



*The Dispatch*  
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**March Monthly Meeting:** The monthly meeting will be held on *Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>*. Please remember the day change. The third Thursday of each month is now our regular meeting night. Remember, Charlie Macgrooders starting at 6:30 PM (coffee and cake), 7:00 PM (regular meeting).

**Up Coming Events:**

**Flag Collection Day and BBQ Fund Raiser, April 22<sup>n</sup>, rain or shine.** It will be held at the Brunswick Forest Community Commons (same place as last years Spring BBQ). Flag collection will run between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with grilling between the hours of 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Advertising will be through Nextdoor Neighbor, local print, TV and radio media. We will need all hands to man several tents, including membership, American Legion information, hat sales and grilling. Lunch consisting of a hot dog, bag of chips, soda or water will be available for a donation of \$5.00 with all proceeds going toward community projects.

**Poppy Drive - May 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** The locations are the Piggy Wiggly, Lowes Foods and Food Lion (on Mt. Misery Rd.). We'll have a table set up at each location. We need two people at each location for the duration. Shifts can be split.

**Memorial Day Flag Placement - May 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.** We meet at the First Baptist Church of Leland on Village Rd, (just past the town library) then follow our advance scout John Cook to various local cemeteries. (See Alan Simmons for info.)

**Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM.** To be held in Brunswick Forest. As per American Legion requirements, this ceremony is held at dusk. Bring your bug repellent.

**Fish Fry - July 29<sup>th</sup>.** Leland Memorial Park. More information to follow. John Cook is heading this project.

**NBJROTC Change of Command and Awards Ceremony - April 24<sup>th</sup>.** To be held in late afternoon either on the football field or in the gym in case of rain. Actual time to be announced. The Post will present three awards to outstanding students. Please come out and support these young men and women, some of whom will enter military service upon graduation.

**Display Your Post Pride:**

Post 68 baseball caps are available. One free to each new member. Additional caps are available at a cost of \$15.00 each. If you are a new member and haven't received your cap please see Kathy McDonough, Membership Chair. Kathy will keep track of all members who have received the Post baseball cap.

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 the time the order is placed.*

Post 68 jackets should be available for order at the March meeting. Cost is \$45.00 each. \$3.00 extra for sizes 2XL and up. *Cost must be paid at the time the order is placed.*

Army, Navy, Air Force Marine Corps and Coast Guard baseball caps are available at a cost of \$15.00.

The additional Post caps, polo shirts, jackets and service caps are available from John Marone, Supply/Logistics Officer at the monthly meeting or [jonflyfish@aol.com](mailto:jonflyfish@aol.com).

Please Note: The Post 68 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.

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**Color Guard:**

**We need additional members.** At the moment we have only three members signed up and we need four additional members to be a functioning unit. Our first, that we know of, presentation will be the flag retirement ceremony in June where we are required to present the colors as part of the ceremony. Other functions are possible within the town and county as our unit is discovered. We are aware of a major Veterans Day parade to be held this fall in Wilmington. Veterans organizations, school JROTC units and bands and area military units are being invited to attend. NBJROTC and the school band have indicated they will attend. We should be there too. Invitations are being sent to the various organizations in Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover and Pender counties. Organizers are trying to make this a major "thank you" event.

**Odds and Ends:**

Kathy McDonough has received new Post business cards with the revised meeting day (Thursday). Please take a handful at the next meeting and distribute to prospective members.

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