



**American Legion  
Leland Post 68  
Meeting Notes for March 16, 2017**

COMPILED BY: Brian Danielson, Chaplain and Eric Mens, Adjutant

DATE: March 16, 2017

APPROVED BY: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Total Attendance: 27

Convened: 19:00

Officers: 9

Adjourned: 20:30

Members: 25\*

\* Including Officers

Guests: 2

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**NOTE:** The meeting was conducted in PowerPoint presentation. Members who wish to receive a copy of the slide presentation may do so by e-mailing the Adjutant at armyvet6770@gmail.com

**Call to Order:** Jim Zelenski, Commander

**Presentation of Colors**

**Chaplain's Opening Prayer:** Brian Danielson, Chaplain

**POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony:** KC White, Sergeant at Arms

**Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble:** All

<b>Officers in Attendance:</b>	Jim Zelenski, Commander ✓	Allan Simmons, Vice Commander ✓
	Eric Mens, Adjutant ____	Greg Miller, Financial Officer ✓
	Brian Danielson, Chaplain ✓	Lane Adrian, Public Affairs ✓
	KC White, Sergeant at Arms ✓	John Marone, Supply Officer ✓
	Dale Todd, Service Officer ✓	Vacant, Post Historian ____

**Current Business:**

- Protocol – KC White, Sergeant at Arms, went over the proper procedures for standing, saluting, and addressing the Commander and the membership body on matters before the membership.
- Introduction of New Members or Guests in Attendance
- Concerns and Sick Call – Chaplain needs to contact John Carter to learn status.
- March 2017 Membership Report: We have 97 paid-up members. However, Don Joseph (our Post Historian) resigned tonight due to personal health reasons.
- Approval of February 16, 2017 Minutes – *Approved*
- Treasurer’s Report for February 2017 – *Accepted*

General Fund Balance	\$2,537.14
Poppy Fund Balance	<u>1,181.35</u>
Total Checking Account Balance	\$3,718.49
Previous Period Ending Balance Reported	\$3,737.32
Month-End Decrease -	\$18.83

- Approved 2016/2017 Budget (*see attached PDF*)

There was a discussion on the JROTC scholarship but no decisions were made. The discussion revolved mostly on how candidates are selected and what are the criteria for selection.

We have ordered new business cards.

- Post Position Vacancies
  - Membership committee needs members
  - Bobby Hunt is heading up the committee for the flag retirements. Three members have volunteered; need a few more to help.
  - Color guard still needs members; Vice Commander reviewed the uniform for the color guard.

### **Old Business**

- Lane Adrian gave a report on the upcoming Veterans Action Benefit Center (VBAC). We expect to serve 1,000 - 2,000 veterans. The Veterans Administration is sending people down as well as from Winston-Salem.
- We are competing with other charities to sell wrist bands at the Wilmington Downtown Summer Concert Series. Information is on our web site.

### **New Business**

- Veteran in Need. Dale Todd, our new Service Officer, gave a report on a Navy veteran who needs help (Anita Hartsell from the County Veterans Services Office reached out to us). After reviewing his financial situation and discussions with the veteran, the Post agreed to pay one of his co-pays that he owes to the VA. For short term relief, we also agreed to provide him with a gift card that could be used to purchase food. Both Dale and our Chaplain will meet with the veteran at his home. Greg Miller suggested that we see if he needs help with finances and planning and to see if the senior center can help in some way. John Cook also said that his church also might be able to help. (Eric Mens, a Post member and recently appointed Director on the Board of Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), asked BFA to interview the veteran to determine eligibility for longer term potential assistance with rent, utility payments, food needs, and budgeting/financial planning. That process is currently ongoing).
- Flag Retirement. Bobby Hunt's report on flag burning ceremony: We are collecting unserviceable flags April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Brunswick Forest Commons. Information will be posted on Brunswick Forest Next Door as well as local television and radio media. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If we get enough donations and it seems to be on track we'll also sell some burgers or hot dogs. Near the end of June, we'll have the flag burning ceremony. Boy Scouts may assist in the ceremony.

### **Upcoming Events – Post 68 members needed to volunteer to assist (contact the POC)**

- \* Flag Collection Day, Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Brunswick Forest Commons - POC Bobby Hunt or Dan Fortini
- \* Poppy Drive Fundraiser, Sat. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Lowes Food, Piggly Wiggly, Food Lion (Mt Misery Rd)
- \* Graveside Flag Placement, Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup>, meet at First Baptist Church, Leland - POC Alan Simmons
- \* Flag Retirement Ceremony, Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>, The Village at Brunswick Forest - POC Bobby Hunt

- \* Fish Fry Fundraiser, Sat. July 29<sup>th</sup>, Leland Town Park, 102 Town Hall Drive – POC John Cook.

### **Display Your Pride**

- \* Post 68 baseball caps are available. One free to new members; additional caps will be available for \$15.00 each.
- \* Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps & Coast Guard ball caps are available for purchase at \$15.00 each.
- \* Post 68 polo shirts are available to order. Cost is \$28.00 each; \$2.00 extra for sizes 2XL and up. Cost must be paid at time order is placed (Note: \$5.00 from each sale benefits the Post 68 general fund).
- \* Post 68 jackets are available for \$45 each (\$3 more for XX and XXX), payable at time of order.
- \* Contact John Marone, Post 68 Supply/Logistics Officer, at: [jonflyfish@aol.com](mailto:jonflyfish@aol.com)

### **Odds and Ends**

- \* Post 68 baseball caps are not part of the official uniform of the American Legion.
- \* Kathy McDonough will keep track of all members who have received a Post 68 baseball cap.
- \* Only the service caps, available through the Legion Flag & Emblem Sales, are the official uniform and should be worn at all official functions, including Post meetings.
- \* Pete Erbe asked that we not address members as “guys,” as we have female members in attendance.

**50/50** – George Patterson won the pot.

**Chaplain's Closing Prayer:** Brian Danielson, Chaplain

**Meeting Adjourned at 20:30.**

As of 14 March 2017

**American Legion Post 68  
Approved FY2016/2017 Budget**

**GENERAL FUND:**

ACCOUNTS	PROJECTED INCOME	AMOUNT	TOTAL
4000	Membership Dues		
	- Current Members (107 @ \$40 ea.)	4280.00	
	- New Members (24 @ \$40 ea.)	960.00	
4001	50/50 Raffles	240.00	
4002	Donations Miscelleaneous	150.00	
4003	Founder's Day Booth Sales	440.00	
4005	Spaghetti Dinner Ticket sales	900.00	
4005	Support Group Contributions:	500.00	
4006	BB&T Interest	25.00	
4007	Flag Drop Off & Burger Burn	0.00	
4008	Fish Fry	200.00	
4009			
4010			
			<b>\$7,695.00</b>
ACCOUNTS	PROJECTED EXPENSES	AMOUNT	TOTAL
5000	National/State Dues		
	- Current Members (107 @ \$27.50 ea.)	2942.50	
	- New Members (24 @ \$27.50 ea.)	660.00	
5001	Post 68 Ball caps (24 @ \$13.50 ea.)	324.00	
5002	BB&T Safe Deposit Rental	65.00	
5003	P.O. Box Rental	35.00	
5004	Postage	50.00	
5005	Supplies	125.00	
5006	Tax Prep	60.00	
5007	Post Website	240.00	
5008	Post Insurance	469.00	
5009	JROTC Scholarships & Legion Medal, Middle School	725.00	
5010	Shooting Qualification Team	62.50	
5011	Little League Sponsorship	200.00	
5012	Boys State	700.00	
5013	NC Christmas Parade Program Ad	50.00	
5014	Memorial Day Gravesite Flags	300.00	
5015	Lincoln Elementary School	200.00	
5016	Guest Speaker Mementos	100.00	
5017	Festival/Event Booth Fees	100.00	
5018	Poppies	90.00	
5019			
5020			
			<b>\$7,498.00</b>
<b>NET</b>			<b>\$197.00</b>

**POPPY FUND:**

	PROJECTED INCOME	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	Poppy Fund Drives	1581.35	<b>\$1,581.35</b>
	PROJECTED EXPENSES	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	Thanksgiving/Christmas Vet Gift Cards	400.00	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>NET</b>			<b>\$1,181.35</b>