



The Dispatch

Post 68 Leland

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Next Monthly Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, **March 15, 2018** at Blossoms restaurant. 5:30 PM meet & greet, 6:00 PM regular meeting. A group of members have dinner starting at 4:15 PM. Open to all. Come and join us.

Important Notice: Due to a scheduling conflict, Blossoms has requested that our May meeting be held on **May 24th**. This is the 4th Thursday of the month, same times and location. Please note that this is our election night and it's important that all the members turn out. Please see further along in the newsletter for additional election information.

Website Update: Constitution and Bylaws added – see Officers Page. New articles added to Veterans Solutions. Meeting minutes and Newsletters merged to single page/link.

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Post 68 Officers Elections - 2018

Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate	REMARKS
Commander	Jim Zelenski	VACANT		Elected Position
Vice Commander	Alan Simmons	Jim Zelenski		Elected Position
2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich		Appointed Position
Adjutant	Eric Mens	VACANT		Elected Position
Finance Officer	Greg Miller	Judi Buongiorne		Elected Position
Post Historian	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge		Elected Position
Post Chaplain	Brian Danielson	Brian Danielson		Elected Position
Post Service Officer	Dale Todd	Lane Adrian		Elected Position
Sergeant At Arms	KC White	Bill Smith		Elected Position
Executive Committee	Lou Tranzillo	Lou Tranzillo		Elected Position
Executive Committee	Jim Thompson	Jim Thompson		Elected Position
Executive Committee	Bill Smith	Greg Miller		Elected Position
Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone		Appointed Position
Public Relations	Lane Adrian	Richard Fry		Appointed Position
Membership	Kathy McDonough	Kathy McDonough		Appointed Position

As of 25 Jan 2018

Please Note:

Commander - Dale Todd has placed his name in nomination for the position of Commander.

Adjutant – Dan Dodge has placed his name in nomination for the position of Adjutant.

Help Needed:

We desperately need the services of someone who is a CPA or is familiar with the U.S. Tax Code and can file income taxes for non-profits (i.e. veterans organizations). Does not require membership in the Legion but would be helpful. Contact Commander Jim Zelenski or Adjutant Eric Mens.

North Brunswick High School / JROTC Update:

Rick de Moya, our High School and JROTC liaison, gave an update regarding Boys State. The applications are presently being reviewed by the selection committee.

Up Coming Events:

Call for Volunteers: Veterans Benefits Action Center (VBAC) remains in the planning stages for 2018 and has been renamed the Veterans Benefits Experience Center (VBEC). A veterans “Stand-Down” will be held on site as well as providing showers, clean clothing, food, medical and dental services to the area’s homeless veterans. (See VBEC Link on our Web page for additional details).

When: March 22, 23 and 24, 2018. We will need volunteers to work the event (areas of responsibility TBD). A volunteers informational meeting will be scheduled shortly.

Where: The Elks Club, 5102 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC.

Website: <http://www.vbec2018.com>

Post Lead: Dale Todd, Service Officer

Unserviceable Flag Event(s): Collection Day and Fund Raising BBQ

Post Lead – Dan Fortini

When - March 3rd.

Where - Leland Town Park (same location as last year’s fish fry) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM rain or shine.

Disposal Ceremony:

Post Lead: **Due to family responsibilities Bobby Hunt has stepped down. A new lead is needed.**

When - April 28th.

Where - Leland Town Park. Starting time at Dusk (Approx: 7:00 PM)

Up Coming Events cont.

April 24th – NBHS JROTC – Change of Command Ceremony.

May 19th – Poppy Drive – Piggy Wiggly, Leland Food Lion (2 Locations), Port City Java (Brunswick Forest).

May 26th – Cemetery Flag Placement

Downtown Sundown Concert Series – Wristband Sales – Date TBD

November 15th – Spaghetti Dinner – Blossoms Restaurant

Future Guest Speakers:

March – Anita Hartsell – Brunswick County - Senior Veterans Service Officer – VA Updates

April – Kirsten Crook (or Carolyn Weinzapfel) – Director of Operations – Horseplay Farms & Our Heroes – Serving wounded warriors, veterans and individuals with Special Needs in Brunswick County

May – Elections only. **Please note date change.**

June – Julie Wilsey – Director of ILM – ILM Expansion and Economic Development

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The American Red Cross in conjunction with many civic organizations, high school and college students will be installing smoke alarms in New Hanover County on Saturday, April 28th.

The goal for this event is 800 smoke alarms installed. Installation will be done in teams of four.

Time frame: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Training will be provided before the event – along with breakfast and lunch.

Assembly Location: Sunset Park Elementary School, 613 Alabama Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401

Contact: 1st Vice Commander Alan Simmons @ 910 - 399 – 7057.

