



American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
MAY 16th, 2019





Meeting Items

- **Be sure to SIGN-IN!**
- **Please SILENCE your cell phones**
- **Please LIKE us on Facebook!**
- **Please register on myLegion.org**
- **Military TIMES magazines available!**
- **Check our website: NCPOST68.org often!**
- **Stand and salute Commander to be recognized**





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 gavel***
- ***Three raps of gavel* - All 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

“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

**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

- 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

Introduction of new Members and
Guests: Dan Fortini -

Guest Tonight:
Mark Erskine - Candidate for Commander,
Department of North Carolina



Old Business - Election of Officers

- **Slate of officers was reviewed by membership and closed during our April 2019 meeting**
- **There is a single candidate for each position**
- **Voting for slate of officers**



Old Business - Election of Officers

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

Prior Month Membership:	118
New Members:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Transfers in:	1
Transfers out:	0
Resignations:	0
Dropped:	0
Active members as of March	119



Committee Reports - Finance

Month ending April 2019

Balance beginning of April	\$	9,615.72
Income:	\$	1,215.00
Disbursements:	\$	258.18
Ending Balance, April 30th	\$	<u>10,572.54</u>

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**
 - Jack Babyak in rehab, Southport. Wife needs ride for visitation. She is requesting a few trips/week with 30 min visit. Call Evelyn to volunteer for sign up 910-371-2438

- **Service Officer - Lane Adrian**
 - - Local vet requires ride



Old Business - Post 68 By-Laws

Updates to Post By-Laws:

- **Our Post has received paperwork from NC Department for signature and check request to cover costs for name change to be submitted to National for approval**
- **Verbal approval received from District Commander**



Old Business - Budget 2019/2020

PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2019/2020 (revised 5/10)

INCOME	AMOUNT
DONATIONS	
50/50 (BLDG FUND)	\$ 2,000.00
DUES (120)	\$ 4,800.00
POPPY DONATIONS	\$ 1,500.00
FLAG COLLECTION	\$ 800.00
BELK SALES	\$ 1,000.00
PASTA DINNER	\$ 1,700.00
CONCERT	\$ 1,000.00
LELAND FOUNDERS DAY	\$ 300.00
FISH FRY	\$ 1,200.00
OTHER	
TOTAL	\$ 14,300.00



Old Business - Budget 2019/2020

EXPENSE	
VETERAN ASSISTANCE (Poppy Fund)	\$ 1,500.00
NATIONAL & STATE DUES	\$ 3,300.00
YOUTH PROGRAMS	
NBHS JROTC	\$ 100.00
BOYS STATE GIRLS STATE	\$ 1,600.00
ORATORICAL CONTEST	\$ 900.00
MEDALS & REWARD	\$ 350.00
SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 500.00
RECOGNITION PRODUCTS	
SHOOTING TEAM SUPPORT	\$ 800.00
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	
FOUNDERS DAY	\$ 150.00
PARADES	\$ 150.00
NAVASSA VET APPRECIATION DAY	\$ 150.00



Old Business - Budget 2019/2020

RECURRING COSTS

INSURANCE & BOND	\$	550.00
STORGE UNIT	\$	648.00
STAMPS OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	200.00
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX	\$	65.00
POST OFFICE BOX	\$	80.00
POST BUSINESS CARDS	\$	25.00
WEBSITE CHARGES	\$	250.00
GRAVESITE FLAGS	\$	200.00
TAXES		

POST NAME CHANGE



Old Business - Budget 2019/2020

COSTS TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP

CAPS FOR NEW MEMBERS	\$	300.00
TRIFOLDS	\$	250.00
YEARS OF SERVICE PINS	\$	200.00
PUBLICITY		
AWARDS	\$	200.00
MENTOS		
COFFEE CUPS	\$	150.00

EVENT SUPPORT

CANDY TO PASS OUT
SMALL FLAGS
FLIERS

DONATIONS

OTHER VET SUPPORT GROUPS
VETERAN SUPPORT
YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

CONTINGENCY

TOTAL **\$ 12,618.00**



Old Business - JROTC

- Awards



Old Business - Boys/Girls State

- Girls State - One of two candidates thru orientation
- Boys State - Applications submitted and approved



Old Business - Other

- Historian Position:



New Business -

- **None this month**



Current Activities: After-Actions

- **Events completed in April:**
 - **VEAC update**



Current Activities

➤ **POPPY DAY COLLECTION**

WHAT: Collect donations during Poppy distribution

LEAD: Margo Chestnut

WHEN: 18 May Time: 9am/noon

**WHERE: Piggly Wiggly Food Lion
 Port City Java Carolina Car Wash**

WHO: All members - sign-up sheet

UNIFORM: Legion cap & shirt

OTHER:



Current Activities

➤ **CEMETERY FLAG PLACEMENT**

WHAT: Placement of flags at 6 Leland cemeteries

LEAD: John Marone

WHEN: 25 May **Time:** 9am ~ noon

WHERE: First Baptist/Leland King Memorial
 Zion Methodist Hooper Family
 Nelson Cemetery Goshen Baptist

WHO: All members, spouses, guests

UNIFORM: Good shoes, Legion cap, bug spray

OTHER: Car pooling - Meet at First Baptist



Current Activities

➤ **UNSERVICEABLE FLAG COLLECTION**

WHAT: Collection of retired flags from community

LEAD: Dan Fortini

WHEN: 15 June **Time:** 8am - 4pm

WHERE: Commons area, Brunswick Forest Parkway

WHO: All members, spouses, volunteers

Sign-up sheet

UNIFORM: Good shoes, Legion cap

OTHER: Hot dog sales (10am-3pm) fund raiser



Current Activities: Near Term

MAY	9-May	Officers Meeting
	16-May	Post Meeting / Elections
	18-May	District Mtg Post 503 Calibash
	18-May	Poppy Drive - Margo Chestnut
	25-May	Cemetery Flag Placement - John Morone
	27-May	Memorial Day
JUNE	5-Jun	Department Annual Convention thru 9th
	13-Jun	Officers Meeting
	15-Jun	Flag Collection Event - Dan Fortini
	20-Jun	Post Meeting / Install of Officers
	27-Jun	National Convention



Current Activities: Upcoming

JULY	4-Jul	July 4th Parade
	11-Jul	Officers Meeting
	18-Jul	Post Meeting
	25-Jul	Vietnam Wall at Mayfare thru 29th
		Planning for Pasta Dinner in Nov
AUGUST	8-Aug	Officers Meeting
	15-Aug	Post Meeting
	16-Aug	Flag Retirement Ceremony



Comments.....

Commanders Comments:

Membership Comments:



Alibis and Spare Rounds.....

Guest Speaker for June meeting:

Bill Kawczynski – Cape Fear CC, Director of Veteran Services
Will discuss programs at the college for veterans

Remember to support:

- Coups for Troops (drop off at Leland Senior Center)
- Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald House



Meeting Wrap-up & 50 / 50

✓ ***50 / 50:***



✓ ***Your Post needs your participation! Please step-up!***



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 gavel*, and members rise, uncover, and stand in silence.

Chaplain's Prayer



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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



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!**