



John E. Jacobs

American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting
September 16th, 2021





11 September 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

- > Call for motion to approve, second***
- > Member vote***



Guests / Visitors:

Introduction of new Members and Guests:

Rob Penwell - Membership



Guest Speaker:

Eric Terashima: (Retired, USMC)

> Afghanistan <

Via Zoom



Committee Reports – Membership as of 31 August 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 %	41%
Increase in % over prior month	29%
Membership not renewed %	59%
2021/22 Membership Goal	192
Progress Dept Goal %	48%

Renews and Membership increasing!

- New members to the American Legion joining the Post along with more transfers in!
- Please renew as soon as possible!
- Renew at meetings, online with CC or via the mail
- Please pick up your 2022 ID cards at meetings



Finance Month ending August 2021

Checkbook Balance as of 31 Aug 21			\$12,425.65
Projected General Fund Income 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022	12,526.75		
Projected Poppy Fund Income 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022	2,000.00		
Projected Post Riders Income 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022	284.00		
Accounts Receivable	0.00		
			\$27,236.40
Projected General Fund Expenses 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022		-14,426.19	
Projected Poppy Fund Expenses 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022		-1,500.00	
Projected Post Riders Expenses 1 Sep 2021 - 30 Jun 2022		-400.00	
Accounts Payable		0.00	
Operating Cash		-200.00	
Minimum General Fund Balance		-4,000.00	
Contingency Funds Available for Unplanned Expenses			\$6,710.21



Finance Month ending August 2021

TYPE	DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	Line Item	CREDIT	BALANCE
	31-Jul-21					\$11,692.02
DEBIT	4-Aug-21	American Legion National Dues Internet payment	\$495.00	4000		\$11,197.02
DEBIT	9-Aug-21	Facebook Ad	\$26.91	5001.04		\$11,170.11
CREDIT	10-Aug-21	One Wreath Across America		4001.03	\$5.00	\$11,175.11
CREDIT	10-Aug-21	13 Membership Renewals		4000	\$520.00	\$11,695.11
CREDIT	10-Aug-21	14 Membership Renewals		4000	\$560.00	\$12,255.11
DEBIT	11-Aug-21	American Legion National Dues Internet payment	\$82.50	4000		\$12,172.61
DEBIT	10-Aug-21	Trailer Insurance Premium-State Farm. Paid via DEBIT Car at State Farm Office on 10 Aug 21	\$21.50	5001.06		\$12,151.11
DEBIT	16-Aug-21	American Legion National Dues Internet payment	\$137.50	4000		\$12,013.61
CREDIT	20-Aug-21	50/50 \$96.00 No winner came forward		4002.01	\$96.00	\$12,109.61



Finance Month ending August 2021

DEBIT	21 Aug 21	Purchased Water & Ice for Car Show via Debit Card	\$18.40	5004.09		\$12,091.21
DEBIT	21-Aug-21	Purchased Water & Ice for Car Show via Debit Card	\$25.87	5004.09		\$12,065.34
CREDIT	23-Aug-21	Cash Deposit from Car Show: \$125.00 Donations; \$40.00, 4 Service hats, and \$10.00, 2 masks.		5004.09, 4004	\$175.00	\$12,240.34
DEBIT	23-Aug-21	American Legion National Dues Internet payment	\$110.00	4000		\$12,130.34
DEBIT	23-Aug-21	Processing fee of \$12.00 for the bogus returned check of \$40.00 back on 12 Jul 2021.	\$12.00	5000		\$12,118.34
DEBIT	20-Aug-21	Check #1053 to Hacker, Elderhouse Veterans Activity Cake	\$22.99	5006.02		\$12,095.35
CREDIT	24-Aug-21	11 members due deposit; \$40.00 cash and 10 checks.		4000	\$440.00	\$12,535.35
DEBIT	25-Aug-21	American Legion National Dues Internet payment	\$55.00	4000		\$12,480.35
DEBIT	24-Aug-21	Check # 1064, \$54.70 to Dan Dodge. \$41.96 four months of Zoom Fees and \$1274 for labels.	\$54.70	5001.05- Zoom; 5002.01- Labels		\$12,425.65
Ending Balance		As of 31 Aug 21				12,425.65



Old Business

1. Brunswick Community College Scholarship Update

- Scholarship has officially started
- *Funds are allocated to:*
The Foundation @ BCC
- BCC will screen/award scholarship
- Award amount will be \$500/year





New Business

1. Membership Meeting & Agenda changes:

- *Length of meetings*
- *Paring down of agenda*
- *Addendums to meeting minutes*
- *New Name Badges*

2. October Meeting:

- *Service Pins for members with 25+ years of service*
- *Guest Speaker: District 9 Commander – Dale Smith*



Officer Reports:

1st Vice Cdr: Dan Fortini
2nd Vice Cdr: Jamie Becker
Service Officer: Lane Adrian
Chaplain: Lou Tranzillo
Public Affairs: Eric Terashima
Logistics: John Marone

Sergeant @ Arms: Wilson Tate
Legion Riders: Lane Adrian
Adjutant: Dan Dodge
Webmaster: Eric Terashima
At Large: Todd/Fry/Koppel
Additional Officers:



Post Events: September Wrap-up

Note: General details on events, minor updates and misc. info will be moved to new meeting minutes – addendum section. After action reports are available from the Adjutant...

1. Flag Disposal: Fortini – Over 650 flags “retired”

Supported by Scouts from Mako, NC

2. Blood Drive: Fortini – 51 pints collected

3. 911 Ceremony: Penwell –

Very successful with the “Citizens of Leland”

> Photos and other info will be placed into meeting minutes





Post Events: October



1. We have a new FALL BASKET to raffle off – *Zelenski*
2. *BSL Market: Oct 9th – Becker – 2 volunteers needed*
3. *Public table at Piggly Wiggly: Oct 15th – Becker & Terashima*

4. *Fish Fry: Oct 16th – Fortini*



5. *Trunk or Treat: Oct 30th – Woods – Need Candy donations!*

> Additional details to be placed in meeting minutes





Noteworthy Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER:

1. Veterans Day Parade: Nov 6th – Marone

- Women veterans and active-duty military women will be grand marshals
- Post 68 will be leading the parade again this year





Noteworthy Upcoming Events:

DECEMBER:

- 1. Members Only Pasta Dinner:** Dec 16th meeting - Wilson Tate
- 2. WAA wreath placement at Wilmington Cemetery:** Dec 18th: Penwell





Wreaths Across America update:

Wreaths Across America Tracking

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



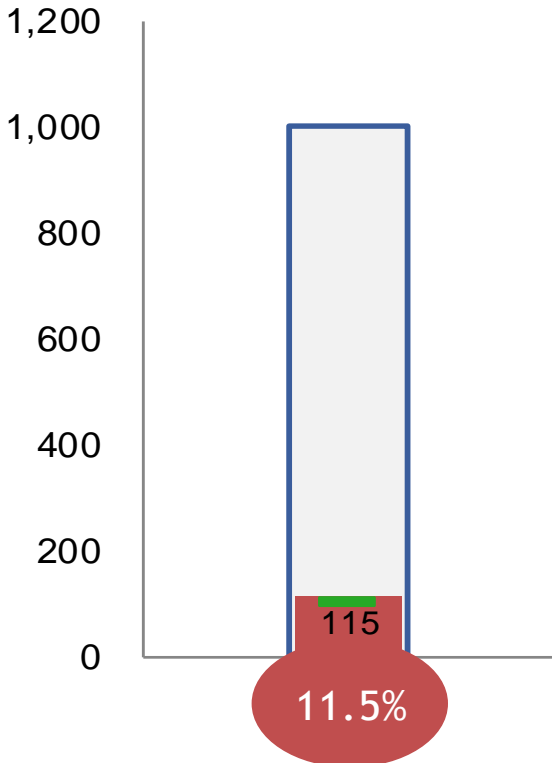
Overall	
Overall Target	1,000
On Track Target	100
Overall Total	115
Overall Percent	11.5%

This Period	
Start:	7/1/21
End:	9/14/21
Total:	115.00

Today	
Date:	9/13/21
Total:	115

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



Date	Name	Type or	Amount	This	Comments
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Misc Items:

Commanders Final Comments:

Membership Comments:



Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 1 of 4

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