



# The Dispatch

Post 68 Leland

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**Next Monthly Meeting:** Our *Spaghetti Dinner* will be held in lieu of the November 16<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Start time 5:00 PM in the banquet room of Blossoms Restaurant at the Magnolia Greens Golf Course Club House. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. If tickets are needed please contact Dale Todd ASAP at (240) 338-5411. Dale needs a final count no later than 11/10.

**Website Update:** Please continue to check our website as information is updated on a weekly basis. The following items are new:

- Various event info for November and beyond
- Post 68 Survey notice
- National Commander Election Info
- Free Flu Shot Info
- UNCW Military Appreciation Night
- New links to Veterans News items related to benefits on Veterans solutions page.

*We Honor*

*Those Who Serve*



## Upcoming Events:

**Wilmington Veterans Day Parade** - Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We are participating with the Color Guard and float. Participants will ride on John Cook's pickup or trailer. We will meet at the Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) Schwartz Center (gym) at 8:00 AM, the parade will kickoff at 9:30 AM. Refreshments for all participants at the USO after the parade. Our own Bill Carshaw and Robert Stafford are Grand Marshals. Contact John Marone for info.

**Veterans Day Breakfast** – Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM. For those who won't be able to attend the parade, the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce will again be holding their breakfast at the Leland Cultural Arts Center.

**Post Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast** – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Community Commons located in Brunswick Forest on Brunswick Forest Drive. This event is open to all members and their significant others at no cost. The breakfast is being provided by the Post Officers.

**Unity Group Christmas Parade and Festival** – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, downtown Leland. We will participate with the color guard and float. Additional information to follow.

**Flag Collection and Retirement Ceremony** – Flag collection in March 2018 and Retirement ceremony in April 2018. Exact dates to follow.

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## 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 year commitment. The Election Committee will 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.

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## 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.

Fun Times at the North Brunswick Non Profits day and the Leland Trunk or Treat. Everyone who helped out had a great time and more importantly the Post made its presents known to the community. The Post must never forget its responsibility to the veterans and children of the community and the community itself. What the community thinks of the American Legion is just as basic as what the Post thinks of itself. It's up to "all" Post members to participate in Post or community sponsored functions as humanly possible to make us a vibrant, breathing organization. We cannot continue to exist on the backs of only a few active members while our membership roles continue to grow in numbers only. Participation is everyone's responsibility.

