



VIRGINIA BEACH POST 110
Virginia Beach, VA
Monthly Meeting Minutes - July 10, 2013

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the presiding Commander, Bert Wendell.
- A roll call of officers was conducted and a quorum noted for conducting Post business.
- Reading of minutes from the previous month was suspended due to time constraints.

Installation Ceremony was conducted for elected 2013-2014 Post 110 Officers. Presiding over the ceremony was 2nd District Commander Mike Bukowski, Installing Officer, and 2nd District Adjutant Al Steward, acting Sergeant-at-Arms. American Legion Post 110's Officers for 2013-2014 are:

Commander: Bert Wendell, Jr.
Vice Commander: Dan Ryan
2nd Vice Commander: Earl "Wally" Timmons
Adjutant: Steve Pelon
Service Officer: Doug Uhlmann
Finance Officer: Steve Sokolowski
Chaplin: George Schmidt
Historian: Brian Abbott
Sergeant-at-Arms: Terry Howard



American Legion Post 110 Holds Officer Installation Ceremony

American Legion Post 110 of VA Beach, VA held its Installation Ceremony for elected 2013-2014 Post Officers on July 10, 2013. Installing Officer was 2nd District Commander Mike Bukowski and acting Sergeant-at-Arms was 2nd District Adjutant Al Steward. In the photo (l to r) are: Sergeant-at-Arms Terry Howard, Vice Commander Dan Ryan, Historian Brian Abbott, 2nd District Commander Mike Bukowski, Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., 2nd District Adjutant Al Steward, Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski, Service Officer Doug Uhlmann, and Chaplain George Schmidt. Not available were 2nd Vice Commander Earl "Wally" Timmons and Adjutant Steve Pelon.
Photo by: Legionnaire Craig Huber

Special Recognition:

Commander Wendell welcomed all attending the meeting and gave a special “Welcome Back” to LT Brian Abbott, USN, and Post 110’s Historian, from an extended 13 month cruise onboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69).

Legionnaire Robert Melberg, WWII US Army Infantryman, was presented a “US Army Strong” coffee mug and hat pin, ballpoint pen, and a US Flag hat/lapel pin. These items came from the US Army Recruiters at Recruiting Center, 829 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA. Commander Wendell thanked Mr. Melberg for his military service during WWII and attendance at Post 110 meetings.

Long time American Legion members returning to Post 110 meetings were Jim Pasch, Richard Fennig, and Ronald Gesford. Steven Wild and Anthony Anania transferred their American Legion membership to Post 110.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:

Past Post Commander Wally Timmons continues to battle various health problems. He is recouping at Harbour Pointe Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 1005 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23507.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Wendell Parker, Post 110’s Boys State Coordinator, introduced American Legion Post 110 sponsored Virginia Boys State delegates Jacob Nerab of Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School and Daniel Vickers of Cape Henry Collegiate School. Each gave an after action report of their personal experiences at Boys State which was held June 16-22, 23 at Radford University, Roanoke, VA. Unable to provide his verbal report, Delegate Jackson Sheen from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School provided a written report, which was read by Dr. Wendell Parker.



Virginia Boys State Delegates Gave After Action Report

American Legion Post 110 in VA Beach, VA sponsored three delegates to Virginia Boys State held June 16-22, 2013 at Radford University in Roanoke, VA. At Post 110’s meeting on July 10th, two of the delegates Jacob Nerab of Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School and Daniel Vickers of Cape Henry Collegiate School gave a report on their personal experiences at Boys State. The third delegate Jackson Sheen of Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School was unable to attend, but sent a written report which was read by Legionnaire Wendell Parker, Post 110’s Boys State Coordinator. In the photo (l to r) are: 2nd District Commander Mike Bukowski, 2nd District Adjutant Al Steward, Jacob Nerab, Daniel Vickers, Wendell Parker, Post Vice Commander Dan Ryan and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. Photo by: Legionnaire Craig Huber

2013 Planning Calendar: The Commander went over the remaining 2013 events:

- July 29-August 3: Virginia State American Legion Baseball Tournament in Williamsburg, VA.
- August 9-10: American Legion Leadership College to be held in Richmond, VA.
- August 23-29: American Legion National Convention at Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston, TX.
- September 11: Patriot Day Ceremony, 10:00 am, at OLPH Senior Care Center, VA Beach, VA. First Responders from VA Beach Police, Fire, and EMS Departments will be present.
- November 5: Election Day. "Get Out And Vote".
- November 11: Veterans Day Parade in VA Beach, VA at 9:00 am.
- November 12: Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:00 am, at OLPH Senior Care Center, VA Beach, VA.
- December 11: American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party will be held at Gus and Georges Restaurant, 4312 VA Beach Blvd, VA Beach, VA from 7-9:00 pm. Drawings for door prizes will take place.

Post Officers and Committee Reports: The following reports were given:

- **Membership** - As of July 9, 2013 Post 110's 2013 membership is at 368 which is 92.70% of its goal of 397 members. The membership drive for 2014 has started and the Post Adjutant has 2014 membership cards for those renewing their membership. As memberships are renewed, the Post Adjutant will submit required paperwork to 2nd District, Virginia Department and National Headquarters.
- **Finance** - Finance Officer gave his report.
- **Awards** - Commander reported that Chaplain George Schmidt was selected as American Legion Post 110's "2012-2013 Legionnaire of the Year". Membership concurred with his selection. Schmidt's name was submitted to Virginia Department in Richmond, VA for awarding of appropriate pin.
- **Webmaster** - Craig Huber reported that updating of Post's website is continuing. All past years meeting minutes have been backed on CD and will be deleted from the website. Only the current legion year minutes will be shown on the website in the future. Post 110's website is at www.vapost110.org.
- **Face book** - Historian Brain Abbott reported that the Post's face book page will be updated and kept current. Post 110's face book page is at www.facebook.com.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Vice Commander Dan Ryan reported that he is working with the Red Cross to set up a date of Saturday July 27, 2013, 10am-3pm, at the Virginia Beach Blood Donation Center at Pembroke Mall. He is estimating a need for at least 6 volunteers. Those interested in helping contact him at dryancvn@gmail.com.
- **Post Chaplain:** Chaplain Schmidt reports that he has been assisting a veteran with transportation to the VA Hospital in Hampton, VA and finalizing his enrollment for VA benefits. The Chaplain has also helped with writing the veteran's resume and submitting both online and direct job applications.

Long Range Goals:

Look into finding a location/building in Virginia Beach, VA to be a permanent home for American Legion Post 110. Commander Wendell plans to meet and discuss, at some future date, with other American Legion Post Commanders in this area to see if a joint venture can be realized.

Short Range Goals: None at this time.

Old Business:

- Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann has filed the 2012-2013 Post 110's Consolidated Report with the Virginia Department. He has also filed Form 990-N (Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ) Form with the IRS for 2012.

- Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann has been contacted recently by several veterans for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). Paperwork was submitted to VA Department to get these veterans funding to help them during their hardships.
- At June 12, 2013 meeting, a motion was made and seconded that Post 110 reimburse Service Officer Doug Uhlmann for his registration and hotel cost of \$272.92 while attending the 2013 American Legion Leadership College being held August 9-10, 2013 in Richmond, VA. Membership voted its approval based on availability of funds in the treasury. Finance Officer, who was absent from the meeting, was contacted later and he said, that funds will be available in the near future to reimburse him. _

New Business:

- Commander Wendell asked all American Legion Post 110 members to become more active in the recruitment of new members and the encouragement of existing members to renew their membership. Membership applications were made available to all attending the meeting to start the 2014 membership drive.
- This item was not mentioned until after the meeting was adjourned, however, it is of importance that it be brought up at this time and will be part of the next meeting's agenda. Service Officer Doug Uhlmann recommended that Post 110 purchase the following two publications that would be useful to him in performing his duties: "Federal Veterans Laws, Rules and Regulations" (\$63.00) and "Veterans Benefits Manual" (\$146.00).

Correspondence Received by American Legion Post 110:

- Letter and Application/Renewal Form - 2013-2014 was received from the "Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations". Post 110 will renew its membership in this organization as soon as additional funds become available. Post 110 will provide volunteer marchers in the HRCVO sponsored Tidewater Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach, VA on Monday, 11 November 2013.
- Letter from "Wreaths Across America" was received asking for a donation to support the placement of wreaths on the graves of veterans across the country and at 24 overseas locations. Post 110 will support this project when funds become available.
- Invitation to participate in the "Rock to Rescue" which is sponsored by the American Humane Association's Red Star Rescue program and will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center during the month of September 2013. Donations needed to support in the rescue of stranded and mistreated animals. Some dogs are trained to assist disabled seniors and military veterans. Post 110 will support this project based on the availability of funds.

Good of the Legion: 2nd District Commander Mike Bukowski and District Adjutant Al Steward both asked that all Post 110 members be active in the 2014 membership drive. Post Commander and Vice Commander will continue calling, emailing and writing letters to membership to encourage meeting attendance and membership renewal. No further recommendations or suggestions at that time.

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. **Guest speaker will be Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann and he will talk about "Post Service Officer's: Duties and Administrative Procedures".**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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