



**American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC  
Officers Meeting Notes - May 3, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Jim Zelenski, Commander, at 9:00 AM

**Officers/Chairs Present:**

Jim Zelenski, Commander	<u>✓</u>	Allan Simmons, Vice Commander	<u>✓</u>
Eric Mens, Adjutant	<u>✓</u>	Art Dietrich, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	<u>×</u>
Greg Miller, Financial Officer	<u>✓</u>	Brian Danielson, Chaplain	<u>✓</u>
Dale Todd, Service Officer	<u>✓</u>	Lane Adrian, Public Affairs	<u>✓</u>
John Marone, Supply Officer	<u>✓</u>	KC White, Sergeant at Arms	<u>×</u>
Dan Dodge, Post Historian	<u>✓</u>	Kathy McDonough (Membership)	<u>✓</u>
Pete Erbe, Executive Committee	<u>✓</u>		

**Announcements**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Flag Collection Day, Brunswick Forest Commons**

*Thanks to Bobby Hunt and to all who participated, this event was a great success. We collected nearly 200 unserviceable flags and made \$1,165 from hot dog sales, donations, the Piggy Bank Brigade, 50/50, and hat and T-shirt sales. "Thank You" letters were drafted for Harris Teeter and Lowes Food. We will present a plaque to Harris Teeter at a future date.*

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Brunswick County Services Coordinating Council (NBCSCC) Meeting** – Long Leaf Room, Leland Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive at 6:30 PM (KC White is the Post 68 representative)

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, Poppy Drive, Saturday from 9 AM – 2 PM (multiple locations)**

*Four location for the Poppy Drive - Port City Java in the Villages of Brunswick Forest, Lowes Food, Piggly Wiggly, and Food Lion (Mt Misery Road) locations. Tables will be set up at each location. The event has been advertised on several community "Next Door" sites. Final donations count will be completed at Art Dietrich's home after 2 PM (1236 North Sleepy Oak Drive), followed by a Post social gathering. Members are invited to bring their spouses/families.*

**May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Graveside Flag Placement, Saturday from 9 AM - Noon**

*Meet at the First Baptist Church, 517 Village Rd NE, Leland. Members will place flags at four area cemeteries and are encouraged to bring spouses and/or family members to help. We will caravan and carpool to the various sites.*

**Fish Fry Fundraiser (White Elephant and Baked Goods Sale), Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM**

*The Fish Fry is at the Leland Park (building) 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland. We are soliciting donations from Costco and Sam's Club. We need members to volunteer to work the event (contact John Cook).*

**Wilmington Downtown Concert Series Fundraiser, Friday, August 18, 2017 from 6 – 10 PM**

*We will be selling wristbands at the Wilmington Downtown Summer Concert on August 18th. We will review individual's driver licenses for the appropriate age, collect the money (\$1 each, of which we receive \$0.50), and band the concert goer. We will be soliciting donations for the Post. Need 8-10 volunteers to man two tables to collect sales proceeds and donations. No shift work is allowed, so you need to be onsite for four hours.*

**Post Historian** – Dan Dodge has volunteered to serve as the Post Historian.

## **Flag Retirement Ceremony, Brunswick Forest**

*We have received permission to conduct the flag retirement ceremony on property located at The Villages, Brunswick Forest. The date has been moved from June to November (details to follow).*

## **Updates on Current Business**

### **April Membership Report**

*Adjutant will provide Kathy McDonough with updated roster for the May meeting.*

### **April Financial Report/Status**

*As of May 3rd, we have a combined General Ledger and Poppy Fund balance of \$2,908.87 that includes \$220 specifically designated for the Post Building Fund (Bill Carshaw donated his 50/50 winnings and art sale proceeds to the Building Fund). **The 2017-2018 Budget, which is effective June 1st, will be briefed at the May membership meeting.***

*Greg will be working with our CPA to determine what tax filing we need to do for the 2016 year.*

***We still need a dedicated Fundraising Committee Chair so that our Financial Officer, Greg Miller, can devote his time to financial and other Post responsibilities and we need committee members who will actively work with the Chair to organize and schedule potential fundraising events. Lou Tranzillo declined the position but has offered to run for membership on the Executive Committee.***

## **Brunswick County Veterans Coalition (BCVC)**

*The next BCVC meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017 from 10:00 AM until Noon at American Legion Post 213 530 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Southport, NC 28461. Lane Adrian is our representative.*

*Dale Todd, our Service Officer, has been in touch with a Leland widow of a WWII veteran who needs a ramp built. Lane will ask the AmVets representative to the BCVC if they would be willing to build the ramp.*

*We sent a letter (April 24<sup>th</sup>) to Patrick Kelley asking him to speak to the Post at the June meeting about the Dignity Memorial Veterans Planning Guide Dignity and the Memorial network, a national network of funeral, cremation and cemetery services providers. The guide is a resource for all veterans and their families.*

## **New Business**

### **Speaker - Wilmington Veteran's Day Parade, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (POC: Dale Todd)**

*Tara Hurst, an organizer of the Wilmington Veteran's Day Parade, will speak to the Post members on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Tara has asked if we would be interested in participating in the Veteran's Day parade. The NBHS JROTC, with which we are actively involved, has already agreed to march in the parade.*

## **Elections (Lou Tranzillo)**

Only those present at the meeting will be able to vote. The board is reviewing this policy for possible change to the current by-laws and/or addition to the draft Post Policies and Procedures (tasked to the Executive Committee). The following positions are being voted on:

Commander  
1st Vice Commander  
2nd Vice Commander  
Adjutant

Treasurer  
Chaplain  
Sergeant of Arms  
Executive Committee (3 members)

*The current Officers have agreed to run for and serve another term in office.*

**Next Officers Meeting** – Wednesday June 7, 2017 from 9 – 11 AM at John Marone’s home (1233 Lillibridge Dr.).

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM.**