



# American Legion Post 68 Leland, NC

Membership Meeting  
November 15th, 2018





# *Meeting Items*

- **Be sure to SIGN-IN!**
- **Please SILENCE your cell phones**
- **Meeting agenda handout available**
  
- **Please LIKE us on Facebook!**
- **Please register on [myLegion.org](http://myLegion.org)**
  
- **Check our website: [NCPOST68.org](http://NCPOST68.org) often!**





# *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."**

***All 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:*

### ***MEETING MINUTES: - Commander***

- **Approval of prior month meeting minutes**

### ***GUEST SPEAKER: - Intro by Brian Danielson***

- **Vice Admiral Dennis A. Jones, USN (ret)**

### ***Introduction of new Members and Guests***

- ***Kathy McDonough***



# *Committee Reports – Finance*

## For Month ending October 2018:

**General Fund Balance**

**Bldg./Contingency Fund**

**Poppy Fund Balance**

**Post Funds**

**Total Account Balance** **\$9,557.28**

**(Includes donations from BELK ticket sales and Fish Fry)**



# *Committee Reports - Membership*

## **Membership Report**

- **122 members on our local roster (+2)**
- **Renewals for 2019 are still in process until Dec 31st**
  - **69% of members renewed for 2019**
  - **In process of calling members dropped in 2017**
- **2 New Transfers:**
  - **Donald Davis – from Florida**
  - **Wilson Tart – from NC 1981**



# *Chaplain / Service Officer*

- **Sick Call – Brian Danielson**
  
- **Service Officer - Lane Adrian**
  - **Veterans affected by Hurricane**



## *Current Activities - After-Action Reports*

- **Fish Fry Refunds: Greg Miller**
  - \$2,450.00 received in donations (Pending any further refunds)
  
- **Trunk or Treat: Dan Dodge**
  
- **BELK Charity fund raiser: Dale Todd**
  - 135 Tickets sold in-store: \$675, 53 sold locally: \$265. Sales percentage from Belk: \$146 for total funds received \$1086
  
- **Leland Senior Center Vets Breakfast: Dale Todd/Lane Adrian**



# Current Activities - After-Action Reports

## ➤ Veterans Day Parade: Patty Kelley







# *Current Activities*

- **2018/2019 Budget: Dale Todd**
  - **Fund Raisers**
  - **Sources of Income**



## *Current Activities – Upcoming Events*

### **Navassa Veterans Dinner – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Mt Calvary Church, Navassa</b>
<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Annual free Veterans dinner</b>
<b>WHO:</b>	<b>Area veterans and their families</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>POC:</b>	<b>Mr. Richard Beatty</b>
<b>POST 68:</b>	<b>\$150 donation made to support event</b>



## *Current Activities – Upcoming/Future Events*

- **Leland Christmas Parade – December 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Annual Pasta Dinner – Feb or March 2019**
  - **Need a lead ASAP!**
- **Shades of Gray Concert – Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Lead for Venue needed ASAP!**
  - **Gerald Decker working execution**



# *New Business – Commander Todd*

- **Committee to develop emergency procedures:**
- **2019 Budget Discussions:**
  - **Funding requirements, sources, membership**
- **2019 Calendar of Events:**
- **Recipients of Post 68 Donations of Financial Support: Lane Adrian**



## *New Business – Commander Todd*

- **December Meeting:** Regular meeting, social event, cancel
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- **Boy Scouts coordinators:** Elliot Koppel & Herb Moore
- **List of local charitable organizations:**
- **Post 68 Annual Veterans Travel Event:**
- **Purchasing of 20 additional flags:** \$180 Jim Zelenski



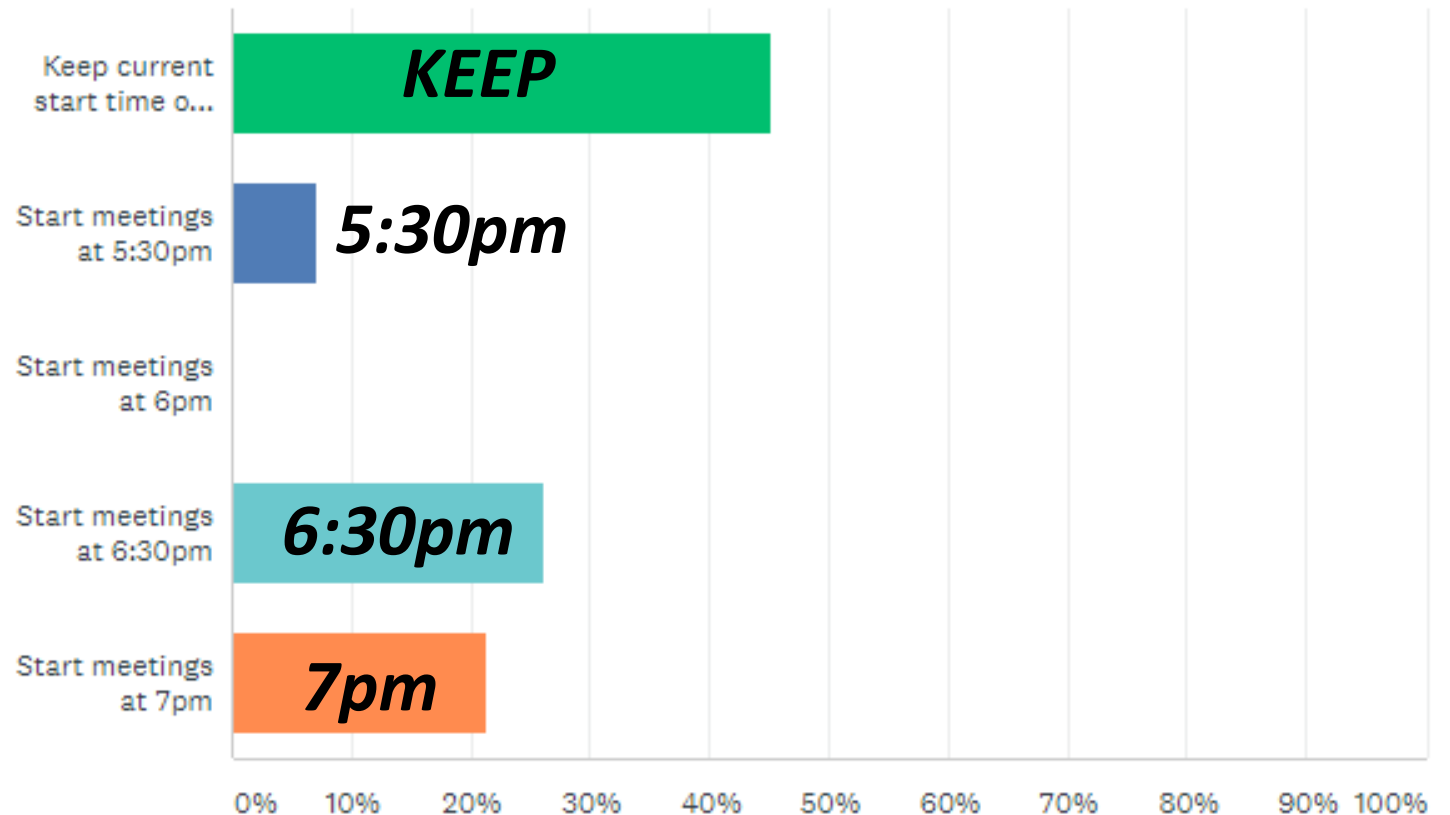
# *New Business – Commander Todd*

**Survey:** Soliciting input from members regarding change of meeting times

42 responses received or  
35% of Post

Survey started 10/14/18

***Survey will end 11/30/18***





# *New Business – Commander Todd*

## **Updates to Post By-Laws:** Bringing By-Laws up-to-date

- Changing wording to be gender neutral
- Post name change: American Legion Post 68, *Jacobs – Carshaw, Inc.*
- Added Legion Riders
- Added Post Judge Advocate as an officer position
- Added wording for Public Relations officer
- Standing committees
- Section to define elections
- Updates to grammar and wording



## *Alibis and Spare Rounds.....*

**Guest Speaker for January meeting:** Elina DiCostanzo, Director of Resource Development, Brunswick Community College Foundation presenting a program on PAVE – Partnership with American Veteran Employment along with Vincent Walsh, veteran student

**SCC Membership:** Richard Fry

**Reminder on membership renewals-2019:** Dan Dodge





# *Alibis and Spare Rounds.....*

## Changes to TriCare Dental:

TriCare Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) ends Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

TriCare Dental recipients have until December 10<sup>th</sup> to enroll in Dental care for 2019

- Enrollees can get dental coverage in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program. Multiple plans are available
- You will NOT be automatically enrolled!
- You must enroll between Nov 12th and Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
- Visit [Tricare.Benefeds.com](http://Tricare.Benefeds.com) for more information and to enroll



## *Post 68 – Upcoming Meetings*

- ✓ ***December 2018: Officers: 12/13***  
***Membership: TBD***
  
- ✓ ***January 2019: Officers: 1/10/19***  
***Membership: 1/17/19***
  
- ✓ ***February 2019: Officers: 2/14/19***  
***Membership: 2/21/19***



# Meeting Wrap-up & 50 / 50

✓ **Questions from membership?**



✓ **50 / 50:**



✓ **Don't forget to renew your membership!**



## *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**



# *Meeting Adjourned*

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Please meet your fellow Legionnaires at  
*BLOSSOMS* for an after-meeting drink!