



# American Legion

## Post 68

MEETING – January 18, 2018



# Order of Business

- \* **Post Regular Meeting Call to Order**
- \* **Post 68 Current Business**
- \* **Post 68 Old Business**
- \* **Post 68 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

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

# POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

**“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

**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

- \* 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.”**

# Speaker Introduction

**Melissa Monroe,  
Deputy Director,  
Brunswick County Board of Elections**

# Post 68 Current Business

- \* **Introduction of New Members or Guests in attendance - Membership Chair**
- \* **Membership Report – Adjutant**
- \* **Sick Call or Concerns – Chaplain**
- \* **December 2017 Financial Report – Treasurer**
- \* **Veterans Issues and Updates – Commander**

# Membership

- \* We currently have 122 members on our local roster
- \* The Legion Membership year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>
- \* Membership renewals for 2018 started in July 2017 – To date, 82 percent of our members have paid their 2018 dues.
- \* Don't pay online – bring your form and cash/check to the meeting
- \* If you have not already done so, provide a copy of your DD214 or discharge papers to the Adjutant

# Membership

- \* **Membership Chair has 2018 cards (see her as you sign in)**
- \* **Treasurer will collect your dues**
- \* **Your DD 214 ensures that the National Roster has your correct information that is reflected on your card.**
- \* **Any changes that you make on the 2018 renewal form will be reflected on the rosters and next year's cards.**

# Financial Report for December 2018

<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$7,046.00</b>
<b>Bldg/Contingency Fund</b>	<b>861.50</b>
<b>Poppy Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>1,172.72</u></b>
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$9,080.22</b>

# Veterans Issues and Updates

- \* **Update on Mr. Wright and Dave Cote**
- \* **Veterans Benefits Experience Center**
  - \* **22, 23, 24 March 2018 – Need Volunteers!**
  - \* **Volunteer Roles are being defined – more to follow**
  - \* **Elks Club, 5102 Oleander Drive, Wilmington**
  - \* **Website: <http://www.vbec2018.com/>**
  - \* **Post Service Officer – Lead (Dale Todd)**

# Update on Events

- \* **Survey of Homeless Veterans in Brunswick County (Lane Adrian)**
  - \* **Planning Meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**
  - \* **Government Administration Building, Bolivia**
  - \* **County-wide, evening of Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**
- \* **BFA Commodities Distribution (Dale or Eric)**
  - \* **Thursday February 8, from 7:30 AM to Noon**
  - \* **Shallotte (Brunswick Beacon)**
  - \* **Volunteers will carpool from Port City Java at 7 AM**



# Update on Events

- \* **Unserviceable Flag Collection (B. Hunt)**
  - \* **March 3, 2018 from 8 AM – 4 PM, Leland Town Park (no charge)**
- \* **Flag Retirement Ceremony (B. Hunt)**
  - \* **April 28, 2018, Leland Town Park (no charge)**

# Current Post Business

- \* **NBHS Project Update (Rick de Moya)**
  - \* **Flag Pole and Freedom Wall**
  - \* **Feedback from meeting with Principal Price**
- \* **Legion Oratorical Competition (Rick de Moya)**
  - \* **Feedback from Post 543 event**

# New Post Business

- \* **Elections for 2018 – 2019 (Commander)**
- \* **Ordering Post 68 Name Tags (John Marone)**

# Election of Officers

- \* **Commander**
- \* **Vice Commander**
- \* **Adjutant**
- \* **Finance Officer**
- \* **Post Historian**
- \* **Post Chaplain**
- \* **Post Service Officer**
- \* **Sergeant At Arms**

# Election of Officers

## Post 68 Officers Elections - 2018

Position	Incumbent	Candidate	Candidate	REMARKS
Commander	Jim Zelenski			Elected Position
Vice Commander	Alan Simmons	Jim Zelenski		Elected Position
2nd Vice Commander	Art Dietrich	Art Dietrich		Appointed Position
Adjutant	Eric Mens			Elected Position
Finance Officer	Greg Miller	Judi Buongiorno		Elected Position
Post Historian	Dan Dodge	Dan Dodge		Elected Position
Post Chaplain	Brian Danielson	Brian Danielson		Elected Position
Post Service Officer	Dale Todd	Lane Adrian		Elected Position
Sergeant At Arms	KC White	Bill Smith		Elected Position
Executive Committee	Lou Tranzillo			Elected Position
Executive Committee	Jim Thompson			Elected Position
Executive Committee	Bill Smith			Elected Position
Logistics Officer	John Marone	John Marone		Appointed Position
Public Relations	Lane Adrian			Appointed Position
Membership	Kathy McDonough	Kathy McDonough		Appointed Position

# Upcoming 2018 Post Meetings

- \* *February 15, 2018 (Speaker tentatively)*
- \* *March 15, 2018 (Speaker tentatively)*
- \* *April 19, 2018*
- \* *May 17, 2018*

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# Closing Ceremony

**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**



# Closing Ceremony

**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.”**

# Closing Ceremony

**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**