



American Legion

Post 68

MEETING – December 21, 2017



Order of Business

- * **Post Regular Meeting Call to Order**
- * **Post 68 Current Business**
- * **Post 68 Old Business**
- * **Post 68 New Business**
- * **50/50**
- * **Adjournment**

Call To Order

Commander:

- * Announce the meeting is about to open - One rap of the gavel.
- * Three raps of the gavel and all who are present shall stand at attention.
- * All - Face the Colors
- * “Hand salute”
- * “Two”

Chaplain's Opening Prayer

- * Remain standing and uncover**
- * The Chaplain will offer prayer**

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

“A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor!”

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair

Pledge of Allegiance

All:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Everyone re-cover

Preamble

**For God and Country,
we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**

- * To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America:**
- * To maintain law and order;**
- * To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;**
- * To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;**

Preamble

- * To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;**
- * To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;**
- * To make right the master of might;**
- * To promote peace and goodwill on earth;**
- * To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;**
- * To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.**

Meeting Convened

Commander:

“I now declare American Legion Post No. 68, Department of North Carolina, regularly convened.”

Recognition of Special Guest

Commander:

**“Please welcome our District 9
Commander, Nelson Anderson.
Commander, would you care to
address our members before we
commence with our regular
business?”**

Post 68 Current Business

- * **Introduction of New Members or Guests in attendance - Membership Chair**
- * **Membership Report – Adjutant**
- * **Sick Call or Concerns – Chaplain**
- * **November 2017 Financial Report – Treasurer**
- * **Veterans Issues and Updates – Commander**

Membership

- * We currently have 123 members on our local roster
- * The Legion Membership year runs from Jan 1st – Dec 31st
- * Membership renewals for 2018 started in July 2017 – To date, 81 percent of our members have paid their 2018 dues.
- * Don't pay online – bring your form and cash/check to the meeting
- * If you have not already done so, provide a copy of your DD214 or discharge papers to the Adjutant

Membership

- * **Membership Chair has 2018 cards (see her as you sign in)**
- * **Treasurer will collect your dues**
- * **Your DD 214 ensures that the National Roster has your correct information that is reflected on your card.**
- * **Any changes that you make on the 2018 renewal form will be reflected on the rosters and next year's cards.**

Financial Report for November 2017

General Fund Balance	\$7,102.93
Bldg/Contingency Fund	\$754.50
Poppy Fund Balance	<u>\$1,172.72</u>
Total Account Balance	\$9,030.15

Success Story – November 6, 2017

Spaghetti Dinner at Blossoms

- * Thanks to Dale Todd, the Spousal Support Group, and the volunteers who made this event a great success!
- * Sold 150 tickets, served 145 meals, and raised over \$1,700
- * Planning for repeat event on November 15, 2018 (Blossoms)



Veterans Issues and Updates

- * **December assistance provided to area veterans**
 - * **Four (4) \$100.00 Gift Cards Distributed**
- * **Veterans Benefits Action Center**
 - * **22, 23, 24 March 2018 – Need Volunteers!**
 - * **Volunteer Roles are being defined – more to follow**
 - * **Elks Club, Wilmington**
 - * **Post Service Officer – Lead (Dale Todd)**

Old Business – Update on Events

- * **Wilmington's First Veterans Day Parade (Nov. 11, 2017)**
 - * **Great Success! Twenty-eight members participated**
- * **Post Free Pancake Breakfast (Nov. 12, 2017)**
 - * **Good member and spouse participation**
 - * **Many thanks to Kathy McDonough and the volunteers!**
- * **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – over \$1,700 raised!**
- * **Unity Group Christmas Holiday Parade (Dec. 9, 2017)**
 - * **Inclement weather a factor in overall turnout**
 - * **Town of Leland plans to take over in 2018**

Current Post Business

Recent Officers' Actions:

- * **Storage space rental at local facility**
 - * **Monthly Rental Fee \$50**
- * **Sponsorship of 2 JROTC members for Boys State in 2018 (currently funded)**
 - * **Will revisit issue if more applicants**
- * **Approved George Williams as nominee for JROTC NCO of the Year**
- * **Approved North Brunswick High School Project**
 - * **Flag Pole and Freedom Wall**
 - * **Joint Post 68 & Kiwanis effort**

2017 Events – Year in Review

- * **Unserviceable Flag Collection Day & Hotdog Sale**
- * **Poppy Fund Drive**
- * **Memorial Day Flag Placement at Local Cemeteries**
- * **Fourth of July Parade in Magnolia Greens**
- * **Leland Founder's Day Celebration**
- * **Leland Non-Profit Expo Day**
- * **Brunswick Family Assistance Food Bank Distributions**
- * **Leland Trunk or Treat**
- * **Wilmington's First Veterans Day Parade**
- * **Post 68 Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast**
- * **Leland Unity Group Christmas Holiday Parade**

Upcoming 2018 Post Meetings

- * *January 18, 2018*
- * *February 15, 2018*
- * *March 15, 2018*

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Closing Ceremony

Commander:

“Is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not, the Chaplain will lead us in memorial service.”

The Commander gives three raps of the gavel, and members rise, uncover, and stand in silence.

Chaplain’s Prayer

Closing Ceremony

Members re-cover and remain standing

Commander: “Sergeant-at-arms, recover the POW/MIA flag.”

Commander’s Charge:

“Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of The American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our Country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.”

Closing Ceremony

Commander:

“Hand salute”

“Two”

Commander:

“I now declare this meeting of Leland Post No. 68, The American Legion, Department of North Carolina adjourned.”

Commander: One rap of the gavel