

**MEETING MINUTES  
POST 68, DEPARTMENT OF NC  
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

COMPILED BY: Jim Zelenski and Alan Simmons

DATE: August 17, 2016

APPROVED BY: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Total Attendance: 18

Time: 19:00

Officers: 4

Convened: 19:10

Members: 18\*

Adjourned: 20:15

Guests: 0

\* includes Officers

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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Presentation of Colors:** K.C. White, Sergeant at Arms

**Chaplain's Prayer:** Alan Simmons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

**MIA POW:** Alan Simmons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

**Call to Order:** Jim Zelenski, Commander

**Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble:** All

**Guests:** None

**Recognition of New Members:** Bill Smith, Jim Allegrino, Owen Hitchins, and Richard Wadhams

**Approval of July 20, 2016 minutes** – Minutes previously e-mailed to members; accepted by Acclamation.

**Financial Report** - Alan Simmons, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: August 2, 2016, General Fund Ending Balance - \$4,428.84; Treasurer's Report approved by Acclamation. Members requested that the balance for the flag and poppy funds be shown on the financial report.

**General Discussion:**

**Concerns and Sick Call** - Alan Simmons reported the spouse of Post Member, John Carter, was admitted into Hospice Care. Jim Zelenski reminded members to advise the Post officers if they become aware of anyone becoming hospitalized and that the Post is available to provide support to the member as warranted.

**Membership Committee** – K.C. White: Four new members joined the post.

Post 68 Web Site – Jim Zelenski reminded post members that our post web site is constantly being updated and to make sure to check it out for the latest news, activities and information. [www.ncpost68.org](http://www.ncpost68.org)

**Old Business:**

**Public Relations Committee** – Jim Zelenski: Town of Leland Founders' Day, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Leland Municipal Park, 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland. We still need post members to volunteer with set up and manning our booth for the event. A sign-up sheet was provided.

**Veteran to Veteran Program** – Alan Simmons: Reminded post members this is an embryo program in partnership with Brunswick Community College (BCC) to support veterans in Brunswick County who are BCC students and who may

have service-related disabilities, PTSD, or other issues. Volunteers man an office on the BCC main campus in Leland and serve as facilitators to listen to veterans, direct veterans to community resources that may be helpful, man a “Hot Line,” etc. Training is provided for all volunteers. Currently, 14 Legion members from the District man the office but more volunteers are needed. The office is manned with two volunteers at a time and individual commitments usually range about 8-10 hours a month. Jim Zelenski reminded post members we had less than eight individuals sign up to date and requested they re-consider supporting the program.

**Update on Mobile Shower Project** – Jeremie Nelson stated nothing new to report and would follow up with additional information and status on the effort. District Nine Commander is looking to have a Veterans Stand Down in Brunswick County. More information to follow.

**Membership Dues** - Alan Simmons reminded members to please renew with Greg Miller and not on line.

**Veterans Day Breakfast** - Alan Simmons reported a breakfast would be provided to all veterans by the Compass Point Veterans group. More information to follow.

### **New Business:**

**Mission Phoenix Operation Stand Down** – Jim Zelenski reported the Post is seeking volunteers to support a Stand Down Day sponsored by the Mission Phoenix on 1 October 2016, 0800-1400, at the National Guard Armory, 2221 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC. The Post has been invited to set up an information booth/table at the event and post member volunteers are welcomed to assist in handing items to needy veterans. More information to follow.

**Spousal Support Group Update** - Jim Zelenski provided an update on upcoming activities the group will be working on:

- Spousal Support Brunswick Forest Villages Trick or Treat 27 October; seeking donations of bags of candy from Post members. Request any donated bags of candy be brought to the next two post meetings or dropped off at Jim Zelenski’s home, 1112 Sandy Grove Pl, Leland, NC.
- Spousal Support Group – Holiday Fund Raiser - Selling Christmas Holiday Bows, either at: out of 1) Support Group’s home, 2) Lowes Grocery Store (BF) and 3) at Leland Wal-Mart.
- Spousal Support Group – Potential for Spring (May 2017) fundraiser yard sale in Brunswick Forest.

Next Spousal Support Group Meeting is: 14 September, at TBD.

**Post 68 Shirts** – Jim Zelenski presented a shirt style at a proposed cost of \$28.00 each, \$2.00 extra sizes 2XL and up. \$5.00 of that cost will go to the general Post 68 fund or flag fund. A sign up sheet was posted for members to place their order.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – Plans are underway for a November fundraiser at Macgrooders in Leland but we still need post members to volunteer and run this event. If willing to volunteer, please contact Jim Zelenski at [blueberet7494@gmail.com](mailto:blueberet7494@gmail.com)

**Holiday Party** – Plans are underway for a Post 68 Holiday Party in January 2017 in lieu of December 2016. If willing to volunteer, please contact Jim Zelenski at [blueberet7494@gmail.com](mailto:blueberet7494@gmail.com)

**Leland Christmas Parade and Festival** – Alan Simmons reported the annual Leland Christmas Parade & Festival is scheduled for 10 December 2016, downtown Leland. More information to follow.

**50/50** – \$80.00 Total-- Congratulations and thanks to Alan Simmons, who donated his share of \$40.00 to the Flag Fund.

### **Closing Formalities**

Meeting Adjourned at 20:15