



**American Legion Post 68, Leland
Meeting Room, Blossoms Restaurant, Magnolia Greens, Leland
Meeting Agenda for Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 6 PM**

Officers In Attendance:

Dale Todd, Commander ___	Jim Zelenski, 1 st Vice Commander ___
Dan Dodge, Adjutant ___	Art Dietrich, 2 nd Vice Commander ___
Elliott Koppel, Financial Officer ___	Brian Danielson, Chaplain ___
Lane Adrian, Service Officer ___	Richard Fry, Public Affairs ___
John Marone, Logistics Officer ___	Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms ___
Gerald Decker, Post Historian ___	Dan Fortini, Membership ___
Lou Tranzillo, Exec Com. ___	Jim Thompson, Exec Com. ___ Greg Miller, Exec Com. ___

- Women Veterans Event Feb 22nd

POST OPENING:

Call to Order: **Commander, Jim Zelenski, acting**

Chaplain's Opening Prayer: **Chaplain, (Jim Zelenski)**

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble: **All**

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

Approval of prior meeting minutes – **Jim Zelenski**

Guest Speaker: Introduction by **Dan Dodge**

Vincent Walsh from PAVE: Partnership for American Veteran Employment

Introduction of New Members and Guests: **Membership Chair, Dan Fortini**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Report: Finance Officer – **Elliott Koppel**

Account balance as of END OF DECEMBER 2018: \$9,934.68

Includes final funds from last BELK sale & leftover funds from Vets to DC trip

Membership Report: Membership Chair, **Dan Fortini**

Currently 125 members with 78% 2019 dues renewed (28 members unpaid)

Goal is for 106 members to be fully paid for 2019

We have been calling members who are not paid up for 2019 dues

Concerns and Sick Call: **Brian Danielson**

Service Officer Update: **Lane Adrian**

1. VAEC
2. Brunswick Senior Center Veteran Meetup
3. Local veterans who have received / asked for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Updates to Post 68 Constitution and By-Laws
2. Post Elections coming up

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

After Action Reports:

1. Leland Christmas Parade – Art Dietrich

Upcoming Events:

1. Fat Tonys hosting Shades of Gray concert – Lou Tranzillo. Will need members to help out!

Future Events:

1. Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser – pushing out until 2019 – **Need lead ASAP by early February!**
2. NC Department Mid-Winter Conference 14 Feb
3. Women Veterans Event: Rescheduled for Feb 22nd

MISC. ITEMS:

1. Guest Speaker for February meeting: TBD
2. Girls State: St James sponsoring
3. Web Site Updates
4. Oratorical Contest: Richard Fry, Rick de Moya
5. Post member Roger Perkins has stepped up to help the Commander with Strategic Planning

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Membership Meeting – 21 February

Comments from Membership.....

50/50

Closing Ceremony

Chaplain's Closing Prayer: **Chaplain**

Recovering of POW Flag: **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Meeting declared Closed: **Commander**

Meeting Adjourned at: _____