THE AMERICAN LEGION Virginia Beach Post 110 P.O. Box 62384 Virginia Beach, VA 23466

<u>Call to Order:</u> The July 08, 2015 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by presiding Commander Dan Ryan

<u>Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:</u> VA Senator Frank Wagner was introduced as guest speaker. The Boys State delegates and their parents were introduced-From Bishop Sullivan Catholic School: Jose Roman and Austin Stansberry; from Kellum High School Ryan Miller, Luke Dyer, and Samuel Dyer.

<u>Post Everlasting:</u> Nothing to report.

<u>Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:</u> Miriam Triscitti is at home and recovering with physical therapy.

Items of Interest:

- 1. Bert Wendell was honored as past commander with a past commander cap pin and a past commander gold plated lapel pin.
- 2. The Boys State Delegates were given medals and certificates. They each gave a short brief on their experience there.
- 3. Jane and Robert Tucker have donated two burial plots and other items. They are still looking for veterans who need these items.

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

Committee Reports:

Adjutant and Service Officer Doug Uhlmann: unable to attend but had nothing to report

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: CD \$3026.13; Three post home CDs \$3102.63, \$1957.21, and \$1272.26; Checking acct \$2546.42

Chaplain George Schmidt: He will contact Doug Uhlmann to receive a roster. He will attend the 2^{nd} District Conference and Dept Conference. He visited Miriam at home.

Historian and Sgt at Arms Steve Wild had nothing to report.

Web Master Craig Huber was unable to attend but had nothing to report.

Vice Commander Dave Smith visited with the DAV on Baxter Road but they were not able to help us with a post home.

Reading of Minutes: The June 10, 2015 minutes were not read due to time constraints. They are posted on the vapost110.org website.

<u>Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:</u> Guest Speaker was Sen Frank Wagner. He discussed his military background and local issues with respect to the economy and state projects. He informed the members of the status of the new Veterans Affairs hospital project in Virginia Beach, Virginia, which has been completely funded for the State's half of the project. No time line of when the VA will fund their half of the project.

Major Topics Discussed:

- 1. Officers Meeting June 29, 2015
 - Focus was outreach to existing members and finding a permanent home.
- To increase participation Vice Commander Dave Smith will advertise meetings in the Beacon. George Schmidt will put together a call tree for the core group here to update our members and get current email addresses. We will also continue our guest speaker plan and ask OLPH permission to advertise meetings on the front lawn.
- For a new post home Dave Smith will tour the DAV post nearby and Dan Ryan will contact the Chesapeake American Legion Post for ideas. Phases of the plan include a Research Phase, Fundraising Phase, Transition Phase, and a Sustainment / Growth Phase.

Correspondence Received:

- 1. Boy Scouts of America Donation form and announcement of their golf tournament.
- 2. Horton Wreath Society Donation request for the Dec 12, 2015 wreath laying.

Long Range Goals:

- 1. <u>Increase support for the NJROTC program in Va Beach</u> The Post currently supports the awards ceremony at Landstown HS. Capt Sinibaldi has asked the post to participate in the Cox HS and First Colonial HS NJROTC awards programs as well, but we are not funded to increase participation at this time.
- 2. <u>Permanent Post Home</u> DAV on Baxter Rd is not interested in partnership. The leadership team will contact Oceanview and Chesapeake Legion Posts for information on starting a post home.

Short Range Goals:

1. <u>Membership Drives</u> - Two membership drives are scheduled at Harbor Park this summer June 13 (complete) and Aug 8 for Marine Corps and Navy nights respectively.

Recently Completed Events:

May 16- Armed Forces Day

May 25- Memorial Day at the Va Beach Convention Center. Laying the wreath were Vice Commander Dan Ryan, 2nd Vice Commander Bob Melberg, Chaplain George Schmidt, Craig Huber, and Jeff Kocab.

June 10- Installation of Post Officers

June 12- Flag Day Ceremony at OLPH

June 13- Membership Drive at Harbor Park. One new member signed up. Many inquired but did not join because we don't have a permanent post home.

June 14- Flag Day

June 21-27- Boys State at Radford University and Girls State at Longwood University July 4- Independence Day

Upcoming Events:

July 16-19- State Convention in Roanoke VA

August 7-9- Va Dept Leadership College in Richmond

August 8- Membership Drive at Harbor Park

September 11- Patriots Day at OLPH

September 19-20- NAS Oceana Airshow

October 23-25- Fall Conference in Williamsburg

November 3- Election Day

November 11- Veteran's Day

November 12- Veteran's Day Ceremony at OLPH

November (TBD)- "Light Up the Town Parade" Town Center

December 7- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 9- American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

Good of the Legion: Nothing reported.

50/50 Raffle: Chaplain George Schmidt won the crooked raffle! Again!

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday August 12, 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462.

Guest Speaker: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 2100. Submitted by:
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