



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The April 9, 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: None

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 March 12, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints, but have been posted to the website for membership review.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Guest speaker was Anastasia Economou, LPN, BA, Community Educator of the Medi Home Health & Hospice, Chesapeake, VA. She spoke on veteran's health benefits, Honor Flight, VA Hospice Care and her company's Hospice Care. She can be reached at (757) 420-7192.



Anastasia's presentation had everyone undivided attention.



Bert Wendell and Anastasia Economou.

Major Topics Discussed:

- * Received and email from Cathy Hoy, Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA. She requested that Post 110 conduct an American Flag Class on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 2-4 PM. The audience will be adults and some senior citizens. The class will include a short history of the American Flag; how to display the Flag; proper handling of the Flag; and how to fold the Flag. Those volunteering to conduct the class are Brian Abbott, Doug Uhlmann, Kenny Golden, and Bert Wendell, Jr.
- * Kenny Golden requested that Post 110 provide a spokesperson(s) to talk on his WKQA Channel 1110 AM radio show "Hampton Roads Defense" on April 24, 2014 at 3-4 PM. The radio station is located in the Norfolk Crown Plaza Hotel, Suite 311. The topic is to be The American Legion, upcoming Virginia Beach Post 110 activities, and a membership drive. The spokespersons will be Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. and Vice Commander Dan Ryan.

* American Legion Baseball: Wayne Mead, Vice Commander of Post 113 in Virginia Beach, VA, is starting an American Legion Junior League Baseball Team for the 2014 season. Tallwood High School will be the base school and he has gotten coaching assistance from two Old Dominion University baseball players. If anyone from Virginia Beach Post 110 would like to volunteer to assist, contact him at 757-450-5626 or email wjmead1968@gmail.com.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Elections: Nominations for the 2014-2015 American Legion Post 110 Officers were requested. The election will be held on May 14, 2014. Those nominated were:

Commander: **Bert Wendell, Jr.**
1st Vice Commander: **Dan Ryan**
2nd Vice Commander: **Robert Melberg**
Adjutant: **Doug Uhlmann**
Service Officer: **Doug Uhlmann**
Finance Officer: **Steve Sokolowski**
Chaplain: **George Schmidt**
Historian: **Brian Abbott**
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Steven Wild**

Prior to the election, additional nominations for Post 110 Offices will be called for. If no further nominations are made, nominations will be closed, and a membership vote will be conducted.

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: 2,720 hours and 2,847 miles.

Membership: 2014 membership, as of April 2, 2014, is 334 with a current year goal of 369 for a 90.515% of goal. 35 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 the American Legion year 2014. The dues have been forwarded, by the Post Adjutant, to the Virginia Department.

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.

1. Boys State Medals and Certificates for three 2014 delegates have been purchased.
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 have been purchased.

Note: Total cost was \$123.15. 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, 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 2nd District Spring Conference. Awaiting reply from Post 280.
- Letter from American Legion Post 79, South Hill, VA stating that Ernest B. Reese is a candidate for the high office of Virginia Department Sergeant-at-Arms for year 2014-2015.
- Letter from Thomas E. Saunders, National Executive Committeeman, soliciting contributions from American Legion Post in Virginia for the National Commander's Campaign.

New Business:

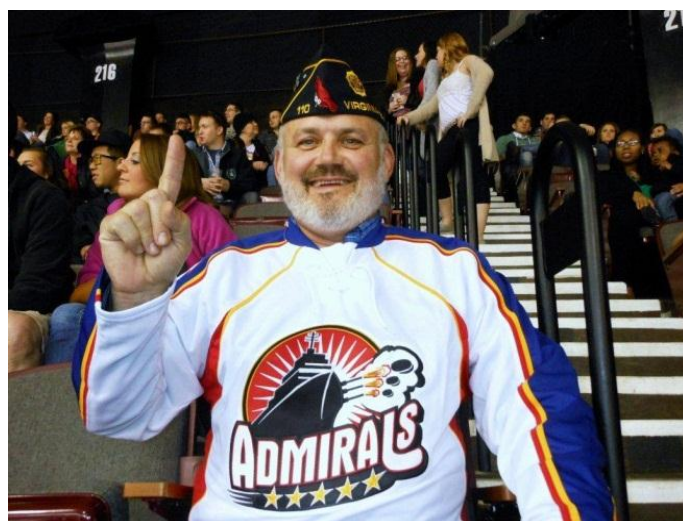
- Sergeant-at-Arms Terry Howard recommended that Post 110 members get together for an evening of bowling at NAS Oceana in VA Beach, VA. This activity will be coordinated and scheduled in the near future.
- It was further recommended that Post 110 participate in a night of baseball at a Norfolk Tides game this spring. Post Historian Brian Abbott will coordinate the activity.

Recently Completed 2013-2014 Events:

- March 14-16: Virginia Department Spring Conference was held at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, 2800 Shore Drive, VA Beach, VA 23451. Guest speaker was candidate for National Commander Michael D. Helm of the Department of Nebraska. Post members that attended the conference and banquet were Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., and Post Chaplain George Schmidt.
- March 21: American Legion Post 110 attended a Norfolk Admiral's Hockey game at Scope in Norfolk, VA. Attending were Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, Sergeant-at-Arms Terry Howard, Historian Brian Abbott, Boys State Coordinator Wendell Parker, Legionaire Mark McMillian, Legionaire Bob Melberg and six family members. [See Hockey Game photos below.]



Post 110 members enjoying the hockey game.



Post 110 No. 1 Admiral's fan Terry Howard.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- American Legion Post 110 NJROTC Awards, Landstown High School, May 7, 2014 at 6:00 PM in school auditorium.
- Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2014.
- Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, 12:00 to 1:00 PM at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial on 19th Street and across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Post 110 will participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Please arrive/muster at 11:30 AM in Legion Uniform (hat, blue blazer and patriotic tie).
- Flag Day, June 14, 2014, 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, VA Beach, VA. Bring your old American Flags that require proper disposal.
- 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, 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Senior Care Center in VA Beach, VA..
- 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, Virginia.
- 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, May 14, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Guest Speaker will be: Post Historian Brian Abbott who will speak on the SS United States Conservancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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