



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
PO. Box 62384
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Call to Order: The June 11, 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, and Items of Interest:

Legionnaire Marshall Clark, a first time attendee at a Post 110 monthly meeting, was welcomed and ask to speak about his military (Navy) service.

Post 110 Legionnaire James M. Pickens, a U.S. Navy Gulf War Veteran has applied for Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership. American Legion National Headquarters notified Post 110 of this request on March 25, 2014. Post 110 did not challenge this application. He is a 2014 member in good standing.

Commander Mike Bukowski, 2nd District, Virginia Department of the American Legion, was introduced by the Post Commander. Commander Bukowski proceeded to conduct the installation ceremony for the 2014-2015 officers of American Legion Post 110. The Post Officers are:

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



American Legion Post 110's 2014-2015 Officers were installed on June 11, 2014 by Commander Mike Bukowski, 2nd District, Virginia Department of the American Legion. In the photo (left to right): Chaplain

George Schmidt, 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Commander Bukowski, Historian Brian Abbott, and Sergeant-at-Arms Steven Wild. Absent from photo were Vice Commander Dan Ryan and Adjutant Doug Uhlmann.

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 May 14, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Guest speaker was Commander Mike Bukowski. He spoke on the 2015 membership campaign and ways to increase American Legion membership. He also informed Post 110 of the election of Rodney Drummond, Attucks Post 5 in Norfolk, VA, as the 2nd District Commander for 2014-2015. Drummond will be installed in July 2014.

Major Topics Discussed:

- * "The Flag Day Ceremony" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, VA Beach, VA on June 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Volunteering to participate in the ceremony was Commander Wendell, Miriam Triscritti, and Craig Huber.



American Legion Post 110 held a Flag Day Ceremony at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA on June 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM. In the photo (left to right) are: Acting VCDR Craig Huber, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Triscritti, and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

- * "Flag Etiquette Class" at Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA on 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 Commander Wendell, Graig Huber, Brian Abbott, and Miriam Triscritti.
- * Legionnaire Terry Howard informed the membership that Post 110's business cards will be available at the July 9, 2014 Post meeting. The card will include the American Legion Emblem, Post 110 mailing address; email address; Post 110 and its face book website

addresses; and membership legibility requirements.

- * It was discussed that American Legion Post 110 contribute \$1,000.00 to a graduating senior from a Virginia Beach, VA high school in 2015 under the American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Scholarship Program. This is all based on the availability of funds next year.
- * The American Legion Paid Up For Life Membership (PUFL) was discussed. PUFL is a membership you purchase with a lump sum or 36 equal monthly payments that makes you a PUFL Member of the American Legion. An application, Form 32-001(2011), must be filled out by you; endorsed by Post 110's Adjutant or Finance Officer; then forwarded to Virginia Department for their endorsement; and they send it to National Headquarters for approval. A pdf copy of the application can be obtained by searching on the internet at American Legion Paid Up For Life Membership or contact Doug Uhlmann, Post 110 Adjutant at duhlmann1964@gmail.com.
- * April 23, 2014 letter from Congressman Scott Rigell's Office asks that American Legion Post 110 participate in the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The ceremony will be held on July 1, 2014, 4-7 PM, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Post 110 will be represented at the ceremony. If you are a Vietnam Veteran and wish to attend this event, please RSVP by June 20, 2014 to Richard Post at (757) 687-8290 or email Richard.Post@mail.house.gov. If you attend, please wear your Legion Hat and appropriate attire.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Elections: An installation ceremony of Post 110's 2014-2015 Officers was conducted on June 11, 2014.

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann was not present at the meeting. However, he still 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. He reports that the 2013-2014 Post Consolidated Report was forwarded to the Virginia Department with a copy to the 2nd District.

Membership: 2014 membership, as of June 4, 2014, is 342 with a current year goal of 369 for a 92.683% of goal. 26 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:** 2015 membership drive is starting and membership cards are available from the Post Adjutant, once the \$35.00 dues are paid. The Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Program was discussed.

Service Officer: Doug Uhlmann was not present at the meeting. No request for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA).

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented a 2014 to-date budget report showing that the Post is in good standing. Post 110's 2015 Budget Plan has been proposed. After a review and discussion at the July 9, 2014 Post meeting, an approval vote by the membership will be called for by the Post Commander.

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 is sponsoring three delegates: 3- 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 are Timothy J. Keating, Charles S. Pitchford, and Kyle E. Phillips. Delegates will learn about local, state and federal government. Also, they will develop civic leadership skills and pride in American Citizenship. The delegates will receive medals and certificates at the July 9, 2014 Post meeting.

Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:

- 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.
- Invite other Virginia Beach Post Commanders to attend one of Post 110's monthly meetings or a separate meeting to discuss how we can interact and possibly come together to obtain a permanent American Legion Home in Virginia Beach, VA. American Legion Posts located in Virginia Beach, VA are: 81, 110, 113, and 1992.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received: None.

New Business:

- 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.
- Brian Abbott, Post Historian, is making arrangements for American Legion Post 110 to attend a Norfolk Tides Baseball Game on June 21, 2014, 7:00 PM, at Norfolk's Harbor Park. Cost of tickets will be \$11.00 per person (group rate for 25 people attending). If you desire to attend contact Brian for tickets at 757-635-9558 or email: brianabbott81@gmail.com . Family members are invited to attend.

Recently Completed 2013-2014 Events:

- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 26, 2014, 12:00-1:00PM, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial on 19th Street and across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Post 110 participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony.



American Legion Post 110 laid a wreath at the Tidewater War Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA on May 26, 2014 during Memorial Day Ceremonies. In the photo (left to right) are Legionnaire Rick Jones, Vice Commander Dan Ryan, 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Legionnaire Craig Huber, and Chaplain George Schmidt.

- 2nd District Convention was held on June 8, 2014, 1:00 PM, at Attucks Post 5, 903 Wilson Road, Norfolk, VA. Commander Wendell attended the conference and provided a Post 110 February-May 2014 Report to the 2nd District Adjutant.

- Installation Ceremony for 2014-2015 Post 110 Officers on June 11, 2014, 7:30 PM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Flag Day Ceremony, June 14, 2014, 10:00 AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Road, Virginia Beach, VA.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- American Legion Boys State of Virginia, June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University, Radford, VA.
- Post 110 at Norfolk Tides Baseball Game, June 21, 2014, 7:00PM, Norfolk's Harbor Park
- U.S. Flag Etiquette Class, Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 2-4:00PM at Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, 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 (Kroger Center). Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann will be attending.
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day Ceremony, September 11, 2014, 10:00AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne, Virginia Beach, VA. Virginia Beach First Responders will be in attendance.
- 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 Veterans 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, July 9, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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