



# American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

## Membership Meeting July 19th, 2018





# *Meeting Order of Business*

- **Post Regular Meeting Call to Order**
- **Guest Speaker**
- **Old/Current Business**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Current Activities**
- **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*

## **Commander:**

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



# *POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony*

## **Commander:**

**“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 1 of 2*

**All:**

**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 2 of 2*

### **All:**

- ✓ **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.”**

**All are seated....**



## *Old/Current Business:*

- ✓ *Approval of prior month meeting minutes – Commander*
- ✓ *Introduction of Guest Speaker – Commander*
  - *Assistant Fire Chief Ronnie Hayes, Leland FD*
- ✓ *Introduction of Guest Speaker – Commander*
  - *Tara Hunt – Wilmington Veterans Day Parade*
- ✓ *Introduction of Guest Speak – Commander*
  - *Rick Papesca – Honoring American Veterans*



## *Old/Current Business:*

- ✓ ***Introduction of new Members and Guests***  
***– Membership Chair, Kathy McDonough***
  
- ✓ ***Post 68 Legion Riders now recognized by AL Dept of NC***  
***– Lane Adrian / Dan Dodge***



# *Committee Reports – Finance*

## **For Month ending June 2018:**

**General Fund Balance**

**Bldg./Contingency Fund**

**Poppy Fund Balance**

**Total Account Balance** **\$7.026.39**

**New Budget 2018/19 forthcoming**



# *Committee Reports - Membership*

## **Membership Report – Kathy McDonough**

- ✓ **We currently have 115 members in good standing on our local roster**
- ✓ **The Legion Membership year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**
- ✓ **Renewals for 2019 have started as of July 2018**



# *Chaplain / Service Officer*

- ✓ **Sick Call – Chaplain**
- ✓ **Service Officer, Land Adrian**



## *Current Activities*

- ✓ **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – After Action Report**
  - **Gerald Decker, Lead**



# Current Activities

- ✓ **Downtown Concert Series Wristband Sales**
  - **Dan Dodge, Lead**

## PRIMARY

Dan Dodge  
Joeleen Dodge  
Richard Fry  
John Marone  
Gerald Decker  
Lou Tranzillo  
Judi Buongiorne  
Mike Buongiorne

## BACKUP

Jim Thompson  
Lane Adrian

WHEN: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm  
WHERE: Market & Water Streets  
UNIFORM: Comfortable clothes & shoes  
Post 68 ball cap  
DURATION: Until 9:30pm  
PARKING: Parking ramp, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Market  
ADDL INSTRUCTIONS:  
- Rain or shine  
- Team will split into 2 groups of 4  
- No staff substitutions once event starts  
- Donation jar is allowed  
- You may bring a chair  
- More guidance to be given at event





# *Current Activities*

## ✓ **Founders Day – September 8th**

- **Richard Fry, Lead**

WHEN: September 8<sup>th</sup>  
WHERE: Leland Municipal Park  
UNIFORM: Khaki Shorts, Post 68 shirt & ball cap  
SETUP: 11am – 1:30pm  
EVENT: 3pm to 9pm (includes tear-down time)  
BOOTH: Single Post 68 tent, location is TBD  
PARKING: TBD  
ADDL INSTRUCTIONS:  
- Selling Bill Carshaw paintings  
- Donation jar, Poppies for sale, Ball caps, 50/50 tickets  
- Handing out stars from flags  
- Membership area  
- Signing of Christmas Cards



# Current Activities

- ✓ **Post Fish Fry – September 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - **Greg Miller, Lead**

WHEN: September 22nd  
WHERE: Leland Town Park  
UNIFORM: Khaki Shorts, Post 68 shirt & ball cap  
SETUP: 11am – 1:30pm  
EVENT: 3pm to 7pm  
ADDL INSTRUCTIONS:  
- Cost will be \$10/ticket  
- Need members to SELL TICKETS!

**SECOND ANNUAL  
FISH FRY**

An illustration featuring a blue fish wearing a white chef's hat and holding a small bowl, and another fish being cooked in a pan over a campfire.



**American Legion Leland Post 68**  
Saturday—September 22, 2018 from 3 to 7 pm  
@ the Leland Town Park (in back of new Senior Citizen Center)  
\$10.00 includes fish, hushpuppies, slaw, beans, dessert, water or iced tea.

**FOR TICKETS CALL Greg Miller @ 518-894-3437 or  
Eric Mens @ 910-399-7290**

**TAKE-OUT IS AVAILABLE**



## *Current Activities*

### ✓ **North Brunswick High School – JRTOC activities**

- **Rick de Moya, Lead**

- Overall Program coordinator: de Moya
- Flag Plaza project: de Moya
- Boys State: Bill Kous or other volunteer
- Oratorical: volunteer
- Awards/Scholarship/medals: volunteer
- JROTC Shooting Team: volunteer
- Flag Retirement/other JROTC Color Guard coordination: Gerald Decker or volunteer



# *New Business*

- ✓ **Help needed with Post 68 website – Webmaster, Dan Dodge**
- ✓ **Brunswick County Veterans Coalition – Commander Todd**
- ✓ **Washington Trip for Veterans – Lead, Gerald Decker**
  - WHEN: Oct 4 - 7
  - WHO: Eligible Veterans / Paid participants
  - WHERE: To Washington, DC
  - HOW: Bus transportation
  - PRICE: \$639/per person
  - MAX: 50 participants
  - CURRENT: 23 verbal commitments
- ✓ **Bill Oxford for National Commander – Commander Todd**

#### Future Fund Raisers:

- July 21&28 @ Wiggly/Wiggly
- Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, Wine-Cheese-Silent auction 6-9pm Brunswick Forest Commons
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Shades of Gray concert



# *New Business*

- ✓ **NC Department Convention Update** – Adjutant, Dan Dodge
- ✓ **BELK Sale Fundraiser, Aug 25th** – Commander Todd
- ✓ **Women Veterans Expo & Veterans Banquet** – Commander Todd
  - ✓ WHEN: Sep 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm -4:30pm, Banquet @ 5pm
  - ✓ WHERE: 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Activity Center, 1939 Independence Blvd
- ✓ **Wilmington Sharks Ball Night - 2<sup>nd</sup> VC**, Art Dietrich
  - WHEN: July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm (Art to be there at 6:15 with tickets)
  - WHO: Sharks playing Fayetteville SwampDogs
  - WHERE: Legion Field, Carolina Beach Road
  - PRICE: 30 tickets reserved @ \$7. Buy tonight or at game.
  - CALL: Call Art @ 571-276-7856 to reserve tickets



# *Short Timer:*

***Many thanks to KC White for his service to Post 68!***





## *Post 68 – Upcoming Meetings*

- ✓ ***August 16, 2018***
- ✓ ***September 20, 2018***
- ✓ ***October 18, 2018***
- ✓ ***November 15, 2018***
- ✓ ***December 20, 2018***



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# *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 1 of 3*

## **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**



## *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 2 of 3*

**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.”**



## *Post 68 – Closing Ceremony 3 of 3*

**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**

