



American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC
Officers Meeting MINUTES
December 12th, 2019
Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

Call to Order: at 1300, Commander

PEC Officers/Chairs Present:

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

Jim Zelenski, 1st Vice Commander x

Brian Danielson, Chaplain ___
Richard Fry, Public Affairs _x_
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms _x_

AT-LARGE MEMBERS
Lou Tranzillo ___
John Hacker _x_
Mike Conners _x_

TOPICS for DISCUSSION:

1. By-Laws review. Updates have been incorporated.
 - Commander reviewed integration of AG requested changes to our bylaws. The Post Executive Committee (PEC) is comprised of all elected and appointed officers plus the 3 member Executive Committee which will now be known as at-large members. This is a naming model used by other posts.
 - Several references to what the Post commander can do updated with “Post Commander requests or recommends which must then be approved by the PEC”.
 - There are also some updates to officer position standard responsibilities
 - All officers asked to read the updated and provide any last minute changes. This is your last chance to update before we sign and ship off to Dept of NC.
2. Jacobs Reception: Preparations pretty much done. This Sat from 4pm – 6pm. Setup 3pm. Several members bringing tables to layout food on. Flags were discussed and the agenda handout reviewed. Dale and Dan will review room on Friday morning. Dan to send Mike C. pictures for Jacobs dedication on website. Richard indicated we may have TV coverage. Dan has framed charter to present to family. We also agreed to give parents Post 68 ball caps.
3. 2020 Events and Activities – What do we want to do as a Post in 2020 (see list): Dale reviewed this list with officers present. Most agreed that this is a comprehensive list of activities the Post participates in throughout the year. Jim Z brought up a couple that were missing. Many events need lead times and leaders. Commander asked that we dedicate an officers meeting to flushing out this list and firming it up for 2020. Dan needs to layout the events in a calendar.
4. List of veterans to receive Christmas gift cards: We do not have many names. Lane provided 4 from the Sr center with 1 a definite. Officers agreed on \$100/card with no restrictions. Lane will verify the other 3 names and have Elliott purchase the cards. This needs to be done quickly. We also determined that the caretaker of another local vet should receive a \$500 card. (see below)
5. Pasta Dinner follow-up: Patty Kellye attended today’s officers meeting and gave an excellent after action report on the Pasta Dinner. Dan provided several certificates of appreciation for vendors who contributed to the auction which Patty will deliver & delegate
Additional actions: - Dale indicated getting a picture presenting certificate to the vendor

- Dan to get pictures to Mike Connors for website
- Patty needs bag of paperwork from Dan
- Patty to get name of food vendor for a certificate

6. Membership actions

- a. Post 1981 transfers: Commander indicated that other Posts have done mass transfers of 1981 members into their Posts with no negative feedback from the transferred members. We plan to put together a well written letter for the transferred members explaining the transfer. Jim Z, Dan F and Richard will work this before we pull the trigger with the District membership chairman (Mike Fagen). We want this done by the end of the year.
- b. Contacting of members who have not renewed. Dan F has contacted many members. We have had 3 more renewals. Dan also found out that we have several bad email addresses. He will attend to contact those members via phone.

7. Election Committee for 2020: Commander discussed the upcoming elections and who is not eligible to run for their current office. Several members (elected and appointed) will be staying but several more need to be replaced.

- a. Dale, Jim, Brian, Bill S., Lou have completed at least 2 years in their positions and are unable to run again for their current position without a PEC waiver. Requirements for waiver are in Constitution and By-laws.
- b. Elliott has not yet been elected in his position; Mike C and John H have only completed 1 year. All 3 are eligible to run for their current position.
- c. Appointed: Dan, Lane, John, Dan
- d. 2 vacant positions: 2nd Vice and Historian
- e. We need to get the election committee established so we can get candidates lined up.

8. Oratorical contest and other NBHS/JROTC updates

- a. Oratorical: Post contest is Jan 11th. 3 contestants. We have more by-in from the school. Jan 4th is Post 543's contest if anyone wants to attend. District contest is Jan 18th. More judges needed for Post contest.
- b. Other NBHS/JROTC items: Dale met with Col Baker, Rick DeMoya regarding NBHS&JROTC activities. They are planning for 2 candidates from JROTC for Boy/Girls state in 2020 and 2 candidates from the general school population. We are still planning to give students a \$500 award along with \$100 each for military excellence and academics. These awards will be presented April 6th during the school awards ceremony
- c. Please note, Rick DeMoya will be stepping down as the NBHS liaison. A replacement will be needed.
- d. We are also proposing to present \$50 gift cards to students planning to attend a military academy or who will enlist in the military out of high school. This will also include a blue flag for the student's family. There was also the suggestion of including a Post 68 cap. Officers present voted unanimously to proceed with this program. We will budget for 10 – 12 students / year.

9. Flag retirement – mass burning: Dan Fortini leading this effort working with John Cook. Planning to hold event on Jan 4th. Dan estimates 5 or 6 Post members will be needed. There will be a short ceremony followed by the burning.

STANDARD ITEMS / OFFICERS REPORTS:

A) Finance Report

BANK		
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	11,112.14
INCOME	\$	3,044.23
DISBURSEMENTS	\$	3,061.25
ENDING BALANCE	\$	11,095.12
CASH BOX 1	\$	90.00
Cash Box 2	\$	50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	11,235.12

B) Membership Report - December 2019

Last month: 132

Current membership: 134

Members paid: 78%

Members unpaid: 29

% Towards Dept Goal: 99%

- Dues not paid by Jan 1 will be considered delinquent
- Dues not paid by Feb 1 will be considered suspended
- Dues not paid by June 30th will be forfeited

C) Service Officer: (Dale spoke for Lane): We have learned of a local veteran being cared for by his daughter who has been experiencing some high costs to care for her father. Post 543 working with other area posts to assist with expenses. Officers present voted to give \$500 holiday gift card towards expenses.

D) Adjutant items.

- a. \$130 to NC Dept for Battleship donation
- b. Website billing scam
- c. Updated Anita with Post 68 meeting info
- d. Ken Schiess has friend with old 1950 Army uniform
- e. Speakers for 2020 meetings

E) Logistics

F) Chaplain

G) Public Affairs

H) Web Site:

- a. Post Calendar: Which format: Built in format, manual table, use Google Calendar
<http://ncpost68.org/index.php?id=103>

We are also building a memorial webpage for PFC Jacobs

EVENTS: (status with any actions or issues here)

- Completed events: **NOVEMBER**

- Belk Charity Sale Nov 2nd
 - SCC quarterly meeting Nov 7th
 - Brunswick Forest Club Fair Nov 8th
 - Veterans Day Parade Nov 9th
 - Post member picnic Nov 10th
 - Belville town memorial dedication Nov 11th
 - Pasta Dinner Nov 21st
 - Mallory Creek fair cancelled Nov 23rd
- Upcoming events:
 - Post Name Change reception Dec 14th
 - SCC fund raiser event in Feb – Candlewood shops in Leland (?)
 - District 9 meeting Feb 29th – Oak Island Post 454
 - Possible fund raiser with Tropical Smoothie in Leland
 - Dept mid-winter conference Feb 13-15
 - Boy state for 2020: Jun 21-27 \$400/each
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Commander status – Dale:

- Dale’s vacation schedule
 - a. Feb 10th – Feb 20th
 - b. Mar 12th – Mar 25th

Officers expected to be absent:

Officers Meeting: Lou, Lane, Brian
 Membership Meeting: N/A

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, Jan 9th, 2020, **1pm at Shelmore Facility**

Next Post Meeting – Dec 19th, 2019 **Guest Speaker: Elliott Kopple on fire safety**

Meeting Adjourned at ___1505 hours___

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE DATE</u>
Oratorical Contest	Saturday, Jan 11
Department Winter Conference	Feb 13 – 15
District 9 meeting	Feb 22
Storage Unit clean-up/organization current flag inventory)	Feb – Mar timeframe (depends on retirement date of
NBHS Boys State/Girls State nominations	TBD March - April time frame
JROTC Awards Ceremony	TBD April - May time frame
Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)	April 15-18
Spring Belk Charity Day Sale	TBD April – May timeframe
Division II Meeting	May 2
District 9 Meeting	May 9
Post Elections	Membership meeting, Thursday, May 21
Poppy Day	TBD Late May (Memorial Day is Monday, May 25)
Flag Placement at cemeteries	TBD Late May (Memorial Day is Monday, May 25)
Department Convention	June 3 – 6
Spring Fundraiser	TBD (Fish Fry, BBQ or other options)
Flag Collection	TBD mid-June (Flag Day is Sunday, June 14)
Post Officer Installation	Membership meeting, Thursday, June 18
Flag Retirement	June – July
Magnolia Greens Parade	July 4 (if we want to participate)
Belk Summer Charity Sale	TBD Jul – Aug time frame
*Leland Cars under the Lights	August
Member Service Pin Presentation	Membership meeting, Thursday, Sept 17
Belk Preholiday Charity Sale	TBD usually late Sept – early Nov
Post member social event cookout or other options)	TBD fall timeframe (pancake breakfast, hot dog
*Brunswick Forest Club Fair	Possibly Nov

Leland Veterans Breakfast	TBD (Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov 11)
Wilmington Veterans Day Parade	TBD (Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov 11)
Navassa Veterans Service	TBD (Veterans Day is Wednesday, Nov 11)
Winter Fundraiser Membership meeting is Thursday, Nov 19.	Late Nov/Dec (Pasta Dinner or alternate event)
Holiday Gift Cards to vets	Late Nov – Dec timeframe
Christmas cards to service members	Late Nov – Dec timeframe
Other small fundraisers	TBD based on options and needs

OTHER:

- Boy Scouts breakfast in Navassa
- SCC meetings
- BFA meetings
- Homeless survey
- Battleship event?
- Call Diligence in spring for any ceremony (910) 815-4528