



American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
March 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: Ken Klassen, President SENCLand Chapter MOAA – What is MOAA doing for local veterans

Introduction of new Members and Guests

- ***Dan Fortini***



Committee Reports – Membership Report

Prior Month Membership:	112
New Members:	1
Transfers in:	2
Transfers out:	0
Resignations:	0
Dropped:	0
Active members as of March 1st	115

Members delinquent in 2018 dues were 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**
 - **VEAC**

 - **Assistance Provided to local veterans**



Old 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
- ***** Defined “Member in Good Standing” Article IV, Section 2



Old Business – Post 68 By-Laws

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

- **Voting on By-Laws amendments as presented to membership**
- **Contingency voting on By-Laws amendments without name change**
- **After voting, entire package to be forwarded to Division & District Commanders and to Department Adjutant**
- **Obtaining permission from Jacobs family for name change**



Old Business – Post Elections

Post 68 2019 election of officers:

- **3 positions currently have no incumbents running for office:**
 - **Historian**
 - **Executive Committee – 2 positions**
- **Officers in elected positions can only serve 2 consecutive terms**
 - **If no viable candidates are available, Post officers can grant an exception allowing the incumbent to run again**



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	Jim Thompson	Vacant			
Executive Committee	Greg Miller	Vacant			



New Business – NBHS JRTOC

NBHS JROTC Accreditation and Air Rifle Team:

JROTC Program of Accreditation Inspection:

- **Post 68 to present a plaque to the NBHS JROTC for receiving score of 100% during Accreditation Inspection (4/15)**

The JROTC Air Rifle Team is on their way to National competition:

- **Post 68 presented the team with a check for \$500 to help cover their travel expenses**



New Business – District 9 meeting

- **March 9th District 9 meeting attended by Commander Dale Todd and Adjutant Dan Dodge**
- **40 & 8 group looking provide scholarships to offspring of any former POW's**
- **Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to be a Mayfair July 25-29**
 - **American Honor Guard and VVA looking for volunteers to guard**
- **Acting District 9 CDR Dale Smith running for District CDR**
- **Bill on Congress to open membership in AL for any veteran who served since 12/7/1941**
- **Lot of emphasis on member and officer training**



New Business – Other

- **Planning for Post 68 Emergency procedures / actions**



Current Activities: After-Action Reports

- **Events completed in February:**
 - **Veteran Appreciation Day @ Fat Tony's Pub with Shades of Gray and David Bohn Feb 16th**
 - **Lou Tranzillo**
 - **Boy Scout Breakfast March 6th**
 - **Women Veteran Conference and Veteran Banquet Feb 22nd. \$100 donation made**



Current Activities: After-Action Reports

MARCH	6-Mar	Boy Scout breakfast Navassa
	9-Mar	District Mtg Post 545 Wilmington
	14-Mar	Officers Meeting
		Start election committee process
	31-Mar	UNCW Military Appreciation Day - free ball game
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
	11-May	District Mtg Post 503 Calibash
	16-May	Post Meeting / Elections
	18-May	Poppy Drive - Lead Required!
	25-May	Cemetery Flag Placement - Lead Required!
	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)



Upcoming/Future Events

- **Dept of NC Annual Convention: June 5th – June 8th**
- **Flag Collection event: June 15th – Dan Fortini**
- **Pasta Dinner fundraiser: November meeting**
- **Downtown Concert Series fundraiser: Date TBD**
- **BE SURE TO VOTE!**



Alibis and Spare Rounds.....

Guest Speaker for March meeting: Ed Hawfield will talk about the experiences of his grandfather who served in trenches of WWI



Post 68 – Upcoming Meetings

✓ **April 2019:**

Officers: 4/18/19
Membership: 4/25/19



✓ **May 2019:**

Officers: 4/9/19
Membership: 4/16/19





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!