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Our next meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2016. 6:30, Meet & Greet, 7:00 PM, General Meeting.

Guest Speaker: Anita Hartsell, Brunswick County Veterans Service Officer, Brunswick County Veterans Services. Ms. Hartsell gave a very informative presentation to the Post last year. Everything you wanted to know but the VA would not or could not tell you. Anita and her staff are the "go to" people. This meeting is open to all veterans and their spouses.

The Spousal Support Group's (SSG) next meeting will be on September 14th. Time and location TBD. These ladies are making a great headway. New members are always needed. For further information, please call 301-653-8655. They will be helping with the up coming events.

Up Coming Events:

Town of Leland Founders' Day, September 10th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Leland Municipal Park (across from the new town hall). We will need members to man both booths, sell armed forces hats, plus setup and take down. **Volunteers are still urgently needed**. Our Spousal Support Group will also be selling baked goods and various other items as a fundraiser along with Bill Carshaw's beautiful artwork.

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 29th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Leland Municipal Park). Set up time from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. We are allowed one vehicle fully decorated including one organizational banner. From past experience, the town anticipates between **1,500** to **2,000** *children*, therefore we need all the goodies we can muster (prepackaged chips and candy) or small, age appropriate gifts. The goodies can be dropped of at Jim Zelenski's house, 1112 Sandy Grove Place (Brunswick Forest) or at the September and October Meetings.

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Up Coming Events cont:

Leland Christmas Parade and Festival is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, more information to follow.

Membership:

Time to renew your membership and pay your **2017** dues. We are "way" behind in our renewals. At last count we are down by over 50%. Tom Cerniglia is getting very nervous not to mention your officers. We were number two in the state last year, let's continue that trend.

If you receive your dues notice either from State (snail mail) or National (web payment), please bring your notice and dues (\$40.00 check) to the meeting. Don't pay via email and credit card.

Finally, if you haven't done so, please submit a copy of your DD214 or discharge papers to Adjutant Eric Mens. We must retain them on file. If you submit a DD214, please block out the first five digits of your SS#.

Odds & Ends:

The Post golf shirts have been ordered and should be available at our next meeting. There are a few additional sizes for those who didn't place an order at the last meeting. Please bring cash (\$30) if you would like to get one.

Additional Post baseball caps are also on order. One free to new members, additional caps will be available for \$15.00 each. Service caps will also be available for \$15.00 each.

Please note that the Post baseball caps are not part of the official uniform of the American Legion. 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.

The Last Word:

Yes we do have a web site, www.ncpost68.org and a Facebook page. Please check both on a regular basis as they are updated often and have other useful Legion information.