



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The January 14, 2015 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: New members attending were introduced to the attending membership. They were Jeff Kocab, Suzette Hacker, and David Smith. Two longtime members Sam Prebis and Cliff Atkinson attended the meeting after a lengthy absences.



Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Steve Sokolowski, Post Finance Officer, has been ill for last two months. He is recuperating at home.

Items of Interest:

Brian Abbott, Past Post Historian and Facebook coordinator has moved to Lexington Park, Maryland due to employment opportunities. His contributions to Post are many and he will be missed.

Those transferring to Post Everlasting in 2014 were Robert Moore of Virginia Beach, VA; David VanZant of Virginia Beach, VA; and James Johnson of Hartsville, SC.

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 October 8, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the December 2014 minutes please go to vapost110.org on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.



Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Lisa Burkett, Director of Marketing, and Bill Ramsey, both representatives of Woodlawn Funeral Home, Crematory and Memorial Gardens of Norfolk, Virginia spoke on the services that Woodlawn can provide to veterans and their families.

Major Topics Discussed:

* The Post needs a replacement for Brian Abbott as Post Historian and Facebook Coordinator. Brian said that he will continue posting information, sent to him by email, on Post 110 Facebook page until a replacement is found.

* **Home Depot Grants** are available to American Legion Posts and Legionnaires. These community impact grants provide up to \$5,000 in Home Depot gift cards for any project to be completed by the American Legion and/or community volunteers. Team Depot volunteers are not involved in these projects, but these grants are a great option for engaging your Legionnaires and community. Team Depot Grants fund volunteer projects that utilize Team Depot, the Home Depot's associate-led volunteer force, along with volunteers from your American Legion Post. It is important to note that applying for a grant does not guarantee approval. American Legion Post 110 will seek out projects that can be accomplished in the future. If you know of a veteran that needs assistance, please notify Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at stonemanbc@cox.net or (757) 468-2831.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Permanent Post Home: The committee is working to locate a permanent home for Post 100.

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 reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date: 1,287 hours and 3,375 miles driven. He further stated that he needs to receive from each Post 110 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, this data will be requested, at each monthly meeting, from those attending.

Membership: 2015 membership, as of January 7, 2015 is 272 with a current year goal of 345 for a 78.841% of goal. 73 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. Adjutant reports that he has sent 18 Post membership renewals or new member applications to Virginia Department, Richmond, VA. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events. **Note:** 2015 membership drive is well underway and membership cards are available from the Post Adjutant, once the \$35.00 dues are paid.

Service Officer: Doug Uhlmann reported that he received several requests from veterans for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA); none qualified. He also talked with 20 veterans who needed information on veteran's benefits.

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski was not present. An up to date 2015 monthly budget report will be given at the February 11, 2015 meeting.

Chaplain: Nothing at this time.

Historian: Continually updating Post 110's Facebook page.

Webmaster: Craig Huber was absent from the meeting. He stated previously that he is updating the website with additional information on the American Legion History page and general website.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee chairman for Boy's State, was absent from the meeting, however, he continues to prepare for the selection of two 2015 Boy's State Delegates.

Awards: Post Commander and Post Adjutant for action.

* Post Legionnaire of the Year Award nomination is due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA no later than June 5, 2015.

* Four Chaplains Legion of Honor nominations due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA on April 8, 2015.

* Citation for Meritorious Service nominations for Post Service Officers are due to Virginia Department Headquarters on May 10, 2015.

Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:

* Commander Wendell continues to ask 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. The Facebook page is being updated by Brian Abbott, Past Post Historian, until a replacement is found.

* Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann stated that he has a female volunteer to assist him in assisting American Legion female members with their Women's VA Claims. Suzette Hacker has volunteered to assist the Post Service Officer with his duties.

* 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.

* A long range goal of Post 110 is to obtain a permanent American Legion Post Home in Virginia Beach, VA. With the assistance of the other Virginia Beach Posts (81, 113, and 1992), a consolidated American Legion Post Home could become a reality in the future.

Status: In an effort to find a property in the Virginia Beach area which may be suitable to house an American Legion Post, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. contacted Jim Lawson, Real Estate Agent for Virginia Beach's Public Works Department (757) 617-1744, on August 26, 2014. Result: No properties available at this time. Lawson has placed Post 110 on a waiting list and will call the Post Commander if something becomes available.

Note: A Permanent Post Home Committee was formed at the October 8, 2014 meeting to further pursue locating a vacant property that could be utilized. The committee consists of Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, and Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann.

* Provide a \$1,000 American Legion JROTC Scholarship to a member of the Virginia Beach City Public School JROTC Program.

Correspondence/Emails Received:

* A request from the Mesothelioma Group, a charitable organization, which supports veterans and military service organizations, to list their link on Post 110 website. Information will be sent to Post 110 Website Coordinator Craig Huber.

* An email from Jim "Doc" Payne, a U.S. Navy veteran, requesting some sponsorship, financial or material support for son Mitchell Payne's project supporting a new foundation called Landing Zone (LZ) Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation located in Virginia Beach. Mitchell is a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 996 of Virginia Beach. Jim Payne will be contacted to discuss his request.

New Business:

* Jeff Kocab recommended that Post 110 set up a membership table at Harbor Park this baseball season to recruit new members. He is coordinating the dates/times with Harbor Park supervisors.

* A recommendation/motion was made to procure a 4'X6' Post 110 banner for displaying at recruitment events. The banner will cost approximately \$75-\$100. It was moved, seconded and voted upon to obtain a banner once a source has been identified. Post Commander Wendell will develop the design and information that will be placed on the banner.

Recently Completed 2014 Events:

* December 10, 2014, American Legion Post 110 Christmas party was held at 6:30-9:00 PM at the Rib City Restaurant, 4688 Princess Anne Road, VA Beach, VA 23462. Rib City is located in the Wood Tide Shopping Center between Kempsville Road and South Plaza Trail. A drawing for Door Prizes was held. Vice Commander Dan Ryan was the coordinator for this activity and Craig and Vicky Huber obtained the door prizes.

Upcoming 2015 Events:

January 21, 2015 (8:30 AM) - Day on the Hill at Department Headquarters in Richmond, VA.

February 1, 2015 (3:00 PM) – 4 Chaplains Memorial Service at Churchland Post 310.

March 13-15, 2015 – Spring Conference at Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center.

May (Date TBD), 2015 – NJROTC Awards at Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA.

May 16, 2015 – Armed Forces Day

May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, VA.

May 26, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Memorial Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

June 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Flag Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

June 14, 2015 – Flag Day

June 21-27, 2015 – Boys State at Radford University in Roanoke, VA.

June 21-27, 2015 – Girls State at Longwood University in Farmville, VA.
July 4, 2015 – Independence Day
July 16-19, 2015 – State Convention at Sheraton Hotel & Holiday Inn in Roanoke, VA.
August 7-9, 2015 – Virginia Department Leadership College in Richmond, VA.
September 11, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Patriot Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.
October 23-25, 2015 – Fall Conference at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA.
November 3, 2015 – Election Day
November 11, 2015 – Veteran’s Day in Virginia Beach, VA.
November 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Veteran’s Day at OLPH, Virginia Beach, VA.
November (Date TBD), 2015 – “Light Up the Town Parade” at Town Center in Virginia Beach, VA.
December 7, 2015 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 9, 2015 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

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

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: Guest speaker for the next regular meeting on February 11, 2015 will be Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann. He will speak about services provided to veterans and their families.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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