



## NOVEMBER 2018 Meeting MINUTES

### American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC Officers Meeting – Nov 8th, 2018 Shelmore Pool Meeting Area, Brunswick Forest

**Call to Order:** at 1300, Commander

#### Officers/Chairs Present:

Dale Todd, Commander \_x\_  
Dan Dodge, Adjutant \_x\_  
Judi B Buongiorno, Financial Officer \_x\_  
Lane Adrian, Service Officer \_x\_  
John Marone, Logistics Officer \_\_\_  
Gerald Decker, Post Historian \_x\_

Jim Zelenski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander \_x\_  
Art Dietrich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander \_x\_  
Brian Danielson, Chaplain \_\_\_  
Richard Fry, Public Affairs \_\_\_  
Bill Smith, Sergeant at Arms \_\_\_  
Kathy McDonough (Membership) \_\_\_

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Lou Tranzillo, Exec Com. \_x\_  
Jim Thompson \_\_\_  
Greg Miller x\_\_\_\_\_

Other Attendees: Elliott Koppel, Patty Kelly

#### UPDATES ON CURRENT ITEMS and NEW BUSINESS:

*Guest Speakers for upcoming membership meeting:*  
Vice Admiral Dennis Jones, USN (ret)

#### PRIMARY TOPICS:

- \* Event Schedule for 2019 - Dale
  - Dale reviewed a list of meetings and events for 2019
  - Dan to create 2019 calendar
  
- \* Fish Fry funding update (quick update on how much money we are going to be able to put in the bank as the result of ticket refund effort) – Greg/Lou
  - Greg submitted a deposit to Judi along with a financial account of fish fry cash flows
    - o We ended up with \$2450.00 in donations, etc. for a fishless, fish fry
      - (Pending any other refunds)
  - John Cook storing non-perishables in his barn for us
  - Dan to put a reminder on website and ask Richard to get 1 more reminder to local media
  - Questions on what to do with gift cards
  
- \* Belk Charity Day funding update (how much money did we make) - Dale
  - Sold 199 of 200 total tickets for \$995. 155 tickets in-store. 44 tickets direct sales
  - We expect about \$155 from store sales from the day
  
- \* Financial Summary - Bank balance from Oct 31 so we can add the amounts from the above fund raisers; list of any upcoming expenses – Judi (please give her a heads up)
  - Balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup>: \$9557.28
  - Getting check requests from Art (\$30) and Dan (~\$90 for flowers)
  
- \* Who we should make donations to before the end of the year – Lane/Dan/Dale
  - Dale reviewed cash that the Post has for donations along with where it came from.
    - o Sources: Fish Fry, Belk Sales, Poppy Fund
  - We then reviewed possible recipients for donations

- Lane talked about several local vets in need of assistance for housing, etc. Lane to make assessments
  - First donation to be to Navassa Church which is Cedar Hill Westbrook Foundation - \$150.
    - This would help us get known to the Navassa area
  - For those affected by hurricanes, we are helping them get connected with FEMA and BFA. Then the Post could help cover any costs or expenses after these other agencies make their support commitments known
  
- \* Schedule for By-laws update/modification – Jim/Dale
  - Jim discussed the draft changes he has made to the by-laws to help remove sexist language and add more content. Changes are marked and new text highlighted in Yellow.
  - Richard and Dan also reviewing
  - Part of change would be the renaming of our Post to Jacobs / Carshaw
    - We need to get permission from families to use their names.
      - Action item for who? Dan to draft letter to be sent to families
  - Changes will first be reviewed by Officers then by membership over the course of 2 meetings then a 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to vote. Then, changes would be reviewed by our Division CDR and finally sent to NC Department HQ
  
- \* Committee to work on emergency procedures - Dale
  - Dale to make appointments
  
- Brunswick County Sheriff's grant application – Dale
  - Flag plaza as a recipient is in suspense right now due to hurricane
  - Suggestion made to sponsor more Boys State candidates
  - Another suggestion made to pay for tutors for kids who have lost school time
  - Next action? No lead has stepped up yet
  
- Service Officer: Lane
  - Lane talked about local vets who are living in a trailer that should be condemned. He is working with a case officer and other agencies to help these people
    - Lane worked with SeaBees to do an assessment. They indicated too much work to repair
  - Another vet is in need of medical help
  - A 4<sup>th</sup> vet got flooded out. Lane has been going to his home daily to help him
  - Lane has helped a vet with application to VA for an ID / DD214
  - Helping to coordinate with Leland Senior Center Vets day breakfast
  
- Membership: Kathy / Dan
  - 122 members. 2 new transfer in: Davies and Tart.
  - 1 transfer waiting on dues check
  - 68% of members paid for 2019
  - 39 members yet to pay for 2019
  - List of 15 members due from 2017 to Lou who called / contacted them
    - 4 do not want to renew
    - 1 passed away
    - Other's - he has not been able to contact
    - He will put together a report on his findings
  
- Other Items:

- Dale will be traveling: Dec 18 – Dec 28 to West Coast then, Jan 19 – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> (out of country)
- Our District 9 Commander Nelson has resigned due to health reasons. Vice Commander Dale Smith has stepped up as District commander and our own Dale Todd will be the acting Vice
- Gerald: Asked if we should repeat an annual trip such as Vets to DC. Several people who went on the DC trip indicated they would be interested in going to NYC to see the 9/11 memorial.
- Jim: We did a lot more flag cutting. He wants to purchase another 20 flags @ \$20 each.
  - Vote was that we just do it now. Judi to donate \$100
- Two other possible fund raisers: Auto Raffle, Golf Tournament

**Events: (Need after action reports sent to Adjutant)**

- \* Upcoming events:
  - \* Veterans Breakfast Nov 9 - Lane Lane, Dale and Dan to attend
  - \* Veterans Day Parade Nov 10 - Patty
    - 15 members signed u. 2 cars and several bikes.
    - we only have 2 color guard members who will be carrying the banner
  - \* Veterans Dinner Nov 17 - Dale
    - No action on this
  - \* December meeting – what are we going to do – Discussion/Decision
    - We discussed whether we should cancel this meeting since it is so close to Christmas
    - Some suggested a social event with people who went on DC trip. Other’s suggested canceling
    - Dale to bring up for a vote at membership meeting
  - \* Leland Christmas Parade – we are not participating
  - \* Shades of Gray concert – Feb. Gerald details. LEAD Required.
    - We need to make this happen as the Band has given us a special time slot for their performance. If we don’t take advantage, we most likely won’t be able to use them again 2/16/19
    - Issue is location with Fat Tony’s closed
    - We have suggestions of LCAC and WWAY as a venue
    - Gerald will work details with Lane working venue/location
  - \* Pasta Dinner – Select Date – LEAD Required
    - we need a lead for this. Dale will help. We need to start now for a Feb or March event

**Commander status – Dale**

**Next Officers Meeting – Thursday, December 13th, 2018, 1300 – 1500 at Shelmore Facility**

**Next Post Meeting – November 15th, 2018 Meeting Adjourned at \_\_\_15:30\_\_\_\_\_.**