



American Legion

Post 68

MEETING – February 15, 2018



Order of Business

- * **Post Regular Meeting Call to Order**
- * **Guest Speaker**
- * **Current Business**
- * **Old Business**
- * **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.”

Speaker Introduction

Col. Steve Baker
Senior Army Instructor
North Brunswick High School

Post 68 Current Business

MEMBER RECOGNITION – Thanks to:

- Lane Adrian, Patty Kelley, Kobe Kelley, and Dale Todd for working the BFA Commodities Distribution in Shallotte on February 8th.
- Bobby Hunt for his work to date on Flag Collection and Flag Retirement events (Bobby had to step down as the Lead).
- Dan Fortini for taking the Lead on the Flag Collection Day (we need a Lead for the Flag Retirement event).
- Dan Dodge, Post Historian, for his continued excellent work on updating the Post 68 website.

Post 68 Current Business Membership

New Members or Guests in attendance - Membership Chair

Membership Report – Adjutant

- * **We currently have 122 members on our local roster**
 - **One transfer from Post 68 to Post 1981**
- * **The Legion Membership year runs from Jan 1st – Dec 31st**
- * **Renewals for 2018 started in July 2017 – To date, 86 percent of our members have paid their 2018 dues (up by 4 percent)**

Post 68 Current Business Sick Call and Approval of Minutes

- * **Sick Call - Chaplain**
- * **Request for Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018**
 - **Minutes were e-mailed to members of January 21, 2018**

Financial Report for January 2018

General Fund Balance	\$6,657.14
Bldg/Contingency Fund	923.50
Poppy Fund Balance	<u>742.72</u>
Total Account Balance	\$8,323.36

Recent Financial Actions

Veteran Assistance:

- ✓ **January expenditures included \$430 of \$750 allocated for car towing and materials for Seabee-built ramp for veteran in need**

February Disbursements and Approvals to Date :

- ✓ **Disbursed \$500 for VBEC**
- ✓ **Disbursed \$44 to the Veterans Service Fund**
- ✓ **Disbursed \$44 for AL contribution to Battleship NC**
- ✓ **Disbursed \$100 to Friends of the Battleship NC**
- ✓ **Approved \$500 for the NBHS Freedom Wall Project**
- ✓ **Approved \$100 increase to Boys State to reflect increased fees for 2018**
- ✓ **Purchased Poppies for 2018 - \$97.95**

Veterans Issues and Updates

Post Service Officer

- * **Update on Assistance to Mr. Cote**
- * **Veterans Benefits Experience Center (VBEC)**
 - * **22, 23, 24 March 2018 – Need Volunteers**
 - * **Elks Club, 5102 Oleander Drive, Wilmington**
 - * **Website: <http://www.vbec2018.com/>**
 - * **Includes “Stand-Down”**
 - * **Contact Post Service Officer, Dale Todd**
- * **Feedback from District 9 Meeting**

Old Post Business Update on Flag Collection & Retirement

- * **Unserviceable Flag Collection (Dan Fortini)**
 - * **March 3, 2018 from 8 AM – 4 PM, Leland Town Park**
 - * **Hot dogs, chips, and drinks (\$5)**
 - * **Spousal Support Group asked to provide cookies**
- * **Flag Retirement Ceremony (Need new Lead)**
 - * **April 28, 2018, Leland Town Park**

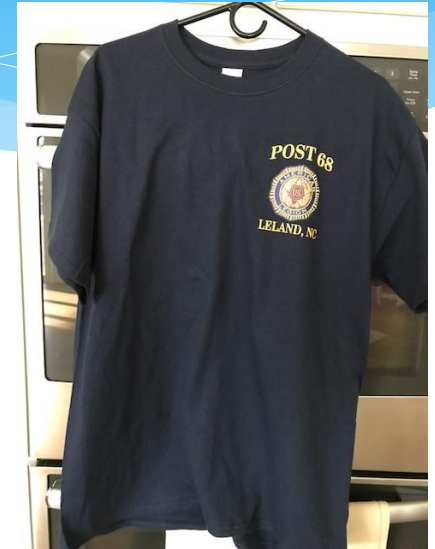
Old Post Business

NBHS Updates – Rick de Moya

- * **NBHS Flag Pole Plaza and Freedom Wall**
 - * **Estimated completion dates**
 - * **Request for funding and approval amount**
 - * **Fundraiser - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Saturday February 24, 2018 from 8 – 10 am (\$7 adults/\$5 children under 12), Fat Tony's (Waterford)**
- * **Legion Oratorical Competition**
- * **Boys State 2018 Competition**

New Post Business

- * **Post 68 Shirts (\$12 at time of order)**
- * **Post 68 Name Tags**
- * **Poppy Drive May 19 (multiple locations)**
- * **Fundraiser – Wristband Sales at Wilmington
Downtown Summer Concert Series
(Application is in - Need Lead)**



Election of Officers for 2018 - 2019

- * **Commander**
- * **Vice Commander**
- * **Adjutant**
- * **Finance Officer**
- * **Post Historian**
- * **Post Chaplain**
- * **Post Service Officer**
- * **Sergeant At Arms**

Election of Officers

Position	Incumbent	Candidate	REMARKS
Commander	Jim Zelenski	Dale Todd	Elected Position
Vice Commander	Alan Simmons	Jim Zelenski	Elected Position
2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich	Appointed Position
Adjutant	Eric Mens	VACANT	Elected Position
Finance Officer	Greg Miller	Judi Buongiorne	Elected Position
Post Historian	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge	Elected Position
Post Chaplain	Brian Danielson	Brian Danielson	Elected Position
Post Service Officer	Dale Todd	Lane Adrian	Elected Position
Sergeant At Arms	KC White	Bill Smith	Elected Position
Executive Committee	Lou Tranzillo	Lou Tranzillo	Elected Position
Executive Committee	Jim Thompson	Jim Thompson	Elected Position
Executive Committee	Bill Smith	Greg Miller	Elected Position
Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone	Appointed Position
Public Relations	Lane Adrian	Richard Fry	Appointed Position
Membership	Kathy McDonough	Kathy McDonough	Appointed Position

As of 11 Feb 2018

Upcoming Post Meetings

- * March 15, 2018 - Anita Hartsell, Senior VSO*
- * April 19, 2018 - Horseplay Farms' Vet. Programs*
- * May 17, 2018 – Elections (No Speaker)*
- * June 21, 2018 – Julie Wilsey, Director, ILM*

Upcoming Events

- * February 24 – Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast*
- * March 3 – Unserviceable Flag Collection Day*
- * April 28 – Flag Retirement Event*
- * May 19 – Poppy Drive*
- * May 26 – Cemetery Flag Placement*

50/50



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