



# American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting  
August 15th, 2019





## *Meeting Items*

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





# *Meeting Order of Business*

- **Post Regular Meeting *Call to Order***
- **Approval of minutes from prior meeting**
- **Guest Speaker**
- **Introduction of guests / new members**
- **Old/Current Business & Committee Rpts**
- **Current Activities**
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**
- **50/50**



# *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....***



# *Approval of Minutes:*

***MEETING MINUTES:* Commander -  
Approval of prior month meeting minutes**



# *Guest Speaker / Guests:*

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## *District 9 Official Visit*

***Dale Smith – District Commander***



## *Guest Speaker:*

### *Guest Speakers:*

***Sharon Burns – American Red Cross, Cape Fear Chapter  
Coordinator for Services to the Armed Forces***

***Alan Simmons – American Red Cross, Storm Preparedness***



## *Guests / Visitors:*

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*Introduction of new Members and Guests: Dan Fortini -*



# *Current/Old Business*

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- 1. Installation of officers:**
- 2. Constitution and By-Laws update:**



## *Committee Reports – Membership*

<b>Prior Month Membership:</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>New Members:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers in:</b>	<b>+3</b>
<b>Transfers out:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resignations:</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Dropped:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Active members as of August 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>121</b>





# *Committee Reports – Finance*

## *Month ending July 2019*

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>July 2019</b>	
<b>BANK</b>		
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 9,661.25
INCOME		\$ 1,145.00
DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 1,241.62
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 9,564.63
CASH BOX 1		\$ 95.00
Cash Box 2		\$ 50.00
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>		<b>\$ 9,709.63</b>



# *Committee Reports – Finance*

## *Month ending July 2019*

<b><u>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH</u></b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		\$ (361.62)
<b>50/50</b>		\$ 40.00
<b>Poppy Fund</b>		\$ -
<b>Dues</b>		\$ (40.00)
<b>Donation</b>		\$ 100.00
<b>Clothing</b>		\$ 165.00
<b>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		\$ 3,904.39
<b>50/50</b>		\$ 294.00
<b>Poppy Fund</b>		\$ 1,500.00
<b>Dues</b>		\$ 532.00
<b>Donation</b>		\$ 3,585.17
<b>Clothing</b>		\$ 72.25



# Committee Reports – Finance

## Month ending July 2019

DAY	General Fund		50/50		POPPY FUND		DUES		DONATION		CLOTHI NG / LOGO ITEMS	DISBURS MENT
	INCOME	DISBURS MENT	INCOME	DISBURS MENT	INCOME	DISBURS MENT	INCOME	DISBURS MENT	INCOME	DISBURS MENT	INCOME	
1-Jul		\$ 90.00										
5-Jul		\$ 61.40										
8-Jul								\$ 27.50				
10-Jul									\$100.00			
11-Jul		\$ 21.35										
11-Jul		\$ 98.19										
11-Jul		\$ 40.68										
17-Jul		\$ 50.00									\$165.00	
19-Jul			\$ 40.00				\$840.00					
23-Jul								\$632.50				
31-Jul								\$220.00				



## *Chaplain / Service Officer*

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- **Sick Call – Brian Danielson**
  
- **Service Officer - Lane Adrian**



# *FINANCIAL REVIEW*

## **1. Financial Review – Rick de Moya & Brian Danielson**

- Review submitted 7/15/19
- Used general guidelines for small non-profits
- Post general accounting principles are now sound
- No inappropriate actions found
- Some accounting shortfalls found during Finance officer transitions



## *Financial Review-Actions to be Taken*

1. Creation of Post Finance Guidelines
2. Purchase of a new Post checkbook
3. Conducting of an annual review of Financial Condition of Post
4. Require two signatures for any expense over \$500
5. Mandatory policy for check request forms for all expenses
6. All bills/invoices are forwarded to Finance officer
7. Establish policies for use of cash boxes
8. Begin 2019/2020 financial year with balance of \$9,532.65



## *New Business –*

- 1. Buddy Call / Phone Tree for September**
- 2. Continuous Service Pins**
- 3. Legion Act signed!**
- 4. VA Secretary Wilikie visits Wilmington**





## *New Business –*

- 5. Post 68 to host District 9 quarterly meeting in Oct**
- 6. NBHS new principle Dr. Sullivan**
- 7. Leland renaming of street names for veterans**





## *Completed Events:*

### ➤ **Events completed since last meeting:**

## **Vietnam Traveling Wall**



**Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall arrives in Wilmington**



## **SCC Networking Meeting**



## *Upcoming Events: August /September*

- **BELK sale: Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – Dale Todd**
- **Cars under the lights: Brunswick Forest Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Jim Z.**
- **Fish Fry: Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – John Hacker**
- **Founders Day: Sep 14<sup>th</sup> – Bea Frost**
- **SCC Expo: Sep 28<sup>th</sup> – Lane Adrian**



## *Future Events:*

- **Department Fall Conference    Oct 18, 19**
- **Pasta Dinner fund raiser        Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **Post Member Appreciation picnic    Nov 10th**



# *Department Newsletter*

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## **Commanders Comments:**

- Participation in Brunswick Forest Clubs meeting

## **Membership Comments:**

**Next meeting: August 15th**



# Comments.....



# The Legion Bulletin



**AUGUST 2019**

Hours - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Monday – Friday  
919-832-7506 (Phone)



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Website – [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org)

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## Sweepstakes 2019!

Just a reminder of your Department Enhancement Sweepstakes program that is going on at this time. Additional Tickets are available by contacting your Department Headquarters by phone, email or fax. Please encourage your members to be involved with this important fundraiser. This program, our Label Program and Calendar Program will help keep our dues as low as possible and be...

## Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

Please be sure to nominate your Post Commander and Adjutant for this important award! The award should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be...



# Membership and Post Activity

## Membership & Post Activity



August 2019

Membership Committee

Know what we stand for.

- ◆ VA help & improvements.
- ◆ GI Bill past & present.
- ◆ Legion Programs.
- ◆ Scholarship Programs.
- ◆ Jobs & Schooling.

**DMS/1981 Transfers  
Get Going & Contact Them!**

**Don't wait !**

**Do it Now!**

They haven't paid their dues yet and chances are your dues may be less or equal to Post 1981.

**Make your move**



# Web Site

## New Calendar Format in testing:

- NEWS AND INFORMATION ▶
- LEGION RIDERS ▶
- RESOURCES FOR VETERANS ▶
- JOIN US! ▶
- YOUTH PROGRAMS ▶
- STATE AND NATIONAL ▶
- FLAG ETIQUETTE ▶

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- LEGAL NOTICES

American Legion Post 68

Today: August 2019

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	Aug 1 1:30pm SCC Networ	2	3
4 2pm BELK Pre-Sale:	5	6	7	8 1pm Officers Meetin	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 6pm Membership M	16	17 1pm Cars under the
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 BELK Sale day - B
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

+ GoogleCalendar



*Next month.....*

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**Guest Speakers for September meeting:**

Col Steve Baker: NBHS JROTC

Students sponsored by Post 68 for Boys / Girls State





## *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 1 of 4*

### **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**



## *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 2 of 4*

**Members re-cover and remain standing**

**Commander: “Sergeant-at-arms, recover the POW/MIA flag.”**



## *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 3 of 4*

### **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 4 of 4*

**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 after-meeting refreshments!

**Remember to support:**

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



## *Post-Meeting & 50 / 50*

✓ **50 / 50:**



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

