Wrap-up & 50 / 50

✓ **Questions from membership?**



✓ **50 / 50:**



✓ **Your Post needs your participation!**



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!