



The Dispatch
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January Monthly Meeting: The monthly meeting will be held *Wednesday, January 18th*. Charlie Magcrooders Restaurant, Commons Room, starting at 6:30 PM, Meet and Greet (coffee & cake), Regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

Special Guest(s): John Bason, Public Policy Communications, Victims & Citizens Services, Attorney General's Office. **Topic: "Protection Against Consumer Scams"**. All veterans and their significant others are invited. A timely topic for any time of the year.

Leland Christmas Parade and Festival:



Thanks to all the elves (members) who made it a great but cold day. Our WWII vets Bill Carshaw and Bill Fleckenstein were two of the Grand Marshals. Unfortunately Bill Fleckenstein was ill and couldn't attend.



American Legion Junior Shooting Program:

Rick de Moya has informed us that as of December 1st, our Post is the proud sponsor of the NBHS JROTC Shooting Program. The timing was perfect as two weeks later our team won the regional Brigade Best of the Best competition. The region includes teams from NC, SC, MD, DC, VA and West VA. The team will send five members to compete in the National Championships in February. The Post will fund the registration fee of \$62.50 for the team.

As a thank you and a job well done, we've asked Col. Baker to bring the team to the January meeting to meet the members of the Post and present them with Post hats which they can wear during the competition. ***GO TEAM! Make us proud.***

Fund Raising: Correction, Our spaghetti dinner brought in slightly over \$900.00. The lower count was just an accounting error that was picked up on the ticket recount. Thanks for everyone's help.

Post Flags: Our parade flags have been delivered. The formal indoor Post flag has been ordered and may be here for the January meeting.

Col. Baker (NBJSROTC) has volunteered his Senior NCO to reacquaint our color guard members with the finer points of parade commands, manual of arms, etc.

Speaking of Color Guard, we need a minimum of six volunteers as well as a color guard commander. Please contact Post Commander Jim Zelenski if you would like to join. Uniforms will be provided.

Dues: 2017 membership dues (\$40.00) are due. As a reminder, the American Legion financial year runs from June 1st through May 31st. ***The latest National/State dues update puts us in second place, State wide for dues paid and recruiting new members. Please keep up the good work.*** ***Current membership count: 105 members and counting.***