



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The July 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, and Items of Interest:

Post 110 Legionnaires George Schmidt, a U.S. Navy and Vietnam War Veteran and LT. Brian Abbott, USN and Persian Gulf War Veteran applied for Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership. American Legion National Headquarters notified Post 110 of these requests on June 19th and June 9th respectively. Post 110 did not challenge these applications. Both are 2014 members in good standing.

Post Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski received his PUFL Membership Card. He has been a member of the American Legion and Post 110 for thirty years.

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 June 11, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: 2014 American Legion Virginia Boys State delegates Timothy J. Keating, Charles S. Pitchford, and Kyle E. Phillips, all from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School, were introduced by Wendell Parker, coordinator for Post 110's Boys State Program. Medals and certificates were presented to each delegate by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. Each delegate gave a brief overview of their experiences at Virginia Boys State which was held at Radford University on June 15-21, 2014.



American Legion Post 110 presented the 2014 Boys State Medals to three Bishop Sullivan High School, VA Beach students on July 9, 2014. In photo (left to right) are Wendell Parker, Post 110 Boys State Coordinator; Timothy J. Keating; Charles S. Pitchford; Kyle E. Phillips; and Bert Wendell, Jr., Post 110 Commander.

Major Topics Discussed:

- Legionnaire Terry Howard has had Post 110's business cards prepared and will be available at the next Post meeting. The card includes the American Legion Emblem, Post 110 mailing address; email address; Post 110 and its face book website addresses; and membership legibility requirements.
- It was again 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.
- American Legion Post 110 participated in the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Ceremony which was held on July 1, 2014, 4-7 PM, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Post 110 was represented by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Chaplain George Schmidt, and Historian Brian Abbott.
- Chaplain George Schmidt talked about bus tours to NAS Oceana, VA Beach, VA, that are available Monday through Friday during June, July, and August. The Tour Bus is provided by the Military Aviation Museum and the tour guide volunteers are from the Hampton Roads Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation. Tours begin at 24th and Atlantic and tickets can be purchased at the kiosk across the street behind the Old Coast Guard Lifesaving Museum. For additional information contact George Schmidt at schmidtg@cox.net.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Elections: Nominations for Post 110 officers for 2015-2016 will be requested in April 2015. Post 110 elections will be held in May 2015.

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann stated, that he 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 other volunteer activities. This information is needed for the Post's Consolidated Report **NOTE:** Due to the lack of legionnaires responding with their volunteer hours and miles driven information, it was discussed and agreed upon that at each monthly meeting a roll call will be taken and each member attending will be asked for their volunteer information.

The Adjutant reported that he has donated 2 pints of blood to the American Red Cross since the Post's last meeting.

Membership: 2014 membership, as of July 2, 2014, is 342 with a current year goal of 369 for a 92.683% of goal. 27 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.

Service Officer: Reported that no request for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) was requested. He had received two requests for information about VA benefits.

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 was read to attending members, discussions were held, and an unanimous approval vote was received to accept the budget plan.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee chairman for Boy's State, reports that he will be preparing for the selection of 2015 Boy's State delegates.

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 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: May 1, 2014: Letter from Horton Wreath Society, Inc. asking for a contribution to help purchase 6,000 wreaths for the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk, VA 23434. Wreath laying will take place on Saturday December 13, 2014 at 9:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to help lay the wreaths. A contribution will be considered in the near future.

New Business:

- Continued from last meeting: 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.

Recently Completed 2014 Events:

- American Legion Boys State of Virginia, June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University, Radford, VA.
- American Legion Post 110 attended a Norfolk Tides Baseball Game on June 21, 2014, 7:00 PM, at Norfolk's Harbor Park. Post 110 members attending were Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Historian Brian Abbott, Legionnaires Terry Howard, Mark McMillian, and Marshall Clark. There were also 9 family members and guest.



- U.S. Flag Etiquette Class, Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 2-4:00PM at Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA. Attending were Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Chaplain George Schmidt, Historian Brian Abbott, and Legionnaire Craig Huber.



- 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Ceremony held on July 1, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The event was sponsored by the Office of Congressman Scott Rigell. Attending were Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Chaplain George Schmidt, and Historian Brian Abbott.



- Independence Day, July 4, 2014.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- 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).
- 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, August 13, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: Adjutant Doug Uhlmann who will speak on the Adjutant and Service Officer responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Submitted by:

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