



The Dispatch

John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 – Leland, NC

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2020 - 2021

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Herb Moore

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Dale Todd
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Monthly Meetings:

Third Thursday of month
Blossoms Restaurant
Magnolia Greens
1800 Tommy Jacobs Dr
Leland, NC 28451

Meet 'n Greet: 5:30pm
Meeting @ 6pm

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Serving Those who have served

American Legion Military Support

The mission of the American Legion is to offer support programs to all members of the military. Some of these services include benefit centers, career centers, health and education and also family and youth support. Troop support is the main objective and focal point of services. www.legion.org, can direct you to multiple services ranging from support for disabled veterans to financial assistance. There are also resources for career and employment opportunities, and you can locate a Legion Post near you. Some other services that are available through Veterans Services department include filing a VA claim, securing separation benefits, explaining how to use education benefits, helping with applications for college scholarships, and financial assistance if need be. Also, if the need should arise, we also provide a veteran's crisis line. Contact us at Post 68 or your closest American Legion Post!



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COVID-19 Status Where are we?

Currently, the state of North Carolina remains under a mandatory order restricting the gathering of individuals to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Governor Cooper signed Executive order #155 on 5 August extending his Executive order #141 until September 11th. Our Department of NC Commander, James Moore has also ordered that Posts are to abide by the Governor's order and refrain from holding in-person meetings. Therefore, we have cancelled our August Membership meeting and will wait for further guidance regarding our September meeting. If the lock down orders are lifted but Blossoms is not ready to support us, we may need to cancel September as well. Meanwhile, our PEC board continues to meet and work to support our Post. We are organizing events, supporting local veterans AND to keeping you informed of Post activities and news.

PLEASE STAY SAFE!



Guest Speakers:

Aug & Sept 2020 meetings:
CANCELLED!

Website News:

Check our website regularly for important news, events, information and changes—especially now while we all battle COVID-19.

[HTTP://ncpost68.org](http://ncpost68.org)

Post 68 Media:

Our Public Affairs Officer, Richard Fry publishes meeting information and updates in the Wilmington STAR News along with the Brunswick Beacon papers

Did you know?

NC Veterans Property Tax Relief:

This benefit is for vets who are 100% disabled or surviving spouse.

For details, go to:

<https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services>



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Veterans serving Veterans!



STORAGE Unit & Trailer:

Our rented storage unit for Post property has been turned in and all contents relocated to our storage trailer. This will save the Post \$95/month in rent.

AWARDS:

The Dept. of NC gives out several awards during the Annual Convention such as newsletter, Commander, JROTC, Employer of the year to mention just a few. Post 68 is working on submissions for Website, Newsletter and Law Officer of the year. If you would like to sponsor or work on an award, please contact your Commander or Adjutant for more information.

CAPE FEAR VOICES:

Cape Fear Voices is a new non-profit publication in our area which publishes creative writings from local authors. One of our Post members, Eric Mens is the editor. Post 68 has taken out ads in the paper and the August issue, our Service Officer Lane Adrian will have an article regarding Support for Veterans. Cape Fear Voices paper can be found for free at many businesses. A website is under construction.

LOGISTICS OFFICER:

Shirts and Post hats are available with our new name: John E. Jacobs. Golf Shirts: \$25.00, T-Shirts \$15.00, Hats \$15.00. Older items without "John E. Jacobs" are still available at a discount.

BOYS STATE DOCUMENTARY:

You may have seen ads on TV regarding this film. It won a 2020 Sundance Film Festival award. Please click on link to view the review:

<https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/boys-state-movie-review-2020>

BELK SALES:

As most of you know, the Post has been unable to carry out any fund raising activities this year due to Corona Virus. PEC member Dale Todd who has been heading up BELK sales fund raising events has indicated that BELK will be holding its first fund raiser this year starting September 6th. Dale is working the details and will provide you with more information as his plans firm up. Stay Tuned!

Post 68 Happenings:

1. **Flag Presentation to daughter of local WWII veteran** – Gerald Sadowsky. On Aug 9th, several Post members and neighbors met to present a folded American flag and American Legion Certificate of Honor to Esther Sadowsky at her home in the Shelmore neighborhood of Brunswick Forest. Gerald Sadowsky, a New York City native, took part in the 82nd Airborne Division's June 6, 1944 D-Day drop into Nazi occupied France. In 2012, Sadowsky was awarded the French Legion of Honour, Chevalier (Knight) Class, officially National Order of the Legion of Honour, French Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur for his D-Day and World War II service and sacrifice. Gerald passed away on.....after a long illness.



2. Aug 14th, members of Post 68, VFW, American Honor Guard and others did a drive-by salute to **Paul Phillips** wh



3. **John E. Jacobs Scholarship.** Each year, Post 68 presents a \$500 scholarship to a JRTOC cadet from NBHS. That check was formally presented to the recipient: Liana Slade by Dale Todd and Rick de Moya prior to her leaving for UNC Greensboro. Good luck with your future studies!
4. **Wreaths over America:** Post member Bob Penwell is heading up an effort to participate in the annual Wreaths over America campaign. Stay tuned for details!

COMMITTEES: From the Commander

Our efforts to stand up committees are slowly working. This is a great way for you, as a Post member, to get involved with Post activities, functions and events without any large commitment of time.

COMMITTEE

Americanism - We have 4 other members now! Committee includes youth activities such as JROTC and Oratorical Contest.

Publicity/Public Relations - We have 2 members plus the Chair
Membership – We have 3 members plus the Chair now
Service - We need your support for more participation!
Events - This Committee needs a Chair Person – Please step forward!

Information on the duties of each committee will be communicated to everyone along with a request for volunteers to indicate which committee they are interested in.

Service Officer Report: Lane Adrian

We continue to assist the widow of a local vet to schedule a wheelchair ramp from WARM.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership renewals are in high gear! **Our first goal is 50% renewed by Sep 10th.** If you have not renewed yet, please send it in! The Post can receive awards for renewals.

Membership Stats:

Members Assigned: 182
Percent renewed: 46%
Department Goal: 78%

Post 68 Military Branches:

US Army: 46%
US Marines: 9%
Navy: 20%
Air Force: 23%
Coast Guard: 2%

2020 Membership:

American Legion Dept. of NC came in 4th place out of 551 Departments in membership for 2020 with 102% of membership goal achieved!

What are all those emails about?

We receive several informative emails each week compiled by National HQ and forwarded to us via the Department Adjutant. We have been sharing this information with you along with other emails of interest in an effort to keep our members informed.



Post 68 Events:

Your Post PEC team has done much work planning events for this calendar year. Fund raisers, public service events, support for youth, etc. Many events have had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 virus. However, once travel and movement restrictions are lifted, the PEC will again get back to work planning events for the remainder of the year.

WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND HELP LEAD!

Upcoming Events: Many cancellations due to COVID-19!

Sep 11: 9-11 Memorial Post 68 Blood Drive— 1pm – 6pm – Brunswick County Complex, Cooperative Extension Bldg-N in Bolivia – 25 Referendum Dr. BY APPT ONLY! Please go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter "American Legion Post 68" in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box or call 800-733-2767. Mike Conners/Dan Fortini leads.

Note: We are at 70%+ of our goal on number of donations so event is a go!

Sep 11th: Patriots Day event @ Town of Belville Veterans Memorial at the River Walk Park. Members are asked to arrive ~ 8am in uniform (Cap, blue shirt, kaki shorts/pants). There will be several speakers in attendance. Event starts **0830** and should last about 1 hour. Moments of silence at 0846 and then 0901. Contact Adjutant for details.

Sep 12th Flag Collection Day: Dan Fortini, Lead. Will be held starting at 8am at the Commons building, Brunswick Forest Pkwy. Uniform is cap, blue shirt and kakis. Contact Dan Fortini to sign up. The event will go until 4pm. Volunteers needed!

September PEC meeting via Zoom: Thursday, Sep 10th ! 1pm.

Do you have any ideas for an event? Please speak up and let us know!

September is Veteran Suicide Prevention Month:



Now more than ever we must be aware of this tragedy. It's only getting worse for Veterans and for the citizens of our community. Your Commander, John Hacker has been working with Coastal Horizons and Save A Vet Now (saveavetnow.org) on public awareness. If you need more information, call me directly. What can you do to help? (Think about it). Please check out this new YouTube video on the REACH program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eT_8-QJkviU

Post 68 Legion Riders news: Lane Adrian-Commander



John E. Jacob's American Legion, Riders, Chapter 68 of Leland led a large drive by gathering of cars and motorcycles in honoring Leland's own WWII veteran Paul Phillips in front of his residence for his 93rd birthday on August 15, 2020. Veteran Phillips is a proud Navy veteran who served on the NC battleship.

Lane Adrian

COMMANDERS CORNER:



Maybe we can't change the world, but we can Change the world around us. It has been a hard 6 months, Covid-19 keeps trying to keep us down, politics tells us they will take care of us, but do they really mean it? We as American legion members, must as always, take action. Over the next few weeks we as a post will be honoring those who perished on 9-11, a fitting time to honor them and those who fought to not allow a 4th plane go to back and do more damage even though those Americans lost their lives. **Look for that announcement.** We are also sponsoring a Blood drive late on that same day, (September 11) with the Red Cross. NOW more than ever blood is needed. On the 12th we are also collecting unserviceable US flags. These will be properly disposed of at a later date. **My message is this:** We could sit back and do nothing, and complain, and let the fighting go on in Congress, or we can take action and do the things that need to be done to honor our Legion, our fellow Veterans our community, and our Country in positive ways. Until then, let's not try to change the world, let's just try to help our community and make it a better place to live.