



**John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC**  
**Officers Meeting MINUTES**  
**February 13th, 2020**

Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

**Call to Order:** at 1300, Commander

**Officers/Chairs Present:**

Dale Todd, Commander \_\_\_  
Dan Dodge, Adjutant \_x\_\_\_  
Elliott Koppel, Financial Officer x\_\_\_  
Lane Adrian, Service Officer \_x\_\_\_  
John Marone, Logistics Officer \_x\_\_\_  
Dan Fortini, Membership \_x\_\_\_

Jim Zelenski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander \_x\_\_\_  
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Brian Danielson, Chaplain \_x\_\_\_  
Richard Fry, Public Affairs \_x\_\_\_  
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms \_x\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Lou Tranzillo \_\_\_x\_\_\_  
John Hacker \_\_\_x\_\_\_  
Mike Conners \_\_\_

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Election Committee for 2020: Dan Dodge (chair of election committee), reviewed updated elections chart. Most names have been filled in. Brian Danielson stepped up for HISTORIAN. Jim Zelenski considering Finance Officer.
2. VEAC sign-up sheet and donation: New signup sheets were provided with most officers participating. Finance officer cannot find where a check was written last year to VEAC for a donation from the Post.
3. Boys and Girls state forms: Rick De Moya has a good handle on this
4. Service Awards for 2019 (1 left for a 50-year member)-Don Ullum (Ken Schiess)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Application for Downtown Wilmington Concert series ready to go. Due by 2/21/20
  - Approval given to submit application (Dodge)
2. JROTC Shooter competition – (Results from Rick)
  - Per de Moya, the team is 9<sup>th</sup> nationally with Delaney Larson 9<sup>th</sup> nationally individual
3. Scheduling of 2020 Financial Review AFTER elections. Date and who will participate
  - Brian indicated that 3 years of audit took two people 2, 2 hour sessions to complete
  - Team will need to be defined
4. Do we have TOO many events?
  - a. Possible Shredding event
  - b. Hosting a Blood Drive with Red Cross
  - c. Participation at BF Cardboard Boat Regatta-canopy / free water April 25th
  - Jim Z suggests scrubbing the list with Dale, Jim Z, John H. and Dan

5. Veterans Readjustment counseling center moving to Leland – Lane
  - Lane attended meeting. Extension of Jacksonville Vet Center.
  - They have an on-site counselor with 2 other veterans to assist
  - Every Thursday from 10 – 12 group session
  - Lane provided a flyer. Possible speaker
  
6. Possible participation in Brunswick Forest Regatta event – 25 April
  - Jim Z working. Put up canopy. Give out free waters and Post info
  
7. Homeless survey update – Lane and Lou: No homeless were found. 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row

**STANDARD ITEMS / OFFICERS REPORTS:**

A) Finance Report

MONTH	Jan-20
<b>BANK</b>	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 11,968.15
INCOME	\$ 2,133.92
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 4,948.02
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 9,154.05
CASH BOX 1	\$ 90.00
CASH BOX 2	\$ 50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 9,294.05

<b>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT FOR MONTH</b>		
General Fund		\$ (3,492.30)
50/50		\$ 24.00
Poppy Fund		\$ 805.00
Donation		\$ -
Clothing		\$ 105.00
<b>BALANCES PER ACCOUNT</b>		
General Fund		\$ 1,570.75
50/50		\$ 318.00
Poppy Fund		\$ 651.10
Donation		\$ 1,668.00
Clothing		\$ 381.50

- Taxes for 2019 to be done in May
- Budget review for 2020. Elliott had to do a reconciliation for \$250 difference
  - o Poppy fund way over extended. Re-seeded with \$1500 from general fund
- Suggested we schedule regular Budget vs. Actual reviews

B) Membership Report - As of 5 Feb 2020:

- New transfers
  - o Rick Hibbert – Needs check at Feb meeting
  - o Tom Warren
  - o Bob Tapaszi
  - o Robert Rossi
  - o Wallace Womersley
- Dan F went thru delinquent list. Got 4 more names
- Need to better track who recruited new members

POST 68 MEMBERSHIP STATS		AS OF: 2/5/2020	
Number of active numbers:	141	NC Department goal:	106
Number with PAID dues	116	Post 68 goal:	115
Number with UNPAID dues	19		
Number of PUFL members	5	Dept goal OBTAINED:	115%
Number of LIFE members	1	Post goal OBTAINED:	106%
Total PAID members	122	Assigned Percent Paid:	87%
Members NOT renewing	4		

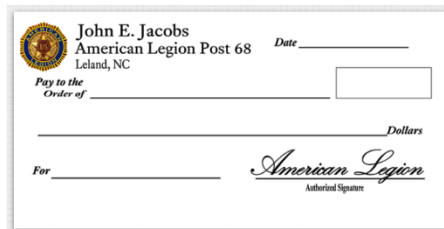
C) Vice Commanders: Jim spoke on regatta and sponsoring a shredding event

D) Service Officer

- Ms. Edna Roy. Widow of Korean war vet. Assistance with wheelchair ramp. Working with WARM. Needs statement from vets prior employer
- The woman we provided funds for respite care for her veteran father gave grateful thanks via Lane for Post officers
- Lane has been attempting to contact vet we gave money to for back rent. He has been elusive
- Lane also showed where Post 543 was all over the Brunswick Beacon with their events

E) Adjutant items.

- a. ATMC grant application
- b. Presentation check \$51.00
  - i. Remove signature
  - ii. Replace signature title with Commander



- c. Dodge to miss March and May officers' meetings
- d. JROTC awards and certificates

F) Logistics: Purchased 500 poppies. Holding off on storage unit shelves/reorg until we know more about John's trailer. Jim asked John to order 300 flags for gravesites too. Also noted that VFW is starting to mirror many of our events.

G) Chaplain: No report

H) Public Affairs: Need minimum of 2 weeks lead time on any publicity for events to media

I) Web Site:

- Lots of cleanup has been done
  - o Menus
  - o Cleaned up resources for vets such as links, addresses, etc
    - Veteran Official Resources page

- Affiliated Webs page
- Govt Web sites
- Veteran Solutions
- Added specific link just for VA resources
- Working on standardizing fonts
- Stats counter added to all pages giving better statistics
- Cleaned up Riders page
- Just added Press Releases page and menu item

### **EVENTS: (status with any actions or issues here)**

- Completed events: JANUARY
  - Flag retirement (Jan 4<sup>th</sup>) (has been discussed)
  - Oratorical contest – Post 68 and District 9 - AAR done
    - Division and Districts have no prize money
    - We did get our deposit back from the school
- Upcoming events:
  - Dept mid-winter conference Feb 13-15
    - Being attended by Dodge and Adrian
  - District 9 meeting Feb 29<sup>th</sup> – Oak Island Post 454
  - JROTC Ball Saturday, March 7th
  - NBHS Awards ceremony – April 6th
  - VEAC – April 16-18 with setup on the 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Boy state for 2020: Jun 21-27 \$400/each
  - Division II meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Fish Fry – Interest from John White but nothing for a week or so
    - Maybe Oct BBQ?
    - Fish Fry around Easter/Lent? (next year)
    - Shredding event?
  - Poppy Day May 22nd. John ordered poppies. Richard Fry to lead event. 4 locations
    - Need to create “poppy kits”
  - Cemetery flag placement May 25<sup>th</sup> (John Cook?) John to order more flags
    - Need to include Jacobs cemetery

### **Commander status** – Dale:

Commanders leave schedule:

- Feb 10 – 20th
- Mar 12 – 25th

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Possibility of having officer meetings or at least one at the Battleship
  - Dan has sent note asking about it
- Does anyone know VERN? Ie: Raffle drawing winner

### **Officers expected to be absent:**

Officers Meeting: Conners

Membership Meeting: Marone, Todd, Simmons

**Next Officers Meeting** – Thursday, March 12th, 2020, 1pm at Shelmore Facility  
Dodge and Todd will be absent

**Next Post Meeting** – Feb 20th, 2020

**Guest Speaker: Leigh Lane,**  
**Brunswick Wellness Coalition**

**PLUS**

**James Jarvis**, Executive Director of the Cape Fear Chapter  
Red Cross

**Meeting Adjourned at** \_\_1425 hours\_\_\_\_.