



**American Legion
Leland Post 68
Agenda for January 18, 2017**

COMPILED BY: Eric Mens, Adjutant

DATE: January 18, 2017

APPROVED BY: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Total Attendance: 40

Convened: 19:00

Officers: 7

Adjourned: 21:00

Members: 37*

* Including Officers

Guests: 3**

** Including spouses

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NOTE: The meeting was conducted in PowerPoint presentation. Members who wish to receive a copy of the slide presentation may do so by e-mailing the Adjutant at armyveter6770@gmail.com

Presentation of Colors

Chaplain's Opening Prayer: Brian Danielson, Chaplain

POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony: John Marone, Supply Officer

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble: All

Call to Order: Jim Zelenski, Commander

Officers in Attendance:	Jim Zelenski, Commander ✓	Allan Simmons, Vice Commander ✓
	Eric Mens, Adjutant ✓	Greg Miller, Financial Officer ✓
	Brian Danielson, Chaplain ✓	Lane Adrian, Public Affairs ✓
	KC White, Sergeant at Arms ✗	John Marone, Supply Officer ✓
	Mary Skov, Service Officer ✗	Don Joseph, Post Historian ✗

Special Recognition: North Brunswick High School Shooting Team – Introduction by Rick de Moya

- Introduction - Rick de Moya
 - National HQ has approved our partnership with the team
 - Trainer - First Sergeant George Williams
 - Shooting team recently won Southeast Region Championship
 - Recognition of Team Members
- Comments – Col. Steve Baker
- Presentation of Post 68 Ball Caps by the Commander
- Photo Op – Romie Holmes

Post 68 Flag Dedication – Jim Zelenski, Commander

- Expression of Appreciation to Bill Carshaw
- Photo-Op – Post Officers and Bill Carshaw (Romie Holmes)

Guest Speaker – Carol Young, North Carolina Attorney General's Office "Protecting Against Consumer Scams"

Introduction (Commander): Ms. Young is an Outreach Specialist responsible for Victims and Citizens Services, North Carolina Attorney General's Office. She has worked for various agencies of the State of North Carolina for 32-plus years. Highlights of her state service include serving as Governor Perdue's scheduler and serving as citizen

services coordinator for the Office of the Governor and the Attorney General's Office. From 2003-2007 and beginning again in 2013, Ms. Young's primary work focus has been on consumer protection awareness of scams and frauds through outreach opportunities with business, civic and community groups.

Handouts of Presentation Materials are available from the Adjutant

Current Business:

- Introduction of New Members or Guests in Attendance – Kathy McDonough and attendees
- Concerns and Sick Call – Brian Danielson, Chaplain
- No Minutes from December 2016 to approve – Jim Zelenski, Commander
- December Financial Report – Greg Miller, Financial Officer

Treasurer's Report for December 2016 (5 Dec 2016 – 4 Jan 2017)

General Fund Balance	\$2,613.97
Poppy Fund Balance	<u>1,181.35</u>
Total Checking Account Balance	\$3,795.32
Largest expenditures during the period:	
Flags and Equipment (American Legion Emblem)	\$1,150.75
Annual Website Fees (Dept. of North Carolina)	\$240

Spousal Support Group to date has raised \$900 for the Post

- Membership Report (as of 18 January 2017) – Eric Mens, Adjutant

Discrepancy still between what our Post financial and membership records show versus what State and National records show concerning active paid members due to at least a 3-week time lag.

National roster shows 100 active (2016 & 2017) members - Includes 3 members who resigned or moved in 2016

Our records show 100 active (2016 & 2017) members - Includes 3 members who are not on the National Roster (one paid up for 2017, two paid up only through 2016)

17 of our members have not yet paid 2017 dues.

Old Business – Jim Zelenski

- Flag Fund is at "0" and all flags have been delivered
- Still need volunteers for Vice Commander and Membership, Flag Retirement and Events Committees

New Business – Jim Zelenski

- Color Guard
 - Current Volunteers: Lane Adrian, Don Joseph, John Marone, Eric Mens, Alan Simmons
 - Need another 1-3 volunteers (sign-up sheet)
 - Uniforms need to be determined – fatigues and boots or Navy Blue Trousers, White Collared Shirt, and Black Dress Shoes
 - Costs not yet determined
 - JROTC First Sergeant George Williams will train the Color Guard

- Spousal Support Group
 - January 2017 Meeting was cancelled
 - To date, the Spousal Support Group has raised and donated over \$900 to the Post General Fund
- Status of Boys State and Girls State leadership programs
 - Boys State - Rick de Moya is the Post Lead
 - Still waiting for complete 2017 information packet
 - Rick de Moya and Bill Kous will review applications and interview candidates
 - May 1st deadline for nominations
 - Last year cost \$350 - Post may offer to pay partial or full cost dependent upon student's financial need
 - Officers voted to send two students – one from JROTC and one from the general school population
 - Girls State - Current American Legion Bylaws do not allow Posts to send a girl to Girls State if the Post does not have an Auxiliary.
 - The American Legion Bylaws do not reflect current mores.
 - Mary Skov has volunteered to prepare a proposal to amend the National Bylaws to permit girls to be nominated to and attend Girls State.
- 2017 JROTC Recognition Awards
 - ROTC Officer and NCO of the Year
 - Nominations due 2 weeks prior to Mid-Winter Conference (February 1, 2017)
 - JROTC Cadet of the Year
 - One nominee per school
 - Nominations due 4 weeks prior to the Fall Conference (September 19, 2017)
- Brunswick County Veterans Coalition Organizational Meeting, January 24, 2017, Post 543 hosting
 - Organizational Meeting – Veterans Coalition, Jan 24, 2017, St. James Community Center, 10 AM
 - To leverage resources, reduce duplication of services to vets
 - J. Zelenski, E. Mens, L. Adrian attending
- Mid-Year Conference, 16-18 February 2017, Raleigh, NC
- Planning for Flag Day, June 14, 2017
 - Unserviceable Flag Collection Day - April 2017?
 - Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day?

Chaplain's Closing Prayer: Brian Danielson, Chaplain

Meeting Adjourned at 2100 Hrs.