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American Legion Post 68 Leland changes name to honor local soldier

Richard N. Fry Your Voice Correspondent

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The American Legion, founded in 1919, is the largest organization of U.S. military veterans. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, its membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. Each American Legion Post may adopt a name in honor of a deceased veteran.

Post 68 has recently received permission to rename itself in honor of Private First-Class John Edwin Jacobs, United States Army, the only service member from Leland, North Carolina, to be killed in action during the Vietnam War. Post 68's new charter stipulates that it will hereafter be named the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68, Leland, NC, Inc., Department of North Carolina. Each year on Memorial Day, Post 68 members join the Jacobs family for a flag placement ceremony at his final resting place.

John's parents, Mr. John and Mildred Jacobs, and his sister, Reverend Martha Jacobs, are honored that the Post is paying tribute to John's sacrifice in this manner. Reverend Jacobs said, "Our loved one, a soldier, never dies as long as he is remembered. God does everything for a reason; the solemnity of Post 68's action is heartwarming. The family gratitude is beyond any words that we can express."

John was born in Leland on December 4, 1947. He was a 1967 graduate of what was formerly known as Lincoln High School. John was drafted into the U.S. Army in March 1968. Following training, he was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 11th

Infantry, 5th Infantry Division as a Combat Infantryman. While on patrol in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam on October 1, 1968 his unit was ambushed, and Pfc John Edwin Jacobs was killed by small arms fire.

To mark the renaming of Post 68, the Jacobs family and Post 68 will sponsor a reception to celebrate John's life. The reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, December 14, at the Brunswick Community College Leland Center. In addition to family, friends, and Post 68 members, confirmed guests include Leland Mayor Brenda Boseman and Leland Town Councilwoman-elect Veronica Carter. Ms. Carter will be the guest speaker.

While John's time in the Army was brief, he gallantly served our nation.

Never let us forget that "Freedom is Never Free."

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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.

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SERVICE OFFICERS FOR POST 68 2024-2025



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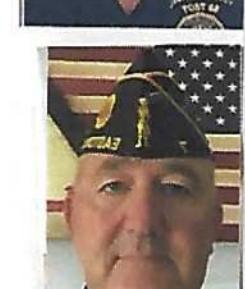
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ROB PENWELL AT LARGE 2



LOU TRANZILLO AT LARGE 3



The wall at Brunswick Cove Living Center commemorating the veterans housed there. 15 veterans live at the extended care facility and Post 68 has taken over there needs and wants. A birthday party monthly and Christmas party are the high lights the vets can look toward too. The program was an incite by former Commander John Hacker and Rick Rodgers the facilitator of events.



Awaiting Santa, his elves L-R Lou Tranzillo, Alan Simmons, Jim Zelinski, and Jim McAvoy are enjoying the beautiful day set aside to honor the veterans at Brunswick Cove Living Center



Santa has arrived and is holding court at the Living Center L-R Mrs Jim Zelinski, Adrian Lane, veteran Don Haddock, veteran Don Walker, Rick Rodgers, Jim McAvoy, Santa, Jim Zelinski, and Alan Simmons



Standing L_R Commander Dan Fortini, Evan Jones, Joe Frost, Jim Zelinski, Sherman Thompson, Rick Rodgers. Seated L_R Bea Frost, Vet TJ Lee, Vet Bruce Zirckel, and Lou Tranzillo



Swearing in of officers 2024-2025

L-R Last row Chaplin Jim McAvoy, Parliamentarian Dale Todd, At Large Alan Simmons, Second Row, Finance Joe Frost, Public Affairs Eric Mens, Logistics Jim Zelinski, At Large Lou Trazillo, 2nd Vice Evan Jones Service Officer Lane Adrian, First Vice John Hacker, Sgt at Arms Kobe Kelley Front Row; Historian Rick Rodgers, 10th Department Commander Tom Cerniglia, Post 68 Commander Bea Frost, and Adjutant Dan Dodge

Keeping Up With the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post #68

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July 4th Parade in Magnolia Greens



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Post 68 Color Guard kicked off its annual Magnolia Greens July 4th Parade with spectators enthusiastically greeting Post members as they walked the nearly mile-long route, handing out small American flags. Motorcyclists from the Legion's Riders followed, along with vehicles carrying Leland Mayor Brenda Bozeman and Leland Town Council members. The parade terminated at the Magnolia Greens Community



The Waterford Community Social Committee, led by resident Lisa Bryant, presented a donation of \$261 to express the community's appreciation for the role that members of the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 Leland have played in serving area veterans and families. Newly installed Post Commander Bea Frost and 1st Vice Commander John Hacker accepted the donation on behalf of the Post.



Ready for the parade. Post 68 prepares for the Magnolia Greens 4th of July parade 2024

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Mobile Vet Centers hit the road to reach veterans

BY DYLAN PHILIPS
BRUNSWICK BEACON EDITOR

United States Veterans Affairs Mobile Vet Centers provide invaluable support and services to America's veterans by meeting them where they are. The local Mobile Vet Center visited Leland earlier this month to showcase the vehicle's capabilities and inform the community of the services it provides.

The Veterans Affairs (VA) Department has 83 Mobile Vet Centers (MVCs), described as large mobile vehicles with that provide space for confidential counseling — including individual, group, marriage and family

counseling — used to reach eligible individuals residing in communities distant from other existing services. These services are provided at no cost to eligible individuals.

MVCs are an offshoot of the VA's 300-plus Vet Centers. These centers were founded in 1979 as a response to a significant number of Vietnam War veterans still experiencing readjustment problems years after returning home.

The Vet Centers "are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional counseling."

MVC counselors can access VA records through an encrypted connection, but stressed that all client information shared remains confidential. Records and services also easily transferable to other Vet Centers and MVCs should a client move to a different state or area, for example.

There are two MVCs based in North Carolina, with the closest based in nearby Jacksonville. That MVC made a trip down the coast into Brunswick County on Tuesday, Aug. 13, stopping at the Legion Post 68's roll-out presentation to the community of

The Mobile Vet Center in Leland earlier this month. program that addresses and fights veteran suicide.

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Frost on Aug. 13 at the Brunswick Community College Leland Center.

Post 68 Commander Bea Frost, asked about the MVCs recent visit to Leland, said, "On behalf of the Leland veteran community, we appreciate the opportunity to learn about VA's mobile capability. The ability to bring services to veterans and their families in areas where access to VA's brick and mortar facilities may not be that easy is essential. We are confident that there are veterans in our rural areas who can benefit from this capability. The challenge is and has been to successfully we reach out to them."

Jacksonville Vet Center Director Chris O'Brian and Veterans Outreach Program Specialist

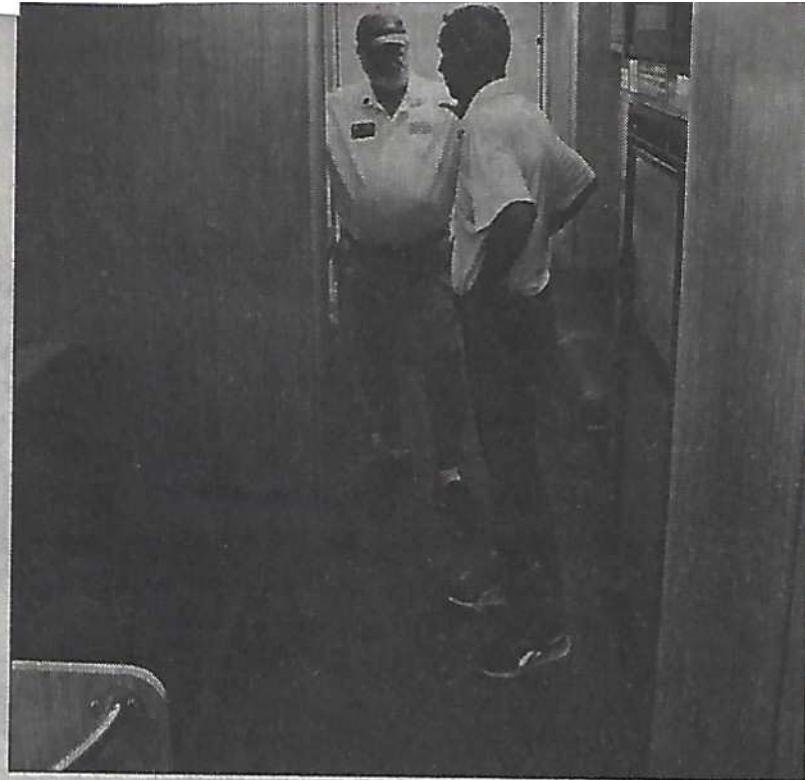
Brian Carey, both of whom are certified mental health counselors, drove the MVC down to Leland for the event.

The Jacksonville-based MVC covers a roughly 3,500-mile radius and travels as far south as Brunswick County and to Duplin County to the northwest, Carey said.

Carey explained the initial purpose of MVCs was to specifically reach veterans in rural communities and, he noted, that is still the overall purpose. However, the reach has expanded over the years.

"It covers everyone that's under the military umbrella," Carey said. This includes not only veterans, but active duty service member, retirees, reserves, National Guard and military spouses, he added.

"What's very unique about the Vet Center is, there's no time limit, there's no cost, they don't play musical counselors" said Carey. "Because every visit should just be a continuation. ... How frustrating is it every time you go to a doctor, it's a new



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Veterans Outreach Program Specialist Brian Carey, standing in the forefront, talks with Post 68 member Lane Adrian.

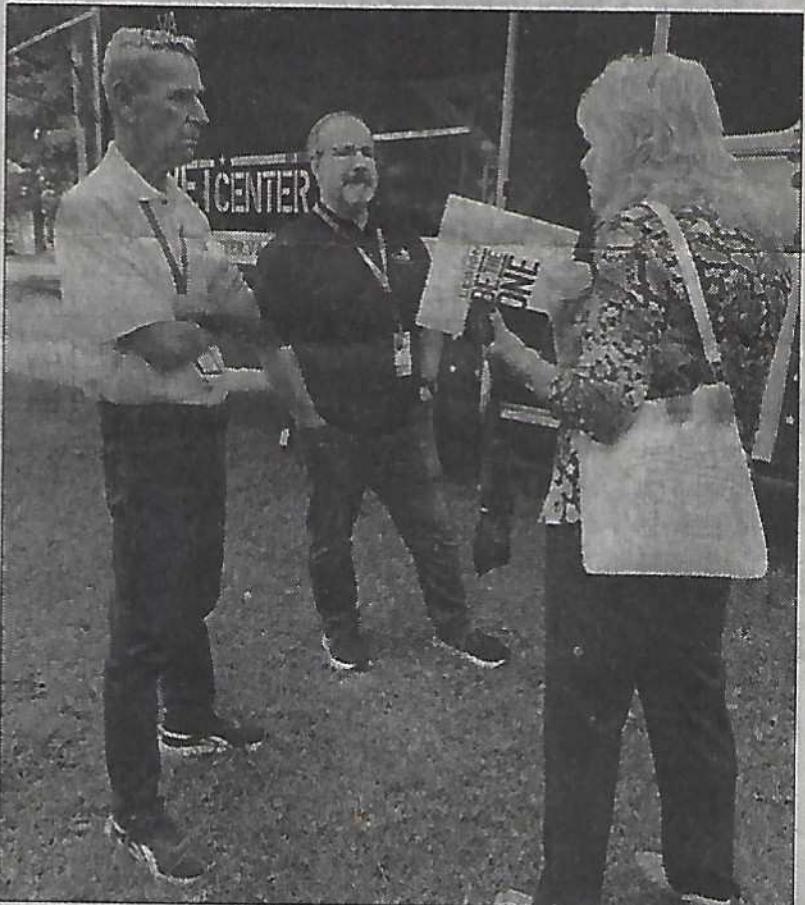


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Leland Mayor Brenda Bozeman (right) with Chris O'Brian and Brian Carey.

doctor — it's like starting over. In the Vet Center, that's not the case."

The MVC that visited Brunswick County earlier this month is brand new and was delivered roughly one month ago, Carey said.

Asked about locations the local MVC primarily visits in its service area, Carey said they have really been focused on making stops at community colleges lately. They also visit social events, like music festivals.

"We'll do virtually any event where it's almost

a given you're going to have a veteran [in attendance]," he added.

For more information on the VA's Vet Centers and Mobile Vet Centers, visit <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov>. To schedule a community site visit of the VA Mobile Vet Center, call (910) 577-1100

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Post 68 is all about Veterans serving Veterans in the Leland, NC area. We work closely with Brunswick County Veterans Services, Brunswick Family Assistance, and other service organizations to identify and assist veterans and their families in need. We participate in many community activities such as parades, memorials, dedications, etc.



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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

On July 30, 2019, President Trump signed into law the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7th, 1941.

Therefore, any person shall be eligible for membership in The American Legion who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time since December 7, 1941, and has been honorably discharged or is still serving.

Because eligibility dates now remain open, all active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the United States.

We sponsor local students to participate in Boys State and Girls State and provide scholarships to better educate our children. We also support the North Brunswick High School JROTC.

We are veterans just like you. We care about America, our fellow veterans, our families, and our children. As a member of our Post, we continue to serve our God, our Country, and our community. Your Post needs you now!

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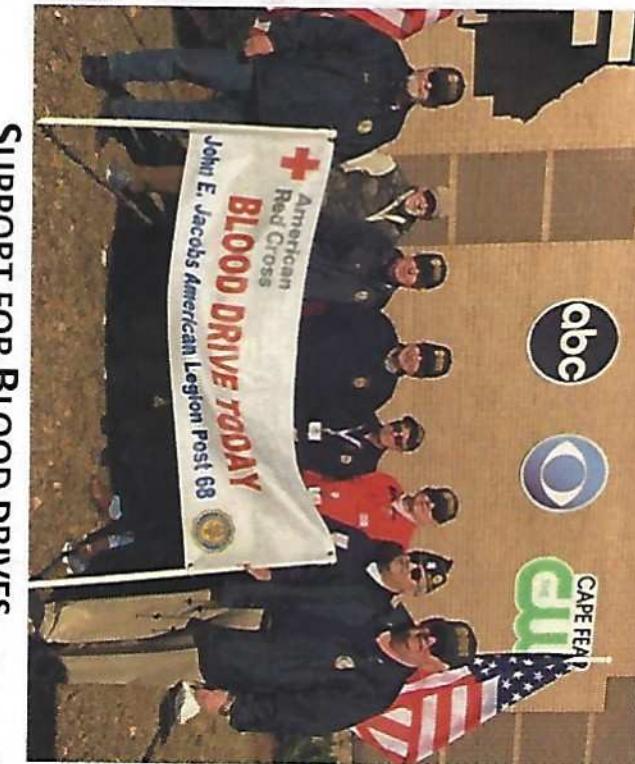


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Vet Center bus is on display at Brunswick Community College annex. As part of the inaugural BE THE ONE presentation sponsored by Post 68. The event was crucial to the awareness of veterans suicide that can't be ignored.

Donates to Fran's Fans

WECT's (Channel 6 Wilmington) Frances Weller started Fran's Fans more than 20 years ago. Her program collects fans from the community and delivers them to senior centers in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties. From there, the fans are distributed to senior citizens to help keep them cool during the summer months. Lowe's Home Improvement stores in these counties have turned Fran's collection drive into a competition to see which store sells the most fans. The winner is awarded Fran's coveted Golden Fan. In 2023 the Lowe's store in Southport won with a collection of more than 700 fans. Lowes Home Improvement in Leland has been an ardent supporter of the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 since its opening in September 2023. To express its gratitude for Lowe's support of



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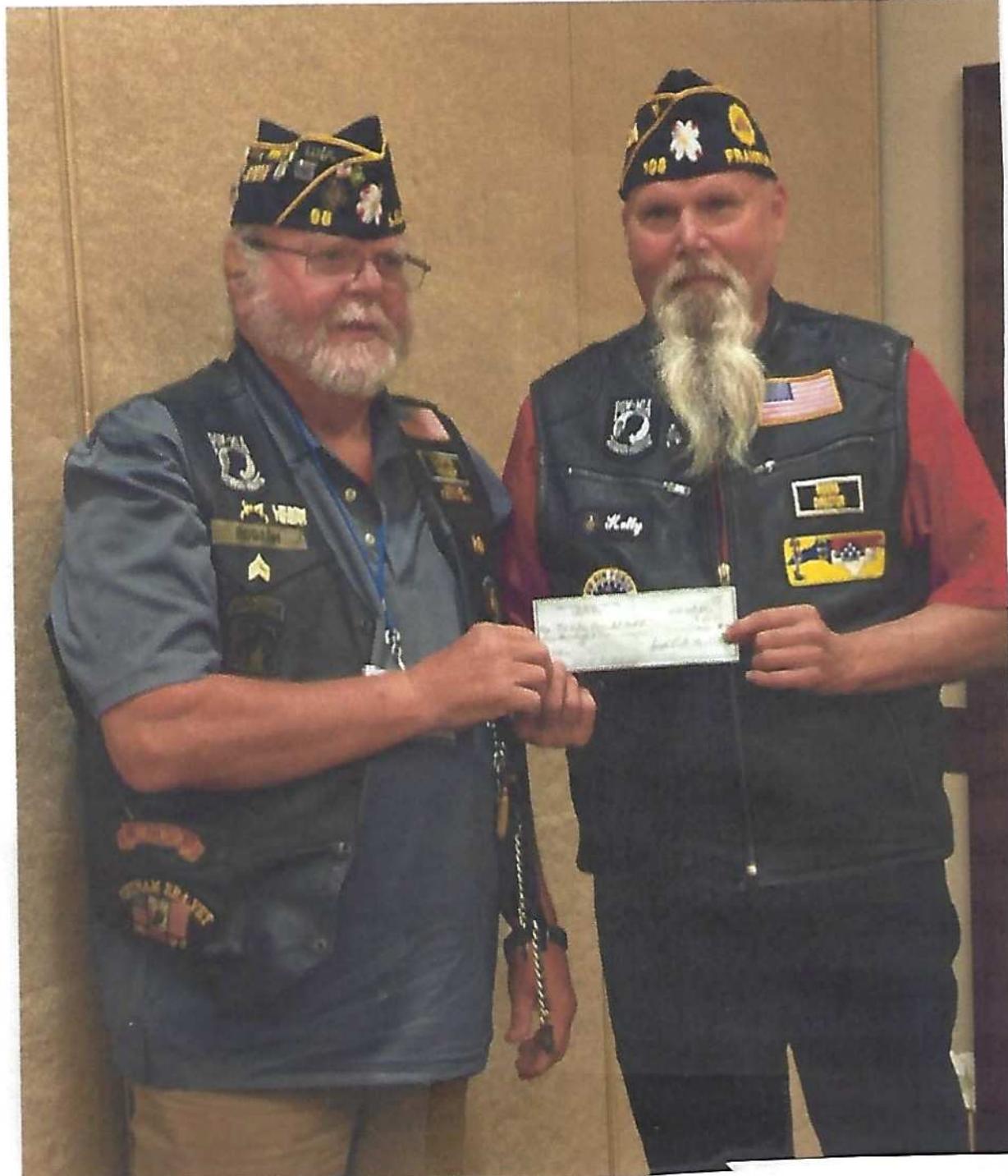
Fish fry event hosted by Post 68 in Leland. It took 16 members to put on the event. Highly successful events like this one and Poppy Day along with the golf tournament are examples of the Post's involvement in the community.

Dental Care Provided to Eligible Low-Income Veterans



Under the Department of Veterans Affairs criteria for dental care, it is estimated that only 15 percent of veterans qualify for dental care at a VA facility. On

August 23 the East Carolina University Dental Clinic provided free dental care to low-income veterans, thanks to generous donations from a variety of veteran support organizations in Brunswick County. The annual event provides a unique opportunity for eligible low-income veterans to receive needed dental care at little or no cost. On the day of the clinic representatives from John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 Leland and Richard H. Stewart Post 543 St. James presented checks totaling \$2,500 to the Veterans Smiles Foundation (VSF). The presentation, to David McCracken, VSF founder, was at the East Carolina University Dental Clinic during its dental assistance day. Both Legion Posts have made similar donations to the VSF over the last several years.



Adrian Lane Post 68 Riders Director presents a check for \$200 to Kelly Raulerson Committee Chairman Riders of North Carolina for Veterans and children assistance at the State convention August 2024



With his back to the camera, Alan Simmons was featured as keynote speaker at Post 68 September 11th 2024 remembrance of the tragic 23rd observance of a day that will live in infamy



Commander Bea Frost presenting Bob Penwell his thirty – fifth anniversary award



Commander Bea Frost presenting Nannette York her thirty – fifth anniversary award



Commander Bea Frost presenting Patty Kelley twenty - fifty anniversary award



Commander Bea Frost presents to Alan Simmons his thirty year anniversary award



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Ready for action, and action it was. Over 1000 kids and parents participated in the annual Trunk – Treat event October 27th 2024 sponsored by Leland Park and Rec. Post 68 is an annual contributor to the event. L – R Bob Page, Rick Rodgers, Mayor Brenda Bozeman, Lou Tranzillo, and visiting Legionnaire from South Carolina Paul Dawley



Taking a break in the action are L-R Ed Grinell and Tom Wills. The pace was very hectic as over 1000 kids and parents participated in the Trunk or Treat Halloween event at North Brunswick High School on 27 October 2024. The annual event is sponsored by the City of Leland Parks and Rec. division.



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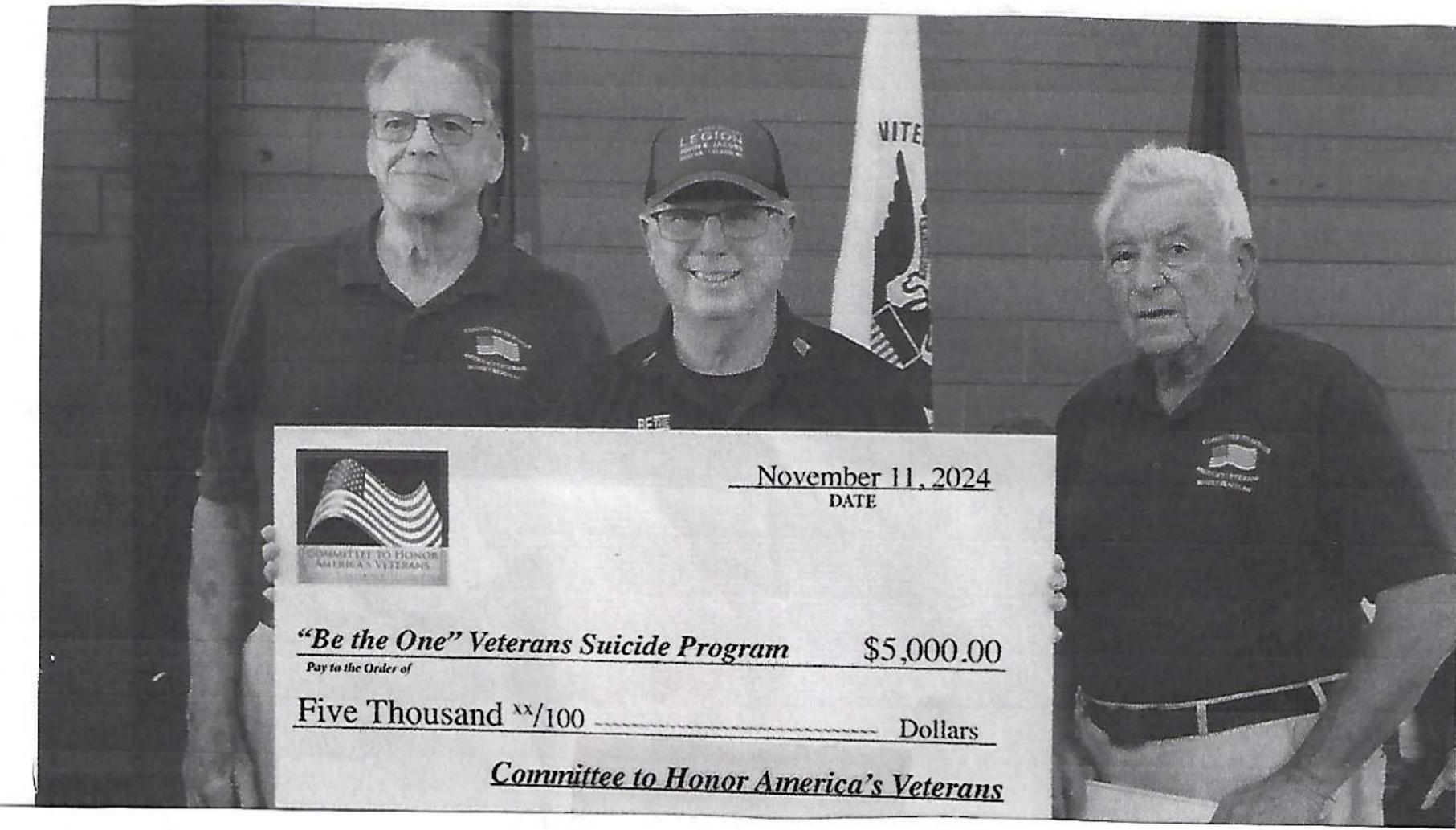
John E. Jacobs Post 68



Ladies golf team that finished first place in Post 68 Golf Tournament, 2024



Men's golf team that finished first place in the Post 68 Golf Tournament, 2024



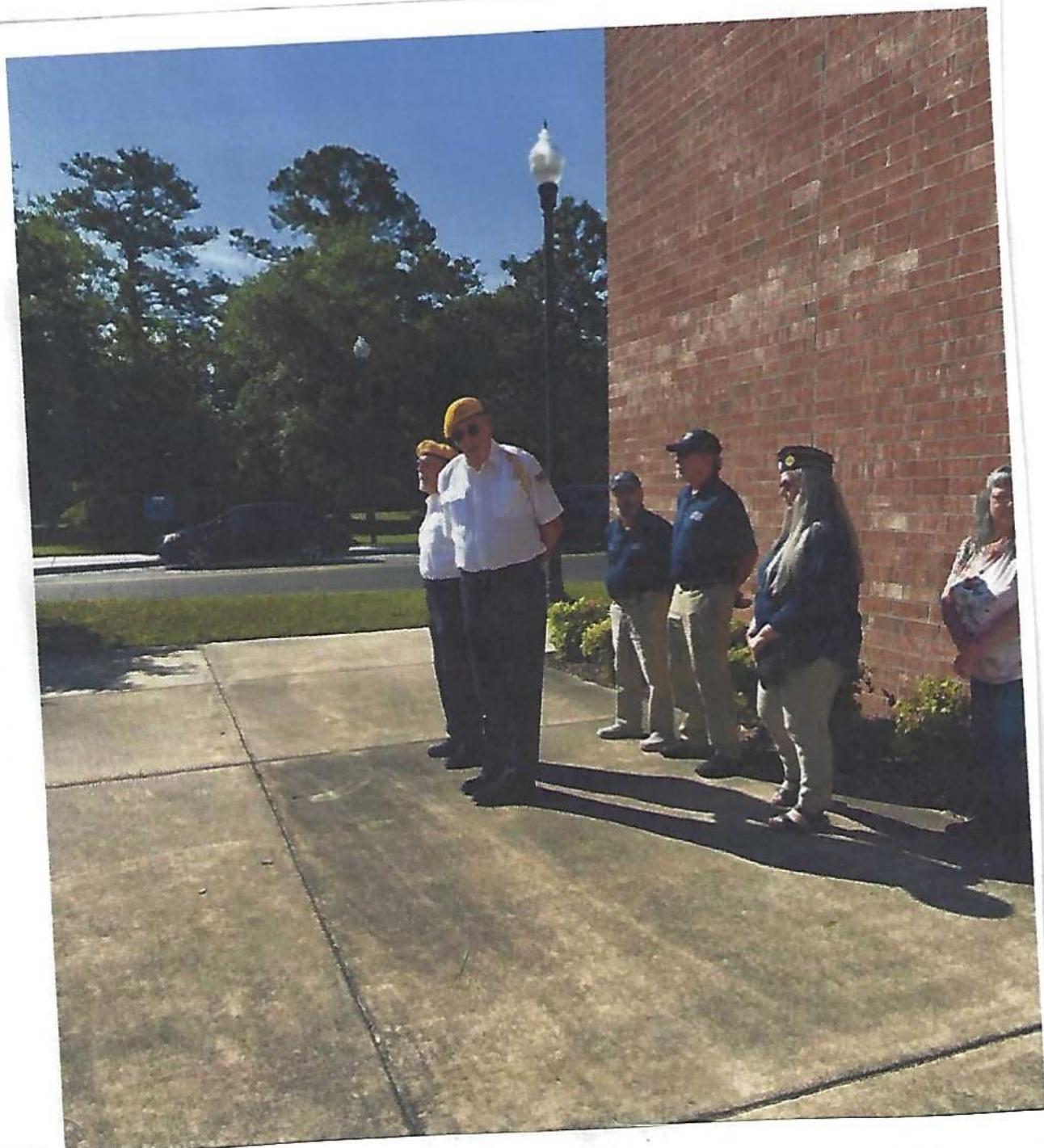
Committee to Honor America's Veterans present a check to John Hacker Post 68 First Vice Commander November 11th 2024. John is the center most person in picture



Wreaths across American is a successful adventure to place wreaths on tombstones of veterans entered at National Cemeteries across the U S. Post 68 has taken a leadership position to support the vital mission at Christmas time. Over 1000 people participated in the event 2024 held at the National Cemetery Wilmington, N C



Blood drive through the American Red Cross is another example of the involvement Post 68 takes in the community. Over the course of time the Post has contributed to the success of the American Red Cross in the community. L-R Back row Bob Quick, Gordon Humphries, Alan Simmons, Evan Jones Jim McAvoy. Front row L-R Rick Rodgers, Ed Grinner, Tom Wills, and Bob Page.



Post 68 Color Guard was present at Brunswick Senior Center to conclude a flag disposal and flag raising ceremony requested by the Center. As part of the commitment to the community The Color Guard Bob Thornton and Jeff Herimen along with Commander Bea Frost, Rick Rodgers, and Louis Leichtweisz did the honors.



4 Chaplain's day reorganized and remembered by Post 68.
Keynote speakers Evan Jones and John Hacker were aided
by Lane Adrian and Alan Simmons (not pictured).





From left, LTC Alvarado and 1LT Moore receiving their awards from Post 68 officers Dale Todd and Jim McAvoy.

Photo contributed by Post 68

Legion Post 68 presents awards to JROTC Cadets

BY ERIC MENS
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Congratulations to North Brunswick High School (NBHS) JROTC Cadets LTC Valeria Alvarado, 1LT Eliza Moore, and CSM Julian Seda, recipients of the 2025 John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 Scholastic Awards. Cadet LTC Alvarado won a \$1,000 John E. Jacobs Scholarship. Cadets Moore and Seda each received checks for \$500, with 1LT Moore awarded the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Medal and CSM Seda awarded the Legion's Military Excellence Medal.

John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 is a long-time enthusiastic supporter of the NBHS JROTC. Post 68 officers John Hacker, 1st Vice Commander; Dale Todd, Parliament-



From left are Cadets CSM Julian Seda, LTC Vale Alvarado and 1LT Eliza Moore with their awards.

Photo contributed by Post 68

tarian; and Jim McAvoy, Chaplain, presented the awards at the annual JROTC Change of Command and Awards Ceremony at NBHS on April 14.

To learn more about Post 68 and what we bring to our members and local community, visit NCPost68.org for a calendar of events and other information. Meetings are held monthly at 6 p.m. every third Thursday

in the banquet room of Blossoms Restaurant at Magnolia Greens, 1800 Tommy Jacobs Drive in Leland. Dinner in the restaurant at 4:30 p.m. precedes the meeting for those who wish to join in. Attendees adjourn to the restaurant bar for a social hour after the meeting, which is open to all veterans and active-duty service members in the Leland area.



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North Brunswick High School JROTC Rifle Team Wins Again

Under the tutelage of Army Gulf War veteran First Sergeant (rSG) George Williams since 1999, the North Brunswick High School Army JROTC Rifle Team has consistently outperformed its competitors at both the state and national levels and continues to uphold its solid record of wins. The team's recent victory in the 2024 Best of the Best Match is a testament to their dedication. Besides a team victory, there were several personal best achievements. Miguel Gonzalez's impressive score of 555 earned him 1st Place overall and the title of #1 Shooter in the Brigade. Tiffany Martinez's excellent score of 550, a personal best, secured her 2nd Place Overall. Valeria Alvarado's outstanding performance with 548 earned her 3rd Place Overall. Ilene Rodriguez's solid 547 placed her 4th Overall, and Lizeth Dominguez's excellent 535 secured her 8th Place Overall.

South Region Air Rifle championships – 1st Sgt Williams



Congratulations to the NBHS Air Rifle Team

The JROTC Air Rifle Team dominated at the JROTC South Region Air Rifle Service Championship in Anniston, Alabama this weekend proving once again why they're the team to beat! Three teams competed in the two-day competition.

Finishing as gold medalist was First Team. The first team secured an outstanding 1st Place finish, showcasing incredible skill and teamwork with a total score of 4,297. First Team members were Valeria Alvarado, Lizeth Dominguez, Miguel Gonzalez, and Ilene Rodriguez.



The White Shirts of Lower Cape Fear Life Care conducted a pinning ceremony for the veterans residing at Brunswick Cove Living Center. The pinning honors the veterans for their service to America's Armed Force. The solemn ceremony is usually conducted at LCFLC facilities but because of circumstances that allow mass pinning at facilities associated with LCFLC the event was held in their home. L-R Mike Hamby, Kobe Kelley, Lou Leichtweisz, Paul Buico, Michael George, Director Lara Lang LCFLC, Adrian Lane Lou Tranzillo and Rick Rodgers

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RECENT HAPPENINGS AT LEGION POST 68

VEAC SUCCESS. The 7th annual Veteran's Experience Action Center (VEAC) held at the National Guard Armory in Wilmington on May 8 – 10th was an overwhelming success. American Legion Post 68 Leland was one of several area Legion Posts to provide significant manpower in ensuring the event's success. Over the three-day period, VA claims specialists and Veterans Service Officers from local veterans organizations helped initiate, process, and adjudicate disability claims for over 800 veterans – the largest outcome since the event has been held in Wilmington. Due to time limitations, an additional 100 veterans could not be served onsite and were slotted for service by VA raters over the next several weeks. Wilmington area veterans as well as veterans from several states as far away as Texas and New York participated in the event.



JROTC PRESENTATION TO POST 68. At the general membership meeting of the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 on May 15th, members of the North Brunswick High School (NBHS) JROTC Air Rifle Team and Senior Army Instructor, Colonel Steven Baker, US Army Retired, presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Post 68. The Post has been an ardent supporter of the NBHS JROTC for over a decade. Accepting the expression of appreciation on behalf of Post 68 were Dale Todd and Jim McAvoy. Pictured is Col. Baker reading the citation and several of the JROTC cadets.



Lowes Home Improvement store in Leland along with Piggly Wiggly Grocery store, Whistle Express Car wash, Ace Hardware were the sites for Poppy Day 2025.
Pictured at Lowes are; L-R Dan Dodge and Evan Jones

Post 68 participates in Honor Flights for veterans

By Eric Mens Public Affairs Officer John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 Leland
May 15, 2025



Post 68 provided four Guardians for the most recent flight to accompany the veterans. Shown from left are Kobe Kelley (selected flight veteran), Joanne Britt and Lane Adrian.
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Participating in the Veterans Day Remembrance Post 68 members and guests placed over 100 flag at cemeteries across Leland N C 8 cemeteries where veterans are entered. Post 68 does this placement ever year on Veterans day weekend. This year the date was 24 May 2025



At grave site of John E Jacobs after placing over 100 flags to honor veterans throughout the Leland area the team paid special remembrance to the person the Post is named after. Veterans Day is a special day for Post 68 to commemorate the fallen hero's that gave their life for our freedom.

L-R back row; Eddie Jenkins, Alan Simmons, Evan Jones, Joe Frost; Second Row L- R Gordon Humphries, Rick Rodgers ; Front Row L-R Ron Lloyd Commander Bea Frost and John's sister Martha

