



John E. Jacobs

American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
August 19th, 2021





Meeting Items

- **Be sure to SIGN-IN!**
- **Please SILENCE your cell phones**
- **Please LIKE us on Facebook!**
- **Please register on myLegion.org**
- **If on Zoom, please MUTE!**
- **Check our website: 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**
- **Introduction of guests / new members**
- **Membership and Finance reports**
- **Old/Current Business**
- **New Business**
- **Events**
- **Officer / Commander / Membership remarks**
- **Adjournment**



Call to Order

Commander:

- **Announce the meeting is about to open - *One rap of gavel***
- ***Three raps of gavel* - All present shall give their 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

All members will recite the American Legion Preamble:



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 John E. Jacobs, American Legion Post No. 68,
Department of North Carolina, regularly convened.”**

All are seated.....



Special ZOOM meeting procedures:

ZOOM MEETING ATTENDEES:

- **Reference instructions sent to members regarding Zoom meetings**
- **Open-up PARTICIPANTS**
- **Stay on mute unless you wish to talk**
- **Use voting buttons or raise your hand to vote**
- **Use CHAT function to contact meeting moderator**



Approval of Minutes:

MEETING MINUTES: Commander -

Approval of prior month meeting minutes



Guests / Visitors:

Introduction of new Members and Guests:

Rob Penwell - Membership



Guest Speaker:

Elizabeth Grant: American Red Cross



Committee Reports – Membership as of 31 July 2021

CATEGORY	STATS
Prior Months Membership:	227
New Members	0
Transfers IN:	0
Transfers OUT:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Resignations:	0
Post Everlasting:	0
Active Members:	227

Membership renewed %	34%
Increase in % over prior month	29%
Membership not renewed %	66%
2021/22 Membership Goal	192
Progress Dept Goal %	40%

July started a new membership year

- National has sent out dues renewal notices
- Please renew as soon as possible! Help Post 68 be the TOP POST in our state!
- Renew at meetings, online or mail in your renewal
- Please pick up your 2022 ID cards at meetings



Finance Month ending July 2021

TRANSACTION TYPE	DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	Line Item	CREDIT	BALANCE
	30-Jun-21					12,557.46
DEBIT	1-Jul-21	Check #1057, Loggo Shoppe, \$244.00, Post Shirts	244.00	4004		12,313.46
CREDIT	7-Jul-21	Membership Dues 7 x \$40.00 = \$280.00		5000	\$280.00	12,593.46
DEBIT	7-Jul-21	American Legion National Dues 7 X \$40.00 = \$280.00 - \$77.50 = \$192.50	192.50	5000		12,400.96
DEBIT	7-Jul-21	Flag & Emblem membership Pins and Certificates via Post Credit Card purchase by Dodge.	152.92	5003.02		12,248.04
DEBIT	8-Jul-21	Facebook Ads	24.47			12,223.57
MOBILE DEPOSIT	12-Jul-21	Membership dues 2022, \$40.00 check from Marone		4000	\$40.00	12,263.57
MOBILE DEPOSIT	12-Jul-21	Summer Basket, Check for \$100.00		4002.04	\$100.00	12,363.57
CREDIT	12-Jul-21	Donations to Post Rider from Hotdog sales event on 10 July 21.		4006	\$116.00	12,479.57
DEBIT	12-Jul-21	Return Deposit Item??? Unknown Status	40.00	4000		12,439.57
Debit	5-Jul-21	Check # 1059, Steve Long. JROTC Rifle Range Supplies	184.18	5005.05		12,255.39
Credit	13-Jul-21	Cash Deposit: \$115.00 Summer Basket raffle; \$23.00 straight donations; \$50.00 Service Hats - 3 Navy, 1 Vet and 1 USMC; \$5.00 Mask.		4002.04, 4003, 4004	\$193.00	12,448.39
DEBIT	15-Jul-21	Check #1058, Marone, Plaque for Car Wash from Coastal Engraving	85.87	5003.04		12,362.52

Balance end of June: \$12,557.46
 Balance end of July: \$11,692.02



CREDIT	16-Jul-21	Cash deposit: \$97.00 - 2 Post Hats @ \$15.00 = \$30.00. 50/50 donation \$67.00 from 15 Jul 21 post meeting		4004,4002	\$97.00	12,459.52
CREDIT	19-Jul-21	Membership Dues: 15 x \$40.00 = \$600.00 - \$40.00 from Marone already paid on 12 Jul 21. (\$240.00 cash and \$320.00 checks)		4000	\$560.00	13,019.52
DEBIT	19-Jul-21	AL Automatic Debit Membership Dues	412.50	5000		12,607.02
DEBIT	8-Jul-21	Check #1060, \$500.00 to Shallotte Post 550 to support needy veteran, approved by PEC on 8 July 21.	500.00	6000.02		12,107.02
DEBIT	19-Jul-21	\$50.00 Vendor Fee -"Leland Under the Lights" Car Show	50.00			12,057.02
DEBIT	26-Jul-21	ALNG Internet Payment Membership	165.00	4000		11,892.02
DEBIT	20-Jul-21	Check # 1062, BFA, School Packback Program	200.00	5004.08		11,692.02
Ending Balance		As of 31 Jul 21				11,692.02



Old Business

- 1. Brunswick Community College Scholarship Update***
- 2. Plaque presentation to Carolina Shores car wash***





New Business

- 1. BOOTS on the Ground – Veteran suicide prevention program***
- 2. NC Maritime Museum at Southport***



Officer Reports

1st Vice Cdr: Dan Fortini
2nd Vice Cdr: Jamie Becker
Service Officer: Lane Adrian
Chaplain: Lou Tranzillo
Public Affairs: Eric Terashima
Sergeant @ Arms: Wilson Tate

Logistics: John Marone
Legion Riders: Lane Adrian
Adjutant: Dan Dodge
Webmaster: Eric Terashima
At Large: Todd/Fry/Koppel
Additional Officers:



Completed Events for July 2021:

- 1. Flags at the Battleship: July 5th- Hacker**
- 2. BSL market: July 10th: Becker**
- 3. Meeting with BCC and tour: July 14th**
- 4. Riders hot dogs fund raiser at CCHD July 10th - Lane**





Current Month Post Events: August 2021

- ✓ 1. Elderhaus presentation and talk: Aug 18th – John Hacker

- 2. Leland under the lights Car Show: Aug 21st – Mike Mabee
3pm – 8pm Lowes grocery, Brunswick Forest
Informational booth



Upcoming Events: SEPTEMBER

- 1. Elderhaus** grand opening new location: Sep ??? – John Hacker
- 2. Flag Disposal:** Sep 4th Fortini – 9am setup Dean's Auto – Landvale Rd
- 3. Blood drive:** Fortini Sep 10th. Fortini – WWAY in Leland
- 4. 9/11 ceremony** with Town of Leland: Rob Penwell Starts 9am sharp!
- 5. VEAC:** Sep 23 – 34 – 25: Dale Todd / Lane Adrian – Be sure to sign up!



Upcoming Events: OCTOBER

- 1. BSL Market: October 3rd – Jamie Becker**
- 2. OCTOBER meeting: Membership service pins – Dodge. 25+ years**
- 3. Fish Fry: Oct 23rd: Fortini Deans Auto field on Landvale Rd**
- 4. Riders hot dog fund raiser: October 16th – Lane Adrian Wilmington HD**
- 5. Table at Piggly Wiggly/Food Lion/Car wash: Details coming..**
- 6. Trunk or Treat: Oct 30th – Jim Woods**



Upcoming Events: Remainder of 2021

NOVEMBER:

- 1. Veterans Day Parade: Nov 6th – Marone**
- 2. BSL Market: Nov 13th – Becker**
- 3. Tables at Piggly Wiggly/Food Lion/Car wash – TBD**

DECEMBER:

- 1. BSL Market: Saturday Dec 4th – Becker**
- 2. Tables at Piggly Wiggly/Food Lion/Car wash - TBD**
- 3. Members Only Pasta Dinner: Dec 16th meeting - Wilson Tate**
- 4. WAA wreath placement at Wilmington Cemetery: Dec 18th: Penwell**



Misc Items:

Commanders Comments:

Membership Comments:



Veterans History Project (Library of Congress)

VHP helps you preserve the memories of the U.S. veterans in your life and community at the Library of Congress. Spanning from WWI to the current conflicts, you can see and hear these first-hand accounts at loc.gov/vets. The Veterans History Project (VHP) is part of the Library's American Folklife Center. www.loc.gov



Misc Items:

Guest Speaker for September: Returning from Afganistan

Next PEC meeting: September 9th

Next Membership meeting: Sep 16th IN PERSON/Zoom @ Blossoms!



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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:



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Commander:

Members re-cover and remain standing

Commander: “Sergeant-at-arms, recover the POW/MIA flag.”



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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.”



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Commander:

“Hand salute” / “Two”

Commander:

“I now declare this meeting of John E. Jacobs, America Legion Post No. 68, Department of North Carolina - adjourned.”

Commander: One rap of gavel





Meeting Adjourned

Please meet your fellow Legionnaires at *BLOSSOMS* for after-meeting refreshments!



Post-Meeting & 50 / 50

✓ **50 / 50:**



✓ **Your Post needs your participation! Please step-up!**



Meeting Adjourned

END OF SLIDES