



American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
December 19th, 2019





Meeting Items

- **Be sure to SIGN-IN!**
- **Please SILENCE your cell phones**
- **Please LIKE us on Facebook!**
- **Please register on myLegion.org**
- **Military TIMES magazines available!**
- **Check our website: 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 *ALL Wars;**

***Changed 10/16/19 at National Convention, Resolution #1 re: LEGION Act**



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:

Elliott Koppel:

Fire Safety in the home





Guests / Visitors:

Introduction of new Members and Guests: Dan Fortini -



Committee Reports – Membership

Prior Month Membership:	130
New Members:	1
Transfers in:	4
Transfers out:	0
Resignations:	0
Dropped: Post Everlasting	1
Current, active members:	134

80% of Post Members
have renewed
for 2020, 27 left to go

Post 68 is 101% towards
Dept membership goal



Committee Reports – Finance

Month ending Oct/Nov 2019

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

<u>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH</u>		
General Fund		\$ 1,576.97
50/50		\$ 35.00
Poppy Fund		\$ 250.00
Dues		\$ 481.00
Donation		\$ -
Clothing		\$ (240.00)
<u>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT</u>		
General Fund		\$ 3,486.05
50/50		\$ 270.00
Poppy Fund		\$ 1,353.90
Dues		\$ 1,728.50
Donation		\$ 4,185.17
Clothing		\$ 71.50
		\$ 11,095.12



Current/Old Business

3. Post name change reception: Commander
4. Constitution and By-Laws update: Commander
5. Oratorical contest update: Commander
6. Flag retirement: Dan Fortini
7. Concerns and Sick Call: **Brian Danielson**

3. Service Officer Update: **Lane Adrian**



New Business –

1. 2020 Events and Activities: Commander (See attached listing in agenda)
2. Christmas gift cards to area veterans: Commander
3. Election Committee for 2020: Commanded
4. JROTC and NBHS updates: Commander



Completed Events since last meeting: (Oct/Nov)

1. Pasta Dinner: Patty Kelley
2. Trunk or Treat: Dan Dodge
3. Belk Sale: Dale Todd
4. Brunswick Forest Club Fair: Dan Dodge
5. Post members picnic: John Marone
6. Veterans Day Parade: John Marone
7. Town of Belville Veterans memorial: Dale Todd



Upcoming Events:

1. Post 68 Oratorical Contest: Jan 11th
2. SCC fund raiser @ Candlewood Shops – February (?)
3. District 9 meeting – Feb 29th in Oak Island
4. Department mid-winter conference – Feb 13 - 15



Misc Items:

Web Site:

- New page created to honor PFC Jacobs

Commanders Comments:

Commanders vacation schedule: Feb 10th – 20th
Mar 12 – 25th

Membership Comments:

Next meeting: January 16th



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!***

