



# American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting  
January 16th, 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 \*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 Speakers:*

***Baily Smith – Winner, Post 68 Oratorical Contest***

***Carlo Montagano – Executive Director Brunswick County  
Habitat for Humanity***

***Bill Nadeau – Parks and Facilities Manager  
Town of Leland  
Park Master Plan and Veterans Memorial***



## *Guests / Visitors:*

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



## *Committee Reports – Membership*

<b>Prior Month Membership:</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>New Members:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers in:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Transfers out:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Resignations:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dropped: Post Everlasting</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current, active members:</b>	<b>134</b>

81% of Post Members  
have renewed  
for 2020, 25 left to go

Post 68 is 103% towards  
Dept membership goal



# Committee Reports – Finance

## Month ending December 2019

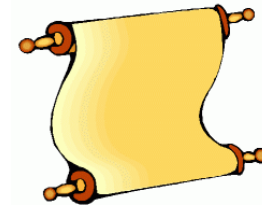
RECONCILIATION			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DEC 2019</b>		
<b>BANK</b>			
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			\$ 11,095.12
<b>INCOME</b>			\$ 3,917.63
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			\$ 3,353.61
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>			\$ 11,659.14
<b>CASH BOX 1</b>			\$ 90.00
<b>Cash Box 2</b>			\$ 50.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 11,799.14</b>

BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH			
<b>General Fund</b>			\$ 1,527.52
<b>50/50</b>			\$ 24.00
<b>Poppy Fund</b>			\$ (1,200.00)
<b>Dues</b>			\$ (45.50)
<b>Donation</b>			\$ 53.00
<b>Clothing</b>			\$ 205.00
BALANCES PER ACCOUNT			
<b>General Fund</b>			\$ 5,063.05
<b>50/50</b>			\$ 294.00
<b>Poppy Fund</b>			\$ (153.90)
<b>Dues</b>			\$ 1,683.00
<b>Donation</b>			\$ 4,238.17
<b>Clothing</b>			\$ 276.50



## *Current/Old Business*

- › By-Laws update: Commander
- › Be sure to sign our new Charter!
- › Election Committee: Commander
- › Oratorical Contest Results: Commander







# *Election Committee*

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DanDodge - Lead  
Art Dietrich  
Joe Frost  
Richard Fry  
John Marone



As of January 2020

## Post 68 Officer Elections - 2020

Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate	REMARKS
Commander				Elected Position
1st Vice Commander				Elected Position
2nd Vice Commander				Elected Position
Finance Officer	Elliott Koppel			Elected Position
Post Historian				Elected Position
Post Chaplain				Elected Position
Sergeant At Arms				Elected Position
Member at Large				Elected Position
Member at Large	Mike Conners			Elected Position
Member at Large	John Hacker			Elected Position
Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate	REMARKS
Adjutant	Dan Dodge			Appointed Position
Service Officer	Lane Adrian			Appointed Position
Judge Advocate				Appointed Position
Logistics Officer	John Marone			Appointed Position
Public Relations	Richard Fry			Appointed Position
Membership	Dan Fortini			Appointed Position



# *Current/Old Business*

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- Service Officer Update – Lane Adrian
- Chaplain Update – Brian Danielson



# *New Business –*

## 1. 2020 Events and Activities: Commander



## *Completed Events since last meeting: (Dec/Jan)*

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1. Jacobs Family / Post Name Change reception (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>): Commander
2. Flag Retirement (Jan 4<sup>th</sup>): Dan Fortini
3. Oratorical Contest (Jan 11<sup>th</sup>): Dale Todd



## *Upcoming Events:*

1. Storage Unit Cleanup (TBD): John Marone
2. District 9 Meeting (Feb 29<sup>th</sup>) Post 454 Oak Island: Commander
3. Department mid-winter conference (Feb 14-15): Commander
4. NBHS Change of Command and Awards Ceremony (Apr 6th)
5. VEAC: Veterans Experience Action Center (Apr 15-18) Southport



## *Misc Items:*

**Web Site:**    [New Calendar](#)

### **Commanders Comments:**

Commanders vacation schedule: Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 12 – 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Membership Comments:**

**Service Awards:**    Adjutant

**Next meeting:**    February 20<sup>th</sup>



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

*American Honor Guards of North Carolina  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 885*

## *American Legion Post 68*

In appreciation of your outstanding support in assisting with  
the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall  
Wilmington, North Carolina July 25 to July 29, 2019







## *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!**



2020

**POST 68 EVENTS PLANNING - 2020**

Event updated

Event added

Event needs planning/other scheduling

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	LEAD PERSON
JAN	1/4/2020	Flag retirement / burning	Dan Fortini	Dan Fortini
	1/9/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	1/11/2020	Oratorical Contest		Dale Todd
	1/15/2020	Meet with vets at Sr Center	Lane. 10:30am	Lane Adrian
	1/16/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
FEB	2/14/2020	Dept Winter Conference	2 days Fri and Sat	Dan Dodge
	2/13/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	2/20/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	2/29/2020	District 9 meeting	Post 454 Oak Island	Commander
	TBD	Storage Unit Cleanup	Feb/Mar timeframe	John Marone
MAR	3/7/2020	JROTC Military Ball		
	3/12/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	3/19/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	TBD	NBHS boys/girls state nominations	March/April timeframe	
	TBD	Boy scouts breakfast in Navassa	TBD	



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	LEAD PERSON
			Event updated	
			Event added	
			Event needs planning/other scheduling	
APR	4/6/2020	JRTOC Awards/Change of Command cerem	1 @ \$500 2 @ \$100	
	4/9/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	4/15/2020	VEAC event	April 15-18 Southport S. Brunswick HS	Dale Todd/Lane Adrian
	4/16/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	TBD	Spring Belk Charity sale	April/May timeframe	
MAY	5/2/2020	Division II meeting	Location?	Commander
	5/9/2020	District 9 Meeting	Post 543 St. James	Commander
	5/14/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	5/21/2020	Post Elections/Membership meeting		Commander
	5/22/2020	Poppy Day collections	National Poppy day	
	5/25/2020	Flag Placement Cemeteries		
	TBD	Spring fundraiser	Fish fry, BBQ, other	
JUN	6/10/2020	Dept Convention	June 10-13 in Raleigh	Commander/Adjutant
	6/11/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	6/12/2020	Flag collection event		
	6/18/2020	Installation of Post Officers	membership meeting	Commander





Event updated  
 Event added  
 Event needs planning/other scheduling

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	LEAD PERSON
JUL	7/4/2020	July 4th parade	Magnolia Greens	
	7/9/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	7/10/2020	Legion College	10th & 11th High Point	
	7/16/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	TBD	Flag retirement	June/July timeframe	
	TBD	Belk summer sale	July/Aug timeframe	
AUG	8/13/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	8/20/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	TBD	Leland under lights car show		
	TBD	Downtown Concert series wrist band sales	Aug/Sep	
SEP	9/10/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	9/17/2020	Service Awards ceremony	membership meeting	Commander
	TBD	Leland Founders Day		



MONTH	DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	LEAD PERSON
			Event updated	
			Event added	
			Event needs planning/other scheduling	
OCT	10/8/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	10/15/2020	Membership meeting		Commander
	10/22/2020	Dept Fall Conference	Oct 22-24	
	TBD	Trunk or Treat	Halloween on a Saturday	
	TBD	Belk pre-holiday sale	Setp - Nov timeframe	
	TBD	Post membership picnic/social		
NOV	11/12/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	11/19/2020	Pasta Dinner Fundraiser	November membership mtg	
	TBD	Brunswick Forest club fair		
	TBD	Leland Veterans breakfast	Sr Center	
	TBD	Wilmington Veterans parade		
	TBD	Navassa Veterans service		
	TBD	Belk Winter fundraiser	Nov/Dec timeframe	
	TBD	Holiday gift cards to Vets	Start in Oct	
	TBD	Christmas cards to service members	Start in July?	
DEC	TBD	Leland Christmas parade		
	12/10/2020	Officers meeting		Commander
	12/17/2020	Membership meeting		Commander

