

**MEETING MINUTES
POST 68, DEPARTMENT OF NC
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

COMPILED BY: Jim Zelenski and Brian Danielson

DATE: May 18, 2017

APPROVED BY: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Total Attendance: 25

Time: 19:00

Officers: 7

Convened: 19:00

Members: 25*

Adjourned: 20:00

Guests: 0

* includes Officers

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Presentation of Colors: K.C. White, Sergeant at Arms

Chaplain's Prayer: Brian Danielson, Chaplain

MIA POW: K.C. White, Sergeant at Arms

Call to Order: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble: All

Guest Speaker: Ms. Tara Hurst, representative from the Southeast North Carolina Parade Group, spoke briefly on the upcoming Wilmington Veterans Day Parade in November 2017 and invited Post 68 to participate in the parade event. Further information will be provided later in the Fall. There were a couple of questions on how long we would have to march and where it would begin. The March will commence at the Union Station and go to the War Memorial. Several veterans groups have indicated an desire to participate and the Ft Bragg Marching Band will also attend.

General Discussion:

Membership Committee Report – Kathy McDonough: Two new members joined the post. Post now has a total of 104 active members.

Recognition of New Members: David Deasy and Margaret Chestnut.

Guests: None

Approval of April 20, 2017 minutes – Minutes previously e-mailed to members; accepted by Acclamation.

Financial Report – Greg Miller, Finance Officer/Treasurer: April 30, General Fund Ending Balance - \$2142.08. Poppy Fund: \$816.79. Grand total in checking account: \$2958.87, a net increase for the month of \$599.64. The Treasurer's Report was approved by Acclamation.

Chaplain Report: - Brian Danielson, Chaplain, reported he made four sick calls. Brian also reminded members to advise the Post officers if they become aware of anyone becoming hospitalized and that the Post is available to provide support to the member as warranted.

Old Business: Jim Zelenski, Commander, briefed the following items:

- Officer and Committee Position Vacancies
- Flag Collection Day Results, Sat. April 22nd
- Poppy Drive, Sat. May 20th, 9 AM – 2 PM, followed by social event at Art Dietrich's home (1236 North Sleepy Oak Drive)
- Graveside Flag Placement, Sat. May 27th, 9 AM – Noon, meet at First Baptist Church, 517 Village Rd NE, Leland
- Flag Retirement Ceremony, Brunswick Forest rescheduled from June to November
- Fish Fry & White Elephant Sale, Sat. July 29th, 9 AM - 2 PM, Leland Town Park, 102 Town Hall Dr., Leland
- Participation in Wilmington Downtown Concert Series (fundraiser), Friday, August 18th from 6-10 PM – need volunteers
- Delegates to Department Convention in June (Dale Todd, John Marone, Lane Adrian)

New Business: Greg Miller mentioned the topic of participating in the Magnolia Greens Fourth of July Parade. Jim Zelenski stated at the present, not enough members were volunteering to participate. Jim Zelenski stated he would email the post members asking for more volunteers and would follow-up with the results. Since no new business was supposed to be discussed since Post elections are being held, no more discussion on the this topic was held.

Post Elections: Lou Tranzillo, Elections Committee Chair, read the names of the current post officers who all agreed to remain in their current post positions. No other post members were nominated for any positions except for Lou Tranzillo and Jim Thompson who volunteered for the two open positions on the Executive Committee. In Accordance With current Post By-laws, and since no other nominees were on the ballot, Alan Simmons, 1st Vice Commander, cast one ballot to approve the current officer positions. The final results of the elections are as follows:

Post Commander: Jim Zelenski

1st Vice Commander: Alan Simmons

2nd Vice Commander: Art Dietrich III - **Appointed**

Adjutant: Eric Mens

Finance Officer/Treasure: Greg Miller

Chaplain: Brian Danielson

Service Officer: Dale Todd

Historian: Dan Dodge

Sergeant At Arms: K.C. White

Public Relations Officer: Lane Adrian - **Appointed**

Supply Officer: John Marone - **Appointed**

Executive Committee: Lou Tranzillo

Executive Committee: Jim Thompson

Executive Committee: John Cook (**pending replacement, incumbent can only hold position for one year IAW Post Bylaws**)

50/50 – \$92.00 Total-- Congratulations to George Armotore.

Closing Formalities

Meeting Adjourned at 20:00