



**JOHN E. JACOBS LEGION POST 68 LELAND
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LELAND LEGION POST 68 CHANGE OF COMMAND



At its May 21, 2026, membership meeting, the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 elected Thomas M. Powers (Tom) as its Commander for the coming year. Powers is among the youngest Commanders installed since the Post was rechartered in 2012. His installation ceremony on July 16, 2026, will reinforce Post 68's commitment to meeting the needs of area veterans and their families head-on. Tom joined Post 68 in early 2025.

Despite his brief tenure in the American Legion, he has embraced numerous training opportunities to deepen his understanding of Legion history, programs, and protocol. His extensive military and business background has instilled in him a strong appreciation for collaboration, teamwork, community outreach, and service.

A native of Poestenkill, NY, Commander-Elect Powers moved to Leland in 2013. With a broad background in human resources, data analysis, bookkeeping, marketing, project management, and information technology (including website development and management), he opened Powers Professional Administrative Services in 2024. He has been an active member of the business community since then and is a member of both the North and South Brunswick Chambers of Commerce.

Since joining Post 68, Tom has been an extremely active member. His commitment to community service, especially for veterans, is evident in his deep involvement with Post 68's renowned Be The One suicide awareness initiative. He also co-chairs the Legion's Department of North Carolina's Be The One initiative. Recently, Tom designed and wrote the Post's new website (ncpost68.org), replacing the outdated site and creating a vital communications tool that showcases Legion members and Post 68's work in the greater Leland area for residents, especially veterans and their families.

Commander-Elect Powers stated that his goals for his tenure include ensuring that each Legion member can actively participate in community service to support the American Legion's Four Pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. He also intends to reach out to and engage active-duty and transitioning military personnel. As a local small business owner and Chamber of Commerce member, Tom understands the value of collaboration and of building and expanding Post 68's relationships with local service providers, religious organizations, First Responders, elected officials, other business owners, and veteran organizations. Powers firmly believes that service, whether to the country or the community, does not end when a military member hangs up their uniform upon transitioning to civilian life.

Post 68 invites all veterans and active-duty service members in the Leland area to learn more about the American Legion and how to get involved by attending a membership meeting. The Post meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room at Blossoms Restaurant in Magnolia Greens, Leland (1800 Tommy Jacobs Drive). Members and visitors may have an optional dinner at the restaurant at 4:30 p.m. before the meeting. Visit the Post 68 website for a calendar of events and more information: <https://ncpost68.org/>.