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American Legion Post 68 – Leland, NC

Blossoms Meeting Room, Magnolia Greens, Leland, NC

INFORMATIONAL NOTES FOR MARCH 2020

This information being published due to no membership meeting this month

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INFORMATION FOR POST MEMBERSHIP / EVENT UPDATES / As of 17 March 2020

Members: As you can understand, the Coronavirus outbreak has disrupted all our lives, hence the cancellation of our March membership meeting which was done with guidance from our National and Department Leadership. Since we are not having a membership meeting this month, your Post PEC team wanted to keep all members in-the-loop and apprised of Post news, information and events. Therefore, we are publishing this newsletter to you.

Please check our website on a regular basis for information and updates on Post activities: <http://NCPOST68.org>
Also, our Facebook page has been getting more activity: <https://www.facebook.com/legion.lelandpost.9>

Please note: As a Veteran and a Post member, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE due to the Coronavirus outbreak or any other reason, please contact our Service Officer: Lane Adrian (603-251-7040) for assistance.

Current Business:

MEMBERSHIP:

Our PEC (Post Executive Committee, i.e.: Officers) would like to offer a warm welcome to our latest wave of transfers. Welcome! Upon attending your first meeting with us, you will receive a Post 68 ball cap. See John Marone, Logistics Officer.

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| Prior Month Membership: February 2020 | 141 |
| New Members: | 1 |
| Transfers in: | 43 |
| Reinstatements: | 1 |
| Transfers out: | 0 |
| Resignations: | 4* |
| * Previously accounted for and reported | |
| Dropped: (Post Everlasting) | 0 |
| Active members: | 182 |
| Percentage members renewed for 2020 | 92% |

FINANCE:

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| February Beginning Balance | \$9,154.05 |
| Income | \$ 512.50 |
| Disbursements | \$ 681.89 |
| Ending Balance: | \$8,984.66 |
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| Cash boxes: | \$ 140.00 |
| Total Cash: | \$9,124.66 |

SERVICE OFFICER: Nothing to report

CHAPLAIN: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Elections:** We are still planning for elections in May and we will be freezing the ballot at our April meeting. Currently, we have a FULL SLATE of officers for this upcoming election. The only position in need of an exception is that of Sergeant at Arms. Our current officer has been in this position for 2 years but has offered to run again if there are no other candidates. If interested, please contact Elections Committee Chair – Dan Dodge (607-237-4630). See last page of this newsletter for current slate of officers.
2. **VEAC:** The PEC has approved a \$200 donation to support this years VEAC event, which will be postponed due to Coronavirus and will be rescheduled for July 9th timeframe. It is still planned to be held in Southport.
3. **Youth Activities:** Interviews for Girls State are currently on hold as the North Brunswick High School has been closed. Rick de Moya is working with the school and JRTOC on a future date & time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Downtown Wilmington Concert Series Wristband Sales:** Post 68 is on the list of organizations competing to participate in this fund-raising event. However, we need YOUR VOTE! We have participated in this event a couple times and brought home \$400 - \$500 for 8 members working 4 hours. Not bad money. Please click the link below to vote for Post 68. We are about the 5th entry down:
American Legion, Post 68 Leland <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020charitywristbandprogram>

Also, please forward this email to your family and friends asking them to cast their vote for us. Every vote helps. Last year we were not able to get enough votes to participate.

2. **Post 101 Course:** As many of you know, Post 68 has grown rapidly over the past several years. We now have 43 new transfers who have entered our ranks (Welcome by the way!). In taking a page from another Post's playbook, 1st Vice Jim Zelenski is working on a Post 101 course for new members to explain how our post works with chain of command, events, processes & procedures, etc. Stay tuned for our first implementation of this effort. We understand that many new members and transferees are not familiar with how this post operates. This is our way of bringing everyone up-to-speed.
3. **50/50:** We need a member to run our 50/50 at meetings on a regular basis. Please step up at our next meeting.
4. **Post Insurance:** Post 68 carries a general liability policy for non-profit organizations. We are in the process of gathering quotes for additional copies for better pricing. Results will be presented to membership at our next meeting
5. **Buddy Check 2020:** Being planned. Stay tuned.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

Completed events: February 2020

1. **NC Department Winter Conference (Feb 14th):** Dan Dodge gave an update on the conference which was attended by himself and Lane Adrian. Dan and Lane attended committee meetings on: Boys State, Oratorical, Law & Order, Legion Riders and Membership.
2. **District 9 meeting:** Attended by Dale Todd, Dan Dodge, Lane Adrian and John Hacker

Upcoming Events:

1. Veterans Meet-Up for 3/19/20 - CANCELLED
2. Brunswick Forest Service Fair, 3/28/20 - CANCELLED
3. NBHS Change of Command and Awards – April 6th. TBD! Awaiting feedback from High School
4. PEC (Officers) meeting: 4/9/20. Shelmore Pool area, BF (possible location change.....)
5. Post 68 membership meeting: 4/16/20 Blossoms Restaurant meeting room
6. VEAC April 15,16,17,18 Southport; RESCHEDULED for July 9th timeframe
7. Brunswick Forest Regatta: 4/25/20 Jim Zelenski
8. Division II meeting May 2nd.
9. Poppy Day May 22nd. Richard Fry lead. 4 locations to be setup
10. Memorial Day cemetery flag placement May 25th. Jim Zelenski lead. Meet at 1st Baptist church Leland 8am
11. Blood Drive: We are currently planning to sponsor a blood drive with the Red Cross with a tentative date of 11 September. Conners & Fortini are leads.

OTHER EVENTS:

1. 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in Raleigh March 29th, 2020
For more info: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=523097&k=076341097250>
2. EAA B-17/B-25 Tour Stop (Southport): EAA HQ have cancelled their May Tour Stop of the B-17 & B-25 due to the coronavirus. At this time there are no plans to re-schedule and probably won't be anytime this year.

MISC. ITEMS:

None

Website:

Dan Dodge and Mike Conners have implemented several cleanup measures to our website
Pictures also added to our Facebook site of Oratorical contest and presentation to JROTC rifle team

Post 68 Officer Elections - 2020

| Position | Incumbent | Candidate | Candidate | REMARKS |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Commander | Dale Todd | ! John Hacker | | Elected Position |
| 1st Vice Commander | Jim Zelenski | ! Dan Fortini | | Elected Position |
| 2nd Vice Commander | | !John Cook | | Elected Position |
| Finance Officer | Elliott Koppel | !Jim Zelenski | | Elected Position |
| Post Historian | | !Brian Danielson | | Elected Position |
| Post Chaplain | Brian Danielson | !Lou Tranzillo | | Elected Position |
| Sergeant At Arms | Bill Smith | !*Bill Smith | | Elected Position |
| Member at Large | Lou Tranzillo | !Elliott Koppel | | Elected Position |
| Member at Large | Mike Conners | !Mike Conners | | Elected Position |
| Member at Large | John Hacker | ! Dale Todd | | Elected Position |

| Position | Incumbent | Interested | Interested | REMARKS |
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| Adjutant | Dan Dodge | ! Dan Dodge | | Appointed Position |
| Service Officer | Lane Adrian | !Lane Adrian | | Appointed Position |
| Judge Advocate | | !Alan Simmons | | Appointed Position |
| Logistics Officer | John Marone | !John Marone | | Appointed Position |
| Public Relations | Richard Fry | !Richard Fry | | Appointed Position |
| Membership | Dan Fortini | !Herb More | | Appointed Position |

Blue: Elected

Green: Appointed

"*" = Will need exemption

"! " Verified