



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Virginia Beach Post 110**  
**PO. Box 62384**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The March 12, 2014 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order at 1930 by presiding Commander, Bert Wendell, Jr.

**Introduction of Guest, Prospective and New Members:**

Post 110 welcomed Robin and Andre Wrice as prospective members of the American Legion. Their daughter Keylia Savage applied for an American Legion Women's Auxiliary Department Scholarship. Her application for the Dr. Kate Waller Barrett Scholarship (\$500) is in the review and selection process.

**Officer's Roll Call:** A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted and having a quorum Post business was discussed and voted on.

**Reading of Minutes:** The February 12, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:** Guest speaker was Ted Van Horn, vice commander 2<sup>nd</sup> District for Americanism and committee chairman of the American Legion Riders. He is a Past Commander of Post 327 in Norfolk, VA. He spoke on increasing membership, emphasized the promotion of Americanism in our local schools and communities, and the role of the American Legion Riders in the Tidewater area and within the State of Virginia.



**Major Topics Discussed:**

**This DD-214 information will continue to be discussed and provided in the monthly meeting minutes until it is felt that all Post 110 members are aware.** According to the American Legion Website (<http://www.legion.org>), the IRS has revised its requirement for all American Legion Posts to maintain a copy of each member's DD-214 at the Post in case of an audit to prove tax-exempt status under section 501(c)19. Effective immediately DD-214s are only required if an IRS agent "possesses information that contradicts documentary information provided (by the veteran's service organization) or if the organization fails to satisfy a reasonable request..." As of

November 26, 2013, the IRS Manual 4.76.26 was changed to reflect this revision “If an agent needs to determine the composition of membership of a veterans’ organization, the agent shall initially request and collect from the organization four sets of documents: 1. Membership List; 2. Dues structure; 3. Membership applications, membership cards, or other similar documents, other than DD-214s; and 4. Documents and procedures that the service organization uses to decide membership eligibility. If the DD-214s or other discharge documents are requested by auditors the documents needs to include the name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates. All other personal information may be **redacted.**” **The DD-214 of the discharged service member provides verification of all the requirements for eligibility.** The DD-214 still needs to be verified by the post membership chairman or adjutant to determine membership eligibility. Active duty personnel may show their Military ID Card.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were given:

**Elections:** Nominations for the 2014-2015 American Legion Post 110 officers will be called for on April 9, 2014. Elections will be held on May 14, 2014. Offices to be filled are: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Adjutant, Service Officer, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, and Master-at-Arms. Incumbents can remain in office if they desire.

**Adjutant:** Post 110’s Adjutant needs to receive from each Post member, by the first week of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and volunteer activities. Post 110’s volunteer hours and miles driven to date are: 2,508 hours and 2,157 miles.

**Membership:** 2014 membership, as of March 5, 2014, is 333 with a current year goal of 369 for a 90.244% of goal. 36 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events. **Note:** Post 110 voted to continue paying for the “Honorary Membership” of Robert F. McDonnell for American Legion year 2014.

**Service Officer:** There has not been any request by veterans for assistance in obtaining VA benefits or Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA).

**Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented a to-date budget report showing that the Post is in good standing.

**Future purchases include:**

1. Boys State Medals and Certificates for 2014 delegates. Total cost based on four delegates is \$56.00 plus shipping.
2. Two American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Gold Medals (Scholastic and Military Excellence) for 2014 recipients from Virginia Beach’s Landstown High School’s NJROTC Program. The costs will \$58.00 plus shipping.

**Note:** These expenditures were approved by the membership at the September 11, 2013 meeting.

**American Legion Boy’s State of Virginia:** Wendell Parker, Post 110’s committee chairman for Boy’s State, reports that 2014 Boy’s State will be held June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University in

Radford, VA. Post 110 will sponsor three delegates: 1- from Norfolk Collegiate High School and 2- from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. Cost to sponsor three delegates is \$1,500 which includes transportation (contracted bus) fee and the registration fee. Names of the delegates will be available in May 2014. Delegates will learn about local, state and federal government. Also, they will develop civic leadership skills and pride in American Citizenship.

### **Old 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.
- Post 110's website, [vapost110.org](http://vapost110.org), is being continually updated by Craig Huber, Post Webmaster, and the Facebook page is being updated by Brian Abbott, Post Historian.
- Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann asked that post members please forward their volunteer times and miles driven by the first of each month. This information will be used in Post Reports and the end-of- year Post Consolidated Report.
- Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann stated a need for an American Legion female member that would volunteer as an additional Service Officer to help with upcoming Women's VA Claims.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** None.

### **Correspondence Received:**

- Veterans for Veterans Group (VfV), St. Brides Correctional Center, Chesapeake, VA. VfV President Frank Callender asked for American Legion Post 110 to sponsor this veteran's support group within the correctional facility. The Post discussed this request and decided that it could not take on this sponsorship at this time. **Note:** This request was passed to the Commander of American Legion Post 280, which is located in Chesapeake, VA., on February 16, 2014 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference.

### **New Business:**

- Post Historian Brian Abbott is coordinating an outing for Post 110 members to attend an Admirals' Hockey Game on Friday, March 21, 2014. Tickets will be \$13.00 per person. To obtain tickets contact Brian Abbott at email: [brianabbott81@gmail.com](mailto:brianabbott81@gmail.com) not later than March 16, 2014.
- Post Master-at-Arms Terry Howard recommended that Post 110 members get together for an evening of bowling at NAS Oceana in VA Beach, VA. This activity will be coordinated and scheduled in the near future.
- It was further recommended that Post 110 participate in a night of baseball at a Norfolk Tides game this spring.

### **Recently Completed 2013-2014 Events:**

- February 16, 2014, 1:00 PM: 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference at Post 280 in Chesapeake, VA.
- Virginia Department Spring Conference was held on March 14-16, 2014, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Attending from Post 110 was Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. and Post Chaplain George Schmidt.

**Upcoming 2014 Events:**

- American Legion Post 110 NJROTC Awards, Landstown High School, May 2014. Date/Time: TBD.
- Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2014.
- Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.
- Flag Day, June 14, 2014.
- American Legion Boys State of Virginia, June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University, Radford, VA.
- Independence Day, July 4, 2014.
- 2014 Virginia Department State Convention, July 10-13, 2014 at Washington Dulles Hotel in Herndon, VA.
- 2014 Virginia Department Leadership College, August 8-10, 2014 in the Double Tree Hotel at the Richmond-Midlothian (Koger Center).
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2014.
- September 20-21, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Membership Booth at NAS Oceana Air Show.
- 2014 Virginia Department Fall Conference, October 24-26, 2014, Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA.
- Veterans Day, Parade (9:00 AM) and Memorial Ceremony (11:00 AM) at Tidewater War Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA on November 11, 2014.
- Veterans Day Ceremony, November 12, 2013, 10:30 AM, at OLPH Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA.
- American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party, December 10, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM, location TBD.

**Good of the Legion:** “Every Day Is Veterans Day”.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** 7:30 pm, Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

**Quest Speaker will be:** Anastasia Economou, LPN, BA, Community Educator, Medi Home Health & Hospice, Chesapeake, VA. She will talk about veteran’s health benefits.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2100.**

**Submitted by:**

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