



American Legion Post 68

Blossoms Meeting Room, Magnolia Greens, Leland, NC

Meeting Minutes - May 16th, 2019 at 1800 hours

COMPILED BY: Daniel Dodge, Adjutant
APPROVED BY: Dale Todd, Commander
Convened: 1805
Adjourned: 1935

Total Attendance: 25
Officers and Staff: 9**
Members: 22***
Guests: 3

*Concurred

****Officers & Staff Absent:** Jim Zelenski-1st Vice, Jim Thompson-Exec, Brian Danielson-Chaplin, Dan Fortini-membership

***Includes Officers and newly signed members

Officers & Staff in Attendance: Dale Todd-Commander; Art Dietrich, 2nd VC, Dan Dodge-Adjutant, Elliott Koppel-Finance Officer; John Marone-Logistics, Richard Fry-PMO, Bill Smith-Sergeant at Arms; Lou Tranzillo - Executive Committee; Lane Adrian-Service Officer

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Call to Order: **Commander: Dale Todd, Commander**

Chaplain's Opening Prayer: **Brian Danielson, Chaplain** (Dale Todd, protem)

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: **Sergeant at Arms: Bill Smith**

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble: **All**

Old/Current Business:

Approval of prior meeting minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve April 2019 meeting minutes as published. Minutes approved by all members present via unanimous vote.

Introduction of New Members and Guests:

- Our speaker this evening was Mark Erskine along with wife Margie
- Bob Tapazi is transferring into post (and is included on roster)
- Mike Mabee new potential member

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Short talk by Mark Erskine, candidate for Department Commander:

Mark passed out fliers to all members present and spoke on his candidacy for Commander of the Department of North Carolina. He talked about his experiences along with his plans and goals should he be elected as Department Commander which would include much emphasis on membership.

Commander Todd thanked Mr. Erskine for his talk and mentioned to members that there was a second candidate for Department Commander - James Moore. Dale passed out fliers from Mr. Moore's candidacy to members. The Commander also mentioned that Post 68 has 3 votes that can be cast for Department Commander and that he (Dale) would accept comments and/or recommendations from any member regarding which way Post 68 should vote.

2. Post Elections: Voting for slate of officers for 2019/2020 year - Commander Todd
 Commander Todd reviewed the entire slate of officers for our 2019 election. He spoke on how we got to this slate of candidates, the process the Post went thru to select and approve this slate and then asked for any comments or feedback from members present. There being none and there being no contested positions, the Commander requested that the Adjutant cast a single vote in the affirmative for the entire slate of officers. The Adjutant responded that 1 single vote was cast and the that members of Post 68 had thereby elected all officers per the published slate. These members will be our officers for the 2019/2020 year. Voting was then closed.

As of 18 March 2019			
Post 68 Officer Elections - 2019			
Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate
Commander	Dale Todd	Dale Todd	Elected Position
1st Vice Commander	Jim Zelenski	Jim Zelenski	Elected Position
Adjutant	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge	Elected Position
Finance Officer	Elliott Koppel	Elliott Koppel	Elected Position
Post Historian	Vacant	Vacant	Elected Position
Post Chaplain	*Brian Danielson	*Brian Danielson	Elected Position
Post Service Officer	Lane Adrian	Lane Adrian	Elected Position
Sergeant At Arms	Bill Smith	Bill Smith	Elected Position
Executive Committee	*Lou Tranzillo	*Lou Tranzillo	Elected Position
Executive Committee		Vacant	Elected Position
Executive Committee		Vacant	Elected Position
Post 68 Officer Elections - 2019			
Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate
2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich	Appointed Position
Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone	Appointed Position
Public Relations	Richard Fry	Richard Fry	Appointed Position
Membership	Dan Fortini	Dan Fortini	Appointed Position

3. Membership Report: Membership Chair, **Dan Fortini** (Dan Dodge protem)

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

4. Financial Report: Finance Officer - **Elliott Koppel**

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

Cash on hand:	
Cash box 1	\$ 95.50
Cash box 2	\$ 50.00
Total Cash on hand:	\$ 145.50

Note: The large income was from a \$1000 donation check we received from the Walsh family to be used towards Military Excellence with the JRTOC at NBHS.

5. Concerns and Sick Call: **Brian Danielson** (Dale Todd/Dan Dodge protem)

Jack Babyak - In rehab for several weeks, wife (Evelyn) needs assistance visiting him in Southport. She is requesting a few trips/week with 30 min visit. Call Evelyn directly to volunteer to sign up and take her: 910-371-2438
 - Dan Dodge drove on Tuesday and reported that between friends, neighbors and Post members, she had multiple phone messages to reply to and was covered for this week

Herb Moore reported that Marty Cybulski was recovering from a hip replacement. Service Officer Lane Adrian along with the Commander have reached out to Marty offering support if needed.

6. Service Officer Update: **Lane Adrian / Dale Todd**

There is a local veteran who is need of assistance with transportation for himself and his wife to a medical facility in Winston/Salem. Dale Todd has agreed to take this veteran on his first trip. There may be additional future trips needed.

Lane read a news article indicating that the DOD has court marshaled a retired veteran for something he did AFTER retiring.

7. Updates to Post 68 Constitution and By-Laws - Commander Todd

- We have received paperwork from NC Dept. regarding name change which has been processed and returned with \$25 check for submission to National
- District Commander Dale Smith has verbally approved

8. Post 68 Budget for 2019/2020: Commander

The Commander along with Finance Officer Elliott Koppel and the officers have built a budget for 2019/2020 year which was reviewed with members present. Several members had questions but there were no issues with this proposed budget which will now be used going forward. See budget line items below

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2019/2020
(revised 4/23)**

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

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

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
REQUIRED****COSTS TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP**

CAPS FOR NEW MEMBERS	\$300.00
TRIFOLDS	\$250.00
YEARS OF SERVICE PINS	\$200.00
PUBLICITY	
AWARDS	\$200.00
MEMENTOS	
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**

9. JROTC Awards: Commander

Commander explained to members about the \$500 scholarship that was awarded along with 2 medallions for academic and military achievements.

10. Boys and Girls State candidates: Commander

- Girls State: One has gone thru orientation
- Boys State: Applications submitted and approved

We plan on asking these candidates to come speak on their experiences during our September or October meetings

11. Historian Position: Commander

Commander touched on this during elections. We have a Post member who has expressed interest

NEW BUSINESS:

none this month

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

After Action Reports:

1. VEAC Update - Dale Todd / Lane Adrian
This years event was quite a success and is the only event of it's type in the state.
738 veterans were serviced over 3 days with 102 volunteers of which 28 were from Post 68

Upcoming Events:

1. District 9 meeting May 18th, Post 503 - Calabash
2. Poppy Drive May 18th - Margo Chestnut, lead

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: Bring your own chair. Margo has tables & water.
Sign-up sheet was passed around room**

3. Cemetery Flag Placement May 27th - John Marone, lead

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 (Jacobs family)
Nelson Cemetery Goshen Baptist**

WHO: All members, spouses, guests

UNIFORM: Good shoes, Legion cap, bug spray

**OTHER: Car pooling - Meet at First Baptist (in the back parking lot!)
Bring long pants & bug spray**

4. Department Annual Convention June 5th thru 8th
To be attended by Dale Todd, Dan Dodge and Lane Adrian

5. Installation of Post 68 Officers: June 20th meeting

Future Events:

1. Flag collection event - June 15th Dan Fortini (Lou Tranzillo)

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

A sign-up sheet was passed around room

2. Vietnam Traveling Wall -@ Mayfair July 25 - 29: Sponsored by American Honor Guard - Lane Adrian

You can also sign up to volunteer at the American Honor Guard website:

<http://AmericanHonorGuardsnc.org>
Or call Tara Hurst @ 910-612-5853

3. Pasta Dinner fundraiser - Lead needed!

MISC. ITEMS:

Commanders Comments:

Meeting Wrap-up:

1. Guest Speaker for June meeting: **Bill Kawczynski** - Cape Fear CC, Director of Veteran Services Will discuss programs at the college for veterans
2. Next Membership Meeting - Blossoms Meeting Room, Magnolia Greens, Leland
June 20th, 2019 at 6 PM
Post officer installations
3. Next Officers meeting: June 13th, Shelmore Pool area meeting room, 1pm
4. Comments from Membership:

- Bea Frost wanted to make sure that younger members were getting their needs met by the Post.
- Bea also suggested that the Post publicize our events, Legion Programs and accomplishments more
- Lou Tranzillo talked about other Veteran groups in the area who may be siphoning off members.
- Herb Moore indicates he drops off his Legion magazine at doctor officers to inform the public
- Mike Conners suggested handing out Tri-Folds during Poppy day. Richard agree with Stars as well
- Lane asked Legion Riders to stay after meeting
- John Hacker talked about the VEAC event and how impressed he was. He sent pics back to his old Post in California who were very impressed.

50/50: Was won by Dan Dodge. \$62 was collected. Winnings were taken to Blossoms bar

Closing Ceremony and Chaplain's Closing Prayer: Brian Danielson, Chaplain (Dale Todd protem)

Adjourned at: 1935 hours