



John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC
Officers Meeting MINUTES
November 12th, 2020
Virtual on-line meeting using Zoom

Call to Order: at 1300, Commander

Officers/Chairs Present:

John Hacker, Commander _x_
2nd Vice Commander ____
Jim Zelenski, Finance Officer _x_
Lou Tranzillo, Chaplain _x_
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms ____
John Marone, Logistics Officer _x_
Herb Moore, Membership _x_

Dan Fortini, 1st Vice Commander _x_
Dan Dodge, Adjutant _x_
Lane Adrian, Service Officer _x_
Brian Danielson, Historian ____
Alan Simmons, Judge Advocate _x_
Richard Fry, Public Affairs _x_

MEMBERS AT LARGE
Dale Todd ____
Mike Conners _x_
Elliott Koppel _x_

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

Items for November Membership Meeting

>> Executive order from Governor: No more than 10 indoors from Nov 13 – Dec 4

1. Due to this order, the PEC board agreed to hold the November membership meeting BUT to only hold it virtually via a Zoom session. Dodge will inform the membership and will hold a special Zoom meeting for members to verify their Zoom settings. We expect that December will be the same.
 - i. Speakers:
 1. Tony Vilardi from Save-A-Vet (BIO from Richard)
>> John H to follow up with speaker for November
 2. Skip Brosh, President Winding River Vets Association: Only wants to meet with Commander and Lane to learn about our meetings
2. **Wreaths across America status:** Bob Penwell signed in to give a status update – We have about 235 sold right now which would give us ~ \$1000 in donations. Penwell is working time slots for the placement day. Attendance will be limited due to the virus. Once we know all the details, we will inform the membership. We will maintain a primary and standby lists of people who want to participate. The DAR has also historically worked this event. Penwell has been working with them and will reach out to the DAR head on our status. (Along with Hacker). Last day for checks or online sales will be Nov 30th.
3. **Raising of dues:** This topic was raised by District 9 Commander Dale Smith. The Dept HQ is requesting the increase of \$5 for all Department members. After discussion, the PEC agreed to increase the Post's dues from \$40 to \$50. A motion was made and seconded to raise dues starting with the 2021-2022 membership year. All PEC members present, minus 1 voted in favor. The last increase in dues was done in 2013 from \$35 to \$40. A committee was formed to draft a proper statement to our membership on this action. Alan, Lane, Dan F, Dale, Jim. Statement will be reviewed by Richard.

4. **Event planning for 2021- 2021 calendar:** Dodge explained that we will need to do event planning for the 2021 calendar year by end of Dec so we have a plan for the year. Commander starting on this and asked PEC members to be ready to participate during December PEC meeting.

Patty Kelly is unable to head up a Pasta dinner in Feb due to health reasons. Dan Fortini working on Flag Retirement. Mike Conners had idea to work with a local health organization to assist with the distribution of vaccines. Mike to follow up on this with assistance from Richard.

5. **Jamie Becker for 2nd Vice Commander:** Commander Hacker interviewed Jamie via phone. And she has supplied a resume. She is very interested in participating in the Post. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have the Commander appoint Jamie Becker to the elected position of 2nd Vice Commander for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Post year. All PEC members presented voted in the affirmative. Dodge will follow up with a letter to Ms Becker on her appointment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Donation to Veterans and Battleship via Dept HQ.** Combined donation normally \$1/member PEC agreed to wait on this until the Dept asks for it
2. **Continued membership meetings and speakers:** Adjutant will not line up speakers for now
3. **What to regarding December meeting?** Real meeting or party or what? At this time, we will plan on a virtual December membership meeting. Hacker to follow up with Skip as a speaker
4. **Face masks that Lane purchased:** Commander and Finance officer agreed to pay Lane for these masks (\$2 each) and sell them for \$5. Several PEC members requested 1 or 2 masks. If any are left, we will bring them at Nov membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Newsletter:** Change to quarterly. Next issue covering Nov and Dec (end of Dec/1st of Jan). Then, Jan/Feb/Mar – 1st quarter published in April. (Dan to send Mike a note on this action for website)
2. **Request from Sandy Porcaro, Case Manager Sr Center – wheelchair ramp:** Lane has reached out to Sandy for follow up. Will work with WARM on a ramp. This year WARM has already built 3 ramps for local vets or their widows. Suggestion made to make a donation to WARM to help with building supplies. We have money allocated for veteran support.
3. **John to meet with Leland Mayor on Dec 19th.** Dan needs to have numbers ready for him
4. **Baseball Hall of Fame nomination for John Cook:** Dodge discussed Dept actions on nominations for Hall of Fame for 2021 annual convention. PEC agreed that John and his wife would rather be honored for their donation of the trailer to the Post AND that we should make John an honorary life member of Post 68. PEC members unanimously voted to accept a nomination to make John Cook an HLM of the Post. Also, John Marone to check with several local vendors to sponsor the paint work for the trailer.

5. **Christmas Box program for shut-in's:** Operation North State Jack Ward), Cutoff Nov 28th. Sponsored by Riders. They are only looking for the names and addresses of shut-ins. Membership will be informed of this effort. Dan to send letter to Connors for website.

STANDARD ITEMS / OFFICERS REPORTS:

A) Finance Report – Jim Zelenski: Budget and Financial Review for OCTOBER 2020

TRANSACTION TYPE	DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	X	CREDIT	BALANCE
	30-Sep-20					7,087.16
DEPOSIT	1-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			9.34	7,096.50
DEPOSIT	5-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			4.99	7,101.49
DEPOSIT	6-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			22.70	7,124.19
DEPOSIT	6-Oct-20	Cash and Check Deposit as follows: \$75.00 cash donation from flag collection day. \$360.00, 9 post membership renewals.			435.00	7,559.19
E-payment		American Legion Internet Payment for membership. (1 x \$27.50 = \$27.50)	27.50			7,531.69
DEPOSIT	7-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			17.40	7,549.09
DEPOSIT	8-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			14.64	7,563.73
DEPOSIT	9-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			14.98	7,578.71
DEPOSIT	13-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			24.35	7,603.06
DEPOSIT	13-Oct-20	Belk Sales Final			462.37	8,065.43
E-payment	13-Oct-20	American Legion Internet Payment for membership. (2 x \$27.50 = \$55.00)	55.00			8,010.43
DEPOSIT	14-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			23.03	8,033.46
DEPOSIT	15-Oct-20	Stripe Transfer Belk Sales			43.63	8,077.09
DEBIT	13-Oct-20	Check #1141 to Dale Todd reimbursement for Medals Oratorical Contest	26.53			8,050.56
Ending Balance	31-Oct-20					8,050.56

>> After several more deposits, our balance today stands at: \$8275

B) Membership Report - As of 31 October 2020

We got 3 new transfers: McAvoy and Nan York
We have interest from several new veterans to join

** Transferred in Warren Beard from FL0400 as of 10/27/20 , 2 years. Pd up.

- New transfers in: (4)
- Transfers out: 0
- New members: 0
- PUFL members: 11
- Member dues up-to-date: 137 66%
- Members dues not paid: 71 33%
- Members on books, not renewing - 5

- Members converted to PUFL status: 0
- Transfer to Post Everlasting: 0
- CURRENT MEMBERSHIP = 208 (209)
- NC Goal = 149, attained = 99%

MEMBERSHIP GOAL DEADLINES:

Early Bird KICKOFF:	Sept 10 th	50%	GOAL!
Fall Meetings:	Oct 15 th	55%	GOAL!
Veterans Day:	Nov 12 th	65%	GOAL!
Pearl Harbor Day:	Dec 9 th	75%	
Mid-Winter:	Jan 21 st	80%	
Presidents Day:	Feb 10 th	85%	
Legion Birthday:	Mar 10 th	90%	
Children & Youth:	Apr 14 th	95%	
Armed Forces Day:	May 12 th	100%	

OFFICER REPORTS:

C) **Vice Commanders:** Dan Fortini:

- Working on Flag Retirement for December behind BF Commons. Discussion followed that this schedule might be aggressive. Will move out date if needed.
- Buddy Check list: National is working with Congress to designate a national Buddy Check day. Dan will work to enlist Posts members (vs. the PEC only) to help make buddy calls.

D) **Service Officer:** Request from Sandy Porcaro of Leland Sr Center for wheel chair ramp

- Leland Sr Center still closed.

E) **Adjutant:**

- Newsletter status: Changing to quarterly
- Service Awards – Put off until after the 1st of the year – Need to purchase pins! PEC agreed to put this on hold until after we start meeting in person again. \$200 allocated in budget
- 2021 Budget Planning & Events Planning – Start in November for events.
- Sent out 26 letters to members w/o email and/or phone. 4 responses so far. One member indicates his is moving out of state.
- End of year report of Post activities: Events, numbers, metrics, etc. Dodge to create

F) **Logistics:** A detail is needed to go to the trailer and dry out the flags from getting wet on Veterans Day. They will meet on Saturday. John will also arrange a detail on getting shelves built into trailer.

G) **Chaplain:** Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving

H) **Public Affairs:** Has generated several notices to various outlets for Wreath sales. Is currently doing a write-up on Veterans Day ceremony.

I) **Judge Advocate:**

J) Members-at-Large:

K) Web Site:

EVENTS: (status with any actions or issues here)

- Completed events: OCTOBER
 - Belk sales
 - In-store ticket sales 42 tickets \$242.37
 - Direct sales 39 tickets \$218
 - On-line sales 43 tickets \$217.41
 - **Totals 124 tickets \$677.78**
- 41 manhours = \$16.53 of income/hour of time invested

Note: Current location at Independence Mall location at North Entrance is slow....

- Scheduled events: NOVEMBER / DECEMBER
 - BELK sales
 - Veterans Day
 - Wreaths across America
 - District 9 meeting (details from Dale Smith TBD)
- Future events:
 - Post 101 course for this fall – Possible weekend this fall for new members?
 - Oratorical contest – January
 - Pasta Dinner – Feb
 - Planning for 2021!
 - Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Program in March? John to follow up.

Commander status – John Hacker

Meeting Adjourned at ___1510 hours_____.

Officers expected to be absent:

Officers Meeting: Todd

Membership Meeting:

Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, December 10th, 2020, 1pm. Location – Zoom

Next Post Meeting – Nov 19th, Blossoms 1800 hours via Zoom

OTHER ITEMS:

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	CHARTER	STATUS
Americanism	Dale Todd	Covers NBHS, JROTC and youth programs	Working Oratorical. JROTC still TBD. Several members
Publicity/PR	Richard Fry	Combo committees from By-Laws	Hacker and Dodge members
Membership	Dan Fortini	Topics related to membership	2 members + Dodge
Service	Lane Adrian	Assistance and support to others	
Events		Post events and activities	
Awards		Manage submission of awards to NC Department	

JAMIE BECKER: Hey John, thanks for considering me for this opportunity. I hope to be of some help with events within our post!

My military service began with Basic and AIT IN Aug 1979 at Ft Jackson, SC. After graduation I did Hometown recruiter for 3 months while awaiting my top secret clearances to be completed. I was then assigned to the 601st ASA (Army Security Agency), Ft Ord, CA working within an All Source Intelligence Center (ASIC). I was married to another service member and in 1981 and I received Joint Domicile to Ft Devens, Ma. and assigned to Army Intelligence School Devens AISD). In Jan of 83 my son was born and I reenlisted in the full time Active Duty Reserves and assigned to the 505th ASA, Ft Devens I participated in The gallant night exercise at Fort Bragg, NC and Bold Eagle exercise in Florida. . My ex-spouse was assigned to an unaccompanied tour in Sinop Turkey and I became a single parent and could not reenlist in 1988. When I remarried on 95, I went into the Army National Guard and did a try one.