

THE AMERICAN LEGION – April 2016 Meeting Virginia Beach Post 110 P.O. Box 62384 Virginia Beach, VA 23466

<u>Call to Order:</u> The April 13, 2016 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by presiding Commander Dan Ryan

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New Members: Dave Burchett and Elbert Smith

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Dave Smith experiencing severe knee issues.

<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. 16 members were present.

Committee Reports:

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

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 297 members have renewed their membership for 2016 vs goal of 328. Currently at 90% of target for 2016. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. YTD March volunteer activity has been 1,362 hours and 10,172 miles travelled! Post 110 bumper stickers are available to all members – they were made by Post 56 and donated to our post. Provided a 2015 summary of legislative accomplishments by Virginia state legislature that impact veterans.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Post checking account has \$3,785. Building fund now stands at total of \$12,867 (consisting of three CD's and one savings account).

Chaplain George Schmidt: unable to attend; NTR.

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: unable to attend; NTR.

Web Master Craig Huber: Unable to attend; NTR.

Vice Commander Dave Smith: Unable to attend; NTR

Reading of Minutes: The March 2016 meeting minutes were posted on the vapost110.org website.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None

Major Topics Discussed:

- 1. Post Home. Membership agreed to continue fundraising efforts and to continue to search for other properties. Steve Wild is still waiting to hear back from the NEX about setting up a table for contributions at the Oceana Navy Exchange. Membership was asked to develop ideas for future fundraising. The following ideas were recommended:
 - * Set up a dunk booth at Tides games and get a local politician to participate.
 - * Canvas local businesses in person to request contributions.
 - * Set up a Post 110 table at community events
- 2. Thus far nine members have signed up for new Auxiliary unit we need ten to stand up the unit. Annual dues are \$20. Tanya Jones has volunteered to lead the new unit while it is being formed.
- 3. Wendell Parker, Boys State Chairman provided an update on Boys State nomination selections. The post will support two attendees for this year's Boys State program from Bishop Sullivan H.S. and will sponsor two others from Kellam H.S. Boys State will be held June 19-26 at Radford University. All four registrations have been confirmed. The Post will meet the nominees at our June meeting and also receive feedback from the boys at our August meeting.
- 4. Nominations for 2016-2017 officers will be due at our May meeting.

Correspondence Received: A package of future reporting requirements from received by the Adjutant.

Long Range Goals:

- 1. Increase support for the NJROTC program in Va Beach.
- 2. Obtain permanent Post Home.

Short Range Goals:

- 1. Continue fundraising for new Post Home.
- 2. Start Women's Auxiliary Post

Recently Completed Events:

October 19- VA National Guard deployment send off at Birdneck Elementary

October 23-25 VA Department fall conference in Williamsburg

November 11 – Veteran's Day parade in Virginia Beach

November 12 - Veteran's Day Ceremony at OLPH

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

February 9 – Four Chaplains Service

March 11-13 American Legion Department of Virginia spring meeting

Actions Agreed:

1. Check with NAS Oceania for feasibility of setting up contribution table at NEX (Wild)

- 2. Continue efforts to establish Women's Auxiliary post. (Ryan)
- 3. Get temporary sign announcing monthly meetings to place in front of OLPH (Smith)

Upcoming Events:

May 11, 2016 - Post 110 May meeting

May 19, 2016 - Landstown H.S. JROTC Awards at 6:30pm

May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day parade

June 5, 2016 - District 2 convention

June 14, 2016 - Flag Day ceremony at OLPH, 10am

June 19 – 26 – Boys State@ Radford University

July 13, 2016 - Post 110 Officer Induction

Sept 9, 2016 - Patriots Day ceremony at OLPH, 10am

Nov 10, 2016 - Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH, 10am

Nov 11, 2016 - Veterans Day parade at VB oceanfront

Dec 14, 2016 - Post 110 Holiday Party

<u>Good of the Legion:</u> Congratulations to Ocean Lakes H.S. track team that finished 2^{nd} in the nation in a recent track meet.

50/50 Raffle: Fred Kinkin won the crooked raffle and donated the winnings to the new post home.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462

Guest Speaker: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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