



JOHN E. JACOBS LEGION POST 68 LELAND

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UPCOMING VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER (VEAC)

An in-person VEAC is typically a multi-day event organized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in partnership with local veterans' organizations, veteran service offices, and other local service providers. VEACs provide veterans with an excellent source of information, support, and peer-to-peer connections. Representatives at these events take the time to understand and assess each participating veteran's circumstances and challenges, offering one-on-one assistance and ensuring that veterans receive answers and solutions tailored to their needs. North Carolina has had great success meeting those needs through VEACs held throughout the state over the past several years.

The American Legion Department of North Carolina, in partnership with Wilmington-area American Legion Posts and the VA, is supporting this year's Wilmington VEAC. This is an excellent opportunity for veterans to file a claim, check the status of an existing claim, or file an appeal. Veterans can also receive assistance with VA health care enrollment, mental health resources, housing and employment support, survivor benefits, and more. Past VEACs in Wilmington have served thousands of veterans, including those from other states.

The VEAC will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 28 through May 30, 2026, at the National Guard Armory, 2412 Infantry Rd., Wilmington, NC 28405.

To avoid overcrowding at the Armory, veterans should follow the registration guidelines below. However, VEAC representatives ensure that every veteran who registers at the door on event days will be seen.

THURSDAY - MAY 28 - Veterans with SSNs ending in 00-33

FRIDAY - MAY 29 - Veterans with SSNs ending in 34-66

SATURDAY - MAY 30 - Veterans with SSNs ending in 67-99

Veterans must come prepared with the proper documentation for their case (for example, a DD-214, VA claims or denials documentation, and all medical records (military and civilian) pertinent

to their disability). If you are a veteran seeking claims and benefits assistance at the VEAC, please contact your local Veterans Service Office to begin the process now. For Brunswick County, the appropriate contact is Anita Hartsell at (910) 253-2233.

The John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 in Leland is a staunch supporter of the VEAC. To learn more about Post 68 and how our work benefits veterans and the community, visit <https://ncpost68.org/>. Post 68 membership meetings are open to the public and held every third Thursday at 6 pm in the Blossoms Restaurant Banquet Room (1800 Tommie Jacobs Drive, Leland, NC). For those who wish to participate, members gather at 4:30 pm in Blossoms Restaurant for dinner and a social hour preceding the meeting. The next Post meeting will be on May 21, 2026.