



American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC

DECEMBER 13th 2018 Officers Meeting MINUTES
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
Gerald Decker, 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, Exec Com.
Jim Thompson
Greg Miller

UPDATES ON CURRENT ITEMS and NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speakers for upcoming membership meeting:

None for DEC

Jan: Elina DiCostanzo and Vincent Walsh from PAVE – Partnership for American Veteran Employment @ BCC

- Suggestions made on future speakers such as Legal Aid for Veterans & Acupuncturist, Town of Leland Police Chief

NOTE: LOTS TO GO OVER! WE NEED TO STAY ON AGENDA AND SCHEDULE! 2 hours!

PRIMARY TOPICS:

1. Introduction of Elliott Koppel – new Finance Officer AND Dan Fortini – new Membership Chair
 - o Dan has not talked with Kathy yet
 - o We will have a meeting between Dan, Dan and Elliott after first of year
2. Constitution and By-Law updates
 - o Per Commander: Certain topics could be written as procedures so we would not have to change bylaws when the procedure changed.
 - o Lots of discussion regarding changing of Post name. Pros and cons of using Jacobs and of including Carshaw. We would not go to Jacobs family until the membership agrees on the name change.
 - o Officer team reviewed all major changes. Notes were recorded by Richard, Jim and Dan to be incorporated into the draft documents. Richard handling actual updates.
 - o Next review will be during January Officers meeting so we can present to members during January meeting
3. 2019 Events Calendar
 - o The 2019 Calendar of events was discussed
4. Future meeting speakers: What program topics would the membership like to hear about?
5. Christmas parade review

6. Members not yet paid for 2018
7. 5 checks written to assist local vets for \$2300 – Lane discussed payments. All recipients were very appreciative of their gift.

Events: (Need after action reports sent to Adjutant)

- Completed events:
 - Christmas Parade – Art (above)

- * Upcoming events:
 - * January officer and membership meetings
 - * Shades of Gray concert – Feb. Gerald details.
 - * Pasta Dinner – Select Date – LEAD Required

MEMBERSHIP:

- Currently at 125 members
 - 90 up to date on dues 35 unpaid members 85% paid need 106
 - Robert Corrison has re-activated his member after Lou contacted him

Commander status – Dale

OTHER:

- Elliott still trying to get in touch with local Boy Scout leader
- We discussed current status of membership renewals for 2019
- Dale discussed Post demographics report

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, January 10th, 2018, 1pm – 3pm at Shelmore Facility

Next Post Meeting – January 17th, 2018 **Meeting Adjourned at** _____.

CONSTITUTION and BYLAW Updates:

- There will be no reference to RANK in John Jacobs name (Post name change)
- Many changes are to better align our documents with those of the Department and National including terminology and naming
- Name Change comments:
 - o Greg: Wait on name change and name our building after Jacobs
 - o John: People would associate the Jacobs name with Leland as being only vet to be KIA
 - o John(?): What about changes to T-shirts, hands, stationary, flags etc. with name change
 - CDR: They would be made over time
 - o Lane: Carshaw started in 2014, was very active in AL prior to coming to Leland. Has been very supportive of this Post and promoting it's work and name
 - o Art: Bill Carshaw was not from this area. Tying the Post name to a local resident is a better idea. Identifies with the Town
 - o Dan F & Jim Z: Suggested setting up an Award named after Bill Carshaw that the Post gives out
 - o Jim Z: Has been researching name of other Posts and all are named (with few exceptions) after local vets who were KIA
 - Jim has a write-up on Jacobs for publishing and our website if we go that way
 - o Elliott: Suggest getting a plaque for Town Hall for names of deceased local vets on it
- Elected vs. Appointed:
 - o Adjutant and Service Officer changed to appointed as it takes a long time to become proficient. This would allow individuals in those positions to serve longer
 - o Explanation given regarding the Executive Advisory Board members (ECAD)
- ByLaws – Article V – Riders
 - o References to National (?)
 - o Replacing “spouses” with Family Members & friends can ride along
- ByLaws: Article I – Executive Advisory Committee must provide minutes of their meetings to the Adjutant
- Other
 - o There was a comment regarding who can / cannot vote – that needs to be spelled out
 - o Finance: There need to be 2 signatures on all checks:
 - Commander, Finance Officer or Adjutant
 - o We need to HIGHLIGHT changes when we show the docs to the membership
 - o Added to Adjutant responsibilities: Maintain DD214's for Post members
 - o Adjutant: Provide Website management, maintenance and oversight
 - o Post Finance Officer: Change LOCAL BANK to POST BANK ACCOUNT
 - Also change the word BUT to SHALL whatsoever shall must immediately
 - Item #4: AL at the National level has an insurance policy on all Post officers
 - o ByLaws: Article VII – Take out Third Thursday of each month. Replacing with wording that says we meet monthly
 - o ByLaws: Article IX – References John E Jones but other areas of the document only say Post 68
 - o ByLaws: Article XII – Section 5 – Change members to member
 - o ByLaws: Article XVI – Should “Day of our Lord” be replaced / removed?

Note: There may have been more changes brought up during the meeting that I was not able to capture but Jim / Richard did.....