



**American Legion Post 68, Leland
Meeting Room, Blossoms Restaurant, Magnolia Greens, Leland
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6 PM**

Officers in Attendance:

Jim Zelenski, Commander ✓, Alan Simmons, Vice Commander ✓, Art Dietrich, 2nd Vice Commander ✓
Eric Mens, Adjutant ✗, Greg Miller, Financial Officer ✗, Brian Danielson, Chaplain ✓, Dale Todd, Service Officer ✓
Lane Adrian, Public Affairs ✓, John Marone, Supply Officer ✗, KC White, Sergeant at Arms ✗, Dan Dodge, Post Historian ✗

Total Members in Attendance: 26

Call to Order: Commander

Presentation of Colors: Commander

Chaplain's Opening Prayer: Brian Danielson, Chaplain

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: Sergeant at Arms

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble: All

Meeting Convened

Current Business:

- **Member Recognition** – Commander Zelenski thanked Greg Miller, Finance Officer, Eric Mens, Adjutant and Alan Simmons, 1st Vice Commander for their support over the past two years. Commander Zelenski stated this was his last official meeting as Commander.
- **Introduction of New Members or Guests in Attendance** – Kathy McDonough, Membership Chair stated there was three guests present this evening.
- **Membership Report** – Kathy McDonough, Membership Chair, reported there are now 110 members.
- **Concerns and Sick Call** – Chaplain Danielson, nothing to report.
- **Approval of April, 2018 Minutes** – Commander Zelenski requested last month's meeting minutes be approved; minutes approved by acclamation.
- **April 2018 Financial Report, New 2018/19 Budget** – Commander Zelenski reported the new 2018/19 budget is in draft and will be present by the July 2018 meeting for final approval.
- **After Action Report Flag Retirement Ceremony** – Lead Gerald Decker provided a recap of our successful Flag retirement ceremony and stated the final after action report was completed and forwarded to the Post Webmaster for the web page/archive files.

- **Poppy Drive, May 25th** – Commander Zelenski reminded everyone of the Poppy Drive, set up 8am, 9am to 2pm. Locations are Port City Java, Brunswick Forest, Carolina Shores Car Wash (ACE Hardware Backup location in case of rain), and Piggly Wiggly, Leland. A sign up sheet was available for anyone still wishing to participate.
- **Raffle Tickers, B-17 Flight, June 10th** – PR Officer Lane Adrian provide a recap that raffle tickets were still available for the B-17 flight and the cost per ticket was \$5.00 each with \$4.50 going back to the post.
- **Legion Riders** – PR Officer Lane Adrian provided a quick update on the post legion riders. Commander Zelenski requested he provide Dan Dodge, Webmaster, with the information so it could be posted on our web site.
- **Wristband Sales, Augusts 19th** – Commander Zelenski reminded all that Dan Dodge is our Lead for the event and that 11 Members signed up, although we only need 8 for the event.
- **Flag Placement at Cemeteries, May 26** – 1st Vice Commander Alan Simmons advised all to meet at 9am, at First Baptist Church, Village Road.
- **Fourth of July Parade, Magnolia Greens** – Lead Gerald Decker reported that the Post has been invited again this year to participate in the Magnolia Greens 4th of July Parade and to provide him with any ideas concerning our participation in the parade. He also is working on identifying who will carry the Colors since several of the Color Guard Members will not be available on the 4th. Gerald also mentioned about handing out chocolate candy along the parade route to parade observers. More information to follow.
- **POST OFFICER ELECTIONS** – Outgoing 1st Vice Commander Alan Simmons cast a single vote for the following individuals/positions since there were no other nominees on the ballot. Final slate of candidates were elected as noted:
 - a. Commander – Dale Todd
 - b. 1st Vice Commander – Jim Zelenski
 - c. 2nd Vice Commander – Art Dietrich III, Appointed
 - d. Adjutant – Dan Dodge
 - e. Finance Officer – Judi Buongiorne
 - f. Historian – Gerald Decker
 - g. Chaplain – Brian Danielson
 - h. Service Officer – Lane Adrian
 - i. Sgt. At Arms – Bill Smith
 - j. Executive Committee: Lou Tranzillo, Greg Miller and Jim Thompson
 - k. Logistics – John Marone, Appointed
 - l. Public Affairs – Richard Fry, Appointed
 - m. Membership – Kathy McDonough, Appointed

Next Membership Meeting – Blossoms Meeting Room, Magnolia Greens, Leland, June 21, 2018 at 6 PM

50/50 Winner: Total \$66.00 with Judi Buongiorne, the winner receiving \$33.00 and \$33.00 to the General Fund.

Closing Ceremony and Chaplain's Closing Prayer: Commander and Chaplain, **Adjourned at:** 1905