



American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC
Officers Meeting MINUTES
August 8th, 2019
Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

Call to Order: at 1100, Commander

Officers/Chairs Present:

Dale Todd, Commander _x_
Dan Dodge, Adjutant _x_
Elliott Koppel, Financial Officer ___
Lane Adrian, Service Officer _x_
John Marone, Logistics Officer _x_
Dan Fortini, Membership _x_

Jim Zelenski, 1st Vice Commander ___
Art Dietrich, 2nd Vice Commander ___
Brian Danielson, Chaplain _x_
Richard Fry, Public Affairs _x_
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms _x_

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Lou Tranzillo _x_
John Hacker _____
Mike Conners ___

TOPICS for DISCUSSION:

1. Financial Review for 2018/2019 completed by Brian Danielson & Rick de Moya 7/20/19
 - Officers reviewed and approved findings. Little discussion followed
 - Adjutant to update financial process document and review with finance officer
 - Suggestion made and agreed that a receipt for cash should be provided by finance officer (receipt book?)
2. SCC meeting and dues Aug 1st. Dale, Richard, Lane, John Hacker – Dale lead
 - a. SCC Expo Sep 28th: Jim Z, John H, Lane, Lou, maybe Brian (Lane is lead)
 - i. These members will be the primary SCC team
 - b. \$20 check for annual membership needed-Dale has mailed in check
- Dale provided contact info for several potential speakers
3. LEGION Act signed by president. National has already published new forms, info
 - a. Tri-folds being updated – Updates have been made
 - b. Will order new forms when available. In meantime, use OTHER as a category
- Info on Legion Act added to website
4. New principle, NBHS. Dr. Sullivan. Paul Price moved to Leland Middle School
5. Vacations for officers – part of Post Calendar: Most have replied
6. Phone Tree – Part of Emergency OPS plan action plan, buddy check
 - a. Start at Officers Meeting in Sep. IE: Officers notified and given assignments
 - b. Adjutant working on script to be executed prior to September membership meeting
7. District 9 meeting to be hosted by Post 68 Oct 12
 - a. Need POW/MIA flag from Bill Smith after September meeting
8. Vietnam Traveling wall. Lou got etching of PFC Jacobs name
 - a. Dale discussed the event and that he talked with Mrs. Jacobs at the Wall
 - b. Adjutant has etching and will place on website
 - c. All in all, everyone agreed this was a great event and the public loved it.

9. Service Awards - Pinning ceremony, September meeting
 - a. Pins have been purchased

10. Starting August 2019, all Info Packets from NC Dept. electronic via email. All docs PDFs.
 - a. Should all members get copies of bulletin?
 - i. Officers agreed that they should
 - ii. Dale suggested we ask membership at Aug. meeting
 - iii. Would have to print and email copies for the 8 members who do not have email

11. Aug Legion Magazine: Amateur Radio Club – Closest clubs in Greenville and High Point area

12. NC Dept. now has a smart phone app. Android or iPhone
 - Contains CURRENT copies of the NC Bulletin and membership flyers, information on programs, points of contact, Post locator, membership info by District and other newsletters

13. DEPT FALL Conference:
 - a. Attendees
 - b. Awards: Suggestion made to show what awards are being processed at Fall Conference in case any member wants to make a nomination
 - i. Would have to mail them to members w/o email accounts

14. Leland Street Names for Veterans: Dale met with mayor Bozeman regarding naming. Talked about Veterans Park with area around Town Hall as the preferred area

STANDARD ITEMS / OFFICERS REPORTS:

A) Finance Report

** New Check/Deposit request form on website: POST INFO | BYLAWS and PROCESSES

			BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH		
			General Fund		\$ (361.62)
			50/50		\$ 40.00
MONTH		July 2019	Poppy Fund		\$ -
BANK			Dues		\$ (40.00)
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 9,661.25	Donation		\$ 100.00
INCOME		\$ 1,145.00	Clothing		\$ 165.00
DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 1,241.62	BALANCES PER ACCOUNT		
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 9,564.63	General Fund		\$ 3,904.39
			50/50		\$ 294.00
CASH BOX 1		\$ 95.00	Poppy Fund		\$ 1,500.00
Cash Box 2		\$ 50.00	Dues		\$ 532.00
			Donation		\$ 3,585.17
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 9,709.63	Clothing		\$ 72.25

B) Membership Report

Last month: 119

This month: 121

- New membership year has started!

- Transfer in: Timothy White. Form sent into Dept for processing (COMPLETED)

- Transfer in and renewal: Arthur Howard. Processed online. (COMPLETED)
- Roger Davis – Wants to transfer in (Dept of KY) – XFER submitted 7/19
- Tom Willis – Wants to transfer in – no record at National. Trying to contact him
- Tom Griffing – Want to transfer in – Got contact info from National.

- Decker, Perkins, Leary removed from roster. All had resigned. Dropped from AL
- Doug Smith asked to be dropped (had expired) Dropped from AL

- Note: We received called from member Davis regarding 30 names of Legion members to be contacted about transferring to Post. List given to membership chair.

- Membership 2018/2019 year final numbers:

POST	LOCATION	2018 Achvd	2019 Goal	New	PUFL	Pd ONL	Pending Post	Pending Dept	Trad Ren	D99 Trfs	Total Mbrs	2019 Achvd	2019 Need
68	Leland	105	106	3	3	11	0	0	87	9	113	106.60%	-7

(trad ren = Traditional Renewals D99 trfs = Transfers from National)

- Cardinal Award: 50% membership by Aug 31st

C) Service Officer

D) Adjutant items

E) Logistics

F) Chaplin

G) Public Affairs

- a. Note on electronic payments: Dale formed committee to investigate this option:
 - i. Richard Fry, Elliott Koppel, Mike Conners, Alan Green + Adjutant

H) Historian

I) Executive Committee

J) Web Site: Adjutant Dodge met with webmaster Mike Conners prior to officers meeting to review website and make updates, cleanup, etc.

- Need to totally review COMMITTEES section with Dale (currently in “About us”)
- Press Releases: Should we keep? Need help/feedback from Richard.
- Possibly consolidate Press Releases, Post 68 News and Special Events pages
- Which calendar should be used? The built in calendar or a manually maintained one? Who reads what? Maybe add an Embedded Google Calendar to the site
<https://alpost116nc.org/index.php/calendar/>
- Revamping/rebuilding meeting minutes archive area with table for all files
- Removed Veteran News Articles menu selection
- All content being moved to archive area when deleted from main pages

EVENTS:

- Completed events: JULY
 - Flag collection, Legion College & July 4th parade already reviewed– AA completed

JULY	Jul 01	X	New membership year starts	Adjutant
	Jul 04	C	July 4th Parade	
	Jul 05	X	Fish Fry Planning	John Hacker
	Jul 10	X	Planning for BELK Sales in Aug/selling tickets-email to members	Dale Todd
	Jul 11	O	Officers Meeting	
	Jul 12	L	Legion College July 12/13	
	Jul 17	X	Planning for Pasta Dinner in Nov	Kelly / Dale
	Jul 18	M	Post Meeting	
	Jul 19	X	Update Tri-Folds with event info?	Dan / Richard
	Jul 20	X	Print more tri-folds	Richard
	Jul 25	C	Vietnam Wall at Mayfare thru 29th	Bob Page
	TBD	X	Work Party to Organize storage unit	Dale / John
	TBD	E	Possible flag burning with fire dept.	Dan Fortini & Jim Z
	TBD	X	Car Show planning	Jim Zelenski
		E	Planning for Nov membership picnic	Jim Z/John Marone

➔ Events that did not get completed for month: Mass flag burning, storage unit work party and will need to be rescheduled

- BELK update: We have people signed up for 25 shifts. Have taken in \$850 to date
 - Anyone with \$\$ should turn over to Dale by Aug 19th
- Upcoming events
 - Founders Day: Bea and Joe Frost with help from Richard (ask them to attend officer mtg?)
 - Richard and Dan met with Bea and Joe to discuss event
 - Each vender to provide an EXPERIENCE to attendees. We will do flag etiquette, flag folding and a flag quiz handing out flag lapel pins
 - No sales will be permitted by 50/50 is allowed
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 - Fish Fry update – John Hacker
 - Will provide summary of who has volunteered and what other manpower is needed
 - Getting signs with arrows
 - There was discussion regarding weekend ticket sales, locations, canopy & staffing
 - Tables and chairs: Needed for serving area. Bozeman said chairs were destroyed but is checking on tables. Chamber of Commerce which has chairs we can use
 - Questions on cooking beans. John Cook to do it
 - Looking for donations for slaw and gift cards
 - Need to source ice tea

AUGUST	Aug 01	C	SCC Networking meeting	
	Aug 04	C	BELK Pre-Sales / In-store layaway	Dale Todd
	Aug 08	O	Officers Meeting	
	Aug 09	Z	Order PINS for September	Dodge

	Aug 14	X	Fish Fry – email and public media	John Hacker, Richard
	Aug 15	M	Post Meeting – Dale Smith Official Visit	
	Aug 15	V	Art vacation	Will miss Member mtg
	Aug 16	V	Elliott Koppel – vaca from 16 th - 21 st	Will miss no meetings
	Aug 17	C	Cars under the lights – Lowes/Leland	Jim Zelenski
	Aug 20	V	Marone on vacation 20 th - 27 th	
	Aug 24	C	BELK Sale – actual day of sale	Dale Todd
	Aug 30	Z	Send out invitations to members getting pinned in Sep – Adjutant	
	TBD	X	Flag Retirement Ceremony-PLANNING	Dan Fortini/Jim Z
	Aug 2	X	Planning for Founders Day	Bea & Joe Frost
	TBD	X	SCC Planning	
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SEPTEMBER	Sep 02	H	Labor Day	
	Sep 03	V	Art - 3 rd - 17 th	Will miss officer mtg
	Sep 07	E	Fish Fry	John Hacker
	Sep 08	V	Elliott Koppel – vaca from 8 th – 21 st . Will miss both meetings	
	Sep 12	O	Officers Meeting	
	Sep 14	C	Founders Day	
	Sep 15	X	Planning for Trunk or Treat	Dan Dodge
	Sep 18	X	Planning for District mtg in Oct hosted by Post 68	Dale / Dan
	Sep 19	M	Post Meeting – PINNING CEREMONY	Boys/Girls State & Col Baker
	Sep 27	X	Submit application for Dept Fall Conference. Cutoff reservations 9/28, Award nominees by 10/10	Dan Dodge
	Sep 28	C	SCC Expo	
	Sep 30	X	Start Cards for Troops program	
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OCTOBER	Oct 01	V	Bill Smith vacation all month	Need POW flag
	Oct 05	X	Dan VACATION Oct 5 – 11	Dan Dodge
	Oct 10	O	Officers Meeting	
	Oct 10	V	Art - 10 th - 14 th	Will miss officer mtg
	Oct 12	L	District 9 Quarterly meeting- Post 68	Dale / Dan
	Oct 13	V	Mike Connors vaca all week	
	Oct 17	M	Post Meeting	
	Oct 17	L	Dept Fall Conference 17 th - 19 th	

	Oct 20	V	Elliott Koppel – vaca from Oct 20 – Nov 22	Will not miss meetings Oct
	Oct 26	C	Trunk or Treat	Dan Dodge
	TBD	E	Flag Retirement – Sep or Oct TBD	Dan Fortini
	TBD	X	Planning for BELK Sales in Nov	
	TBD	X	Planning for VETS Day parade	
	TBD	E	Possible Post family picnic at Commons?	Jim Z/John Marone

Commander status – Dale: Update on Constitution and Bylaws: Dale has been in contact with folks at NC Dept (Adjutant, JAG, Exec Secretary) JAG now has copy of our docs and will attempt to complete over weekend. If he cannot get it done, it would have to wait until after National Conf.

Much discussion regarding visit to Wilmington by NC Senator Thom Tillis and VA Sec. Willkie which was attended by Lou and Lane. Discussion followed regarding using picture of Tillis on our website and if it posed a potential political endorsement.

Officers expected to be absent from membership meeting: Art,

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, Sep 12th, 2019, **1pm at Shelmore Facility**

Next Post Meeting – Aug 15th, 2019

Guest Speaker: Sharon Burns, ARC and Alan Simmons

What ARC is doing for vets and storm weather prep

Meeting Adjourned at ___1250 hrs_____.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- Dale has docs from NC Dept regarding our interim charter. Adjutant to scan and email to officers
- John M. to get prices for new flag and banner
- Bill Smith checked on allowing the Post to put up their canopy at the weekly farmers market at the Belville Park on Rt 133. Was Approved. Info to be passed onto Jim Z.