



American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC
Officers Meeting MINUTES
June 13th, 2019

Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

Call to Order: at 1300, Commander

Officers/Chairs Present:

Dale Todd, Commander
Dan Dodge, Adjutant
Elliott Koppel, Financial Officer
Lane Adrian, Service Officer
John Marone, Logistics Officer
John Larkin, Post Historian

Jim Zelenski, 1st Vice Commander
Art Dietrich, 2nd Vice Commander
Brian Danielson, Chaplain ____
Richard Fry, Public Affairs ____
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms
Dan Fortini, Membership

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Lou Tranzillo ____
John Hacker ____
Mike Conners ____

TOPICS for DISCUSSION:

1. Constitution and By-Law updates: Dept AG is reviewing. Dale was able to talk with him.
2. Budget for 2019-2020: Finalize and inform membership
 - a. Officers present reviewed latest budget with Commander. Light discussion ensued.
 - i. Oratorical contest funds would be to get a program started if it happens
 - ii. Budget for storage unit is for a larger, more expensive unit
 - iii. Possible additional expense item: The giving of \$25 gift cards to any NHBS senior who is planning to go into the military after graduation along with a certificate
 - b. Budget slides used will be shown to membership next week
3. Elections: Completed. Officers to be installed in June using short-form from Officers Guide
 - a. Need to review process with Sgt at Arms & Commander & Chaplain (Page 56)
 - i. Gave printout of short form installation to Bill Smith as he has a speaking part
4. Historian: John Larkin has stepped up to take on Historian position. He will be appointed and later on in year, elected into position. Dan Dodge to perform turnover.
5. Color Guard status: Dale to talk with Alan Simmons to get Color Guard moving again to be used for July 4th parade
6. Scholarships: boys and girls state status: One of the girls did not go. Rick and Dale working with Col Baker on the situation. 2 boys go next week. Rick working with them to ensure they are prepared
7. Officers guide to all officers + Roberts Rules

Please click this link to get copy of Officers Guide. This goes to a Cloud storage area where I have placed 3 different Legion guides

8. Phone Tree – Part of Emergency OPS plan action plan: Dan demo'd a concept. Dale indicated the list could have multiple uses: 1) for disaster planning and alerting of members and 2) for buddy calls. Dan to write up a procedure for calling, reporting, etc.

Note: Dale has also performed a Readiness Assessment using a form from the Red Cross

9. Town of Bellville Veterans Memorial at Riverwalk Park – Give a brick: We discussed several options. Dale indicated that next year, the Town of Leland will be putting in their own memorial park. The conscientious was that we ask the membership to purchase 1 brick for the Belville park for the Post. Cost is \$50 and includes clip-art (orders to be taken until end of Dec 2019). After Leland completes their park, we revisit this and look at individual bricks for deceased members including PFC Jacobs. Other names include: Carshaw, Jacobs, Welsh + any other deceased members since 2014.

Imprint would be in black only and would have new Post name if approved



10. Getting more interaction from membership at meetings.
- How to induce more discussion: Dale indicated we would have to cut down on the amount of material in the meeting agenda. Any “for your info” could be put into minutes or a newsletter to the membership
 - Possibly highlight 1 member each meeting
 - John brought up idea of a pot-luck dinner with members and spouses as just a social event. Possibly at the Commons. Maybe using grill. We will pursue this idea

11. Flag for John Cook's cemetery: John's cemetery flag pole has no flag. Dale asked about the Post purchasing one for him. Several officers spoke up that they have extra flags they would be willing to donate (Jim, Dan F., John). Dale to talk with John Cook about the size needed.
12. Habitat for Humanity now a Veteran's affiliate for home restoration and repair
 - a. Post member Veronica Carter involved
 - b. Clinic for people (including vets) who have had problems with unscrupulous contractors
 - c. Dan to send note to Veronica asking her to let us know when they are ready.
 - d. Dale has sent into to Lane as Service Officer
13. Membership year pins: Dale has talked with other Posts who hold annual "Pinning" ceremonies to present membership pins to those members who reach various continuous year milestones. Pins cost about \$9.00 each. However there is a less expensive pin available for 5 years. Officers present voted YES (unanimous) to do this. It is another way to recognize our members
 - a. Getting members caught up? No. We would only present a single pin to a member as they reach a milestone. We would look to see who hit a milestone during a predetermined milestone. Ie: July of 2018 to June of 2019
 - b. Possibly FALL time-frame?
 - c. Dan to produce listing of members who have hit any 5 year milestone from July 2018 to June of 2019
14. Birthday card for WWII vet turning 100. Dan sent card from Post 68 to vet.
https://www.military.com/off-duty/2019/05/10/lets-honor-wwii-vet-sending-her-100th-birthday-cards.html?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1558018022

STANDARD ITEMS / OFFICERS REPORTS:

A) Finance Report

** Elliott needs to leave early Thursday

** New Check/Deposit request form on website: POST INFO | BYLAWS and PROCESSES
Budget spreadsheet and bank balance info will be posted in private area of website

B) Membership Report

Last month: 119

This month: 119

Outstanding actions: None.

** All members are now "official" and on our roster. Robert Tapaszi was last transfer. 119

** Email sent to Tapaszi and Frost to let them know they may still be associated with their old post

** We have 2020 membership cards now

** KC has officially transferred to another Post

C) Service Officer

a. MacBeth needing ride status: No current support needed

b. Jack and Evelyn Babyak: Jack is back home. Between Legion members and neighbors, his wife received all the rides and support needed

c. James Brown status: Still working to get his discharge status updated

D) Adjutant items

a. New membership slide items: Will be taking extracts from monthly Dept. bulletins that would be of interest to members

b. Reminders on material that will be on website: Officer links, templates, rosters

c. Legion College: July 12/13 this year

- d. Legionnaire Insurance Trust - \$5k of free insurance (Dan has signed up)
- e. List of programs that Post 68 has held/support over past couple of years-in meeting minutes
- f. There are files from past events, emails from members regarding events and lots of event details for future reference if needed.

WEB SITE PRIVATE FILES AREA: Use this link in your browser:

<http://www.ncpost68.org/site/privatefiles.php>

Will take you to the following page and will then display the PRIVATE FILES page. Then just click on DOWNLOAD link to get the file onto your computer

The screenshot shows the American Legion website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options like HOME, VA RESOURCES, POST INFO, NEWS AND INFORMATION, LEGION RIDERS, RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, JOIN US!, YOUTH PROGRAMS, STATE AND NATIONAL, FLAG ETIQUETTE, and WEB SITE INFO. The main content area is titled 'Private Files' and includes a 'Sign out of the private files interface.' link. Below this is a table of files with columns for Name, Type, Size, Date, and a Download link. The table lists various PDF documents and MS Word/Excel files, including 'AAR-2018_Annual_Veterans_Dinner_Navassa_v2.pdf', 'TEMPLATE_After_Action_Report_Master.docx', 'AAR-2018_Wilmington_Parade_2018.pdf', 'AAR-2018_Belk_Charity_Sale_November_Day.pdf', 'AAR-2018_Leland_Christmas_Parade.pdf', 'AAR-2018_Wristband_Sales.pdf', 'AAR-2018_Flag_Collection_Day_March.pdf', 'AAR-2018_Leland_Trunk_or_Treat.pdf', 'Post_Current_Coster_6-12-19_June_2019.xlsx', and 'TEMPLATE_Letterhead_Master.docx'. Overlaid on the website is a Firefox dialog box titled 'Opening AAR-2018_Leland_Christmas_Parade.pdf'. The dialog shows the file name 'AAR-2018_Leland_Christmas_Parade.pdf' and asks 'What should Firefox do with this file?'. The options are 'Open with Document Viewer (default)', 'Save File' (which is selected), and 'Do this automatically for files like this from now on.' There are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons at the bottom of the dialog.

- E) Logistics
- F) Chaplain
- G) Public Affairs
- H) Historian
- I) Executive Committee

EVENTS:

- Completed events: MAY
 - o Poppy Day collection – Margo Chestnut AA done
 - o Flag Placement Day – John Marone AA done
 - o Department meeting – Dale
 - o Honoring of WWII Vet Paul Wesley Phillips 5/23 @ Leland Town Council meeting
 - Dodge, Chestnut, Hacker, Smith, Carter attended from Post 68
- * Upcoming events:
 - o Installation of Officers: June meeting 6/13
 - o Department Annual Convention: June 5 - 9
 - o Flag collection: June 15th
 - Dale to pick up ice that morning
 - Starting about 7:30 / 7:45 to get setup
 - Dan F. picking up items Friday night. Hot dogs Sat. morning. Also grill and assessories
- Future Events:

- o July 4th parade (Robert Powell)
 - ** Correspondence with Robert Penwell in MG about parade.
 - Magnolia Greens Social Committee
 - Cornerstore and Grandiflora 11am with start at 11:30 .8 miles Theme: Americana
 - Donation to the Post
 - Color Guard with at least 3 flags
 - Float or cars
 - Members passing out candy or flags
- o Vietnam Wall at UNCW July 25 – 29
- o Planning for Pasta Dinner in Nov.
- o SCC networking: 8/1/19 SCC Expo: 9/28
- o Fish Fry: Dale will start planning but MUST transition to an event lead
- o Pasta Dinner: November. Dale will do high level planning and work but needs other's to support him for this event. He has already talked with Blossoms. He would like ticket sales to get started in September

>> Future Open House event whereby the Post sponsors an open informational event for the public with emails / letters to local veterans. Would need to publicize. Purpose to get new members. Dale also asked officers to keep an eye out for any other area events where we could setup our canopy and provide info on the Post.

Jim Zelenski also mentioned having our canopy with a table & a couple members setup to publicize the Post at more local events. More opportunity for us. Jim and Dan F. to work on this.

Possible examples might be:

- Farmers Market on Rt 133 at Belville park
- Annsdale Park concerts (Brunswick Forest)
- Cars under the lights – Brunswick Forest

Commander status – Dale

1. John Larkin's name submitted to Southport July 4th parade committee
2. We had much discussion on moving to a larger storage unit. Dale asked John Marone to pursue this
3. Dale had talked with Robert Powell (Post 68 member in MG) about having the Post sponsor MG's flag raising and lowering. Robert is working with all Post members who currently live in MG to do this. John Marone asked if the Post should ask about a flag pole for in front of Brunswick Forest
4. We received email from Kelly Tours via Gerald Decker regarding a military museum tour next year. This was for information only if anyone wishes to attend

Officers expected to be absent at membership meeting:

- Dan Dodge will NOT be at the June meeting. Brian Danielson will be acting Adjutant
- Lou is out
- Hacker out 9-19th

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, July 11th, 2019, 1pm – 3pm at Shelmore Facility

Next Post Meeting – June 20th, 2019

Guest Speaker: Bill Kawczynski,
Director of Military Affairs @ UNCW

Meeting Adjourned at __14:35_____.

Note: See attachments below:

LISTING of POST 68 EVENTS and ACTIVITIES:

Leland Christmas Parade – Marching
Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
March in Wilmington Veterans Day Parade
Vets to DC trip (sponsored)
Supports Leland Trunk or Treat for youth
Coordinates with Brunswick Services Coordinating Council (SCC)
Supported Women Veterans Expo (financial)
Post 68 Fish Fry fundraiser
Participated in Leland Founders Day event
Individual members support Brunswick Family Assistance food distribution programs
BELK sales fundraiser
Downtown Wilmington Concert Series wristband sales fundraiser
March in Magnolia Greens July 4th parade
Sponsors music based fund raiser events
Support for Vietnam Traveling Wall exhibit – money and labor
Flag Placement – Memorial Day Veteran graves
Flag Collection event
Flag retirement ceremony
Support of local Boy Scouts
Support for annual VEAC event (money and labor)
Cards to Troops
Coups for Troops
Support for NBHS JROTC Program including rifle team, awards
Oratorical contest (planning)
Public Awareness for Post and Veteran events thru local media
Support for Veteran funerals (when requested)
Boys and Girls state programs
Annual Poppy Day fund raiser
Leland Senior Center support
Scholarships for JROTC
Speakers at each Membership meeting
Active website providing useful information for members and the public
Legion Riders Chapter

RECONCILIATION

MONTH **May-19**

BANK

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	8,070.30
INCOME	\$	1,239.19
DISBURSEMENTS	\$	85.29
ENDING BALANCE	\$	<u>9,394.78</u>

CASH BOX 1	\$	95.00
Cash Box 2	\$	50.00

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 9,444.78**

BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR THE MON

General Fund	\$	(85.29)
50/50	\$	31.00
Poppy Fund	\$	1,208.19
Dues	\$	-
Donation	\$	-
Clothing	\$	-

BALANCES PER ACCOUNT

General Fund	\$	4,364.36
50/50	\$	200.00
Poppy Fund	\$	1,500.00
Dues	\$	532.00
Donation	\$	2,938.17
Clothing	\$	(89.75)

SAMPLE CALLING TREE

POSITION	CALLS	LastName	FirstName	City	Phone	Email
Commander	0	TODD	DALE	LELAND	240-338-5411 C	daleetodd@gmail.com
1 st Vice	1	ZELENSKI	JAMES	LELAND	301-535-1120 C	afblueberet7494@gmail.com
2 nd Vice	1	DIETRICH	ARTHUR	LELAND	571-276-7856 C	dietriaw50@gmail.com
ADJUTANT	1	DODGE	DANIEL	LELAND	607-237-4630 C	lifegood50@gmail.com
Chaplin	1	DANIELSON	BRIAN	LELAND	619-977-2793 C	brian.e.danielson@gmail.com
EXEC	1	CONNERS	MICHAEL	LELAND	847-915-0074	mconners75@gmail.com
EXEC	1	HACKER	JOHN	LELAND	949-275-3247	jhackerleads@cox.net
EXEC	1	TRANZILLO	LOUIS	WINNABOW	910-383-9746	ltranzillo@bellsouth.net
Finance	1	KOPPEL	ELLIOTT	LELAND	910-408-1487	elkoppel@aol.com
Historian	1	LARKIN	JOHN	LELAND	910-833-5935	larkinjohn41@gmail.com
Logistics	1	MARONE	JOHN	LELAND	914-403-5326 C	jonflyfish@aol.com
Membership	1	FORTINI	DANIEL	LELAND	413-834-4106 C	dan14ef@hotmail.com
PAO	1	FRY	RICHARD	LELAND	910-769-8961	richard.fry8700@gmail.com
Sergant	1	SMITH	WILLIAM	LELAND	910-508-5074	neptunevp92@gmail.com
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	2	ARMIGER	GORDON	LELAND	910-632-8162	gordonnanc@gmail.com
	2	AUTRY	DELBERT	WINNABOW	910-253-6322	
	2	BABYAK	JOHN	LELAND	516-443-0684	jckjb66@gmail.com
	2	BAILEY	EARNEST	LELAND	910-655-5447	eastnc3333@yahoo.com

PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2019

INCOME

DONATIONS

