



# The Dispatch

Post 68 Leland

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**Next Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Blossoms restaurant. 5:30 PM meet & greet, 6:00 PM regular meeting.

**Website Update:** Please continue to check our website as information is updated weekly.

## Elections:

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's elections at the May, 2018 meeting. This will be a whole new slate as the current Officers have fulfilled their two, one year commitments. The Election Committee must be formed no later than February, 2018 and will be tasked to find eligible candidates to fill the following positions:

- Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance officer/Treasurer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Judge Advocate (currently vacant), Executive Committee (3 positions).
- Please note, an individual currently holding one of the above positions for two consecutive years may then run for any of the other positions.

## *We Honor*

### *Those Who Serve*



**Parade Update:**

The NC (Leland) Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The route of the parade will be the same as last year, starting on Division Dr., up Town Hall Dr. and running along Village Rd., and finishing at the Food Lion Parking lot. The parade will start at 10:00 AM and last until approximately 11:30 AM.

- Parking – POV parking will be in the vacant lots on Division Dr. You must be there no later than 9:00 AM as Leland PD will close all roads in the area at 9:00 AM. We need one or two cars stationed in the McGrooders parking lot to shuttle marchers back to the Division Dr. parking area after the parade.
- As in past years, John Cook has donated his truck and trailer (float) for the parade. John will be there by 8:00 AM as marching unit placement will be on a first come, first position basis. Those who cannot march can ride in the truck or on the float and will handle refilling the candy cane buckets. Marchers will form along both sides of the float and hand out the candy. No formal unit marching except for the color guard. The parade organizers have asked that each unit keep a 50 foot gap behind the unit in front. Hopefully this will prevent the foot race of last year.
- The uniform of the day will be the same as the Wilmington Veterans Day parade. Tan pants, blue Post shirts, Post jackets if you have them and Post Garrison hats or Post baseball caps. The Color Guard will again wear the same uniforms of black shoes, black pants, white Color Guard shirts and yellow scarfs and hats. Long range weather forecasts indicate mild weather but as usual be prepared. ***Please note that the Post Garrison cap is the only official American Legion Post uniform. It should be worn at all official American Legion functions.*** It can be purchased through the American Legion website. If you have any questions regarding the cap, please see any officer.

**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.

**Supply:**

John Marone will be placing an annual order for Post jackets shortly after the first of the year. If you would like one, please see him at the monthly meeting. Please note that orders will only be taken with cash in hand. Cost \$45.00, \$47.00 for sizes 2X and up.

**Veterans Day Breakfast:**

Thanks to Kathy McDonough and her wonderful cook staff, some of whom were not members of the Post, a great time was had at our first annual Veterans Day breakfast held at the Community Commons in Brunswick Forest. Kathy showed that she really knew the difference between a spark plug wrench and a kitchen spatula. This is an event that we hope will continue for years to come.

