



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2017 Meeting
Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

Call to Order: The February 8, 2017 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Vice Commander Rick Jones.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: None

Guest speakers: Cheryl Molinet, Department of Human Services Homeless Outreach, and Percy Dozier, Veteran's Administration, Readjustment Counselor

Post Everlasting: George Kemmerer, 2 year member; Martin Goode, 3 years; Ned Laramie, 22 years; Francis Cirino, 23 years

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Commander Dave Smith, upper respiratory issues.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed and voted on. Twelve members were present.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer Doug Uhlmann: unable to attend, nothing to report

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 343 members paid to date in 2017 (104% of goal). We have had nine new members and 18 transfers in to the post. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for YTD January was 1,031 hours and 7,286 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Current financial status: \$13,651.22 in Building Fund and \$3,743.10 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Attended the Four Chaplains ceremony at Post 310

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: nothing to report.

Web Master Craig Huber: unable to attend; nothing to report.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: Discussed the importance of building membership and motivating more participation in monthly meetings from membership.

Reading of Minutes: The January meeting minutes are posted on the vapost110.org website.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Percy Dozier from the Veteran's Administration presented Vietnam Era recognition pins and presidential proclamations to members who served during the Vietnam Era. Cheryl Molinet, Department of Human Services Homeless Outreach, summarized the Hampton Roads outreach program which has assisted 60 homeless veterans find housing. She provided contact information for her program and encouraged Post 110 members to assist in any way they can.

Major Topics Discussed:

1. Adjutant Fred Kinkin summarized a fundraising opportunity to run a bingo game at Bingo Palace on April 16th, Easter Sunday with the potential to raise \$5,000 - \$6,000 for the Post Home effort. However, after much discussion it was decided that we would not pursue this opportunity as it was too difficult to get 15 -20 volunteers needed.
2. Good discussion was held about the potential of holding a telethon on a regular scheduled meeting night to contact potential new members and transfers from Post 141. Vice Commander Jones will discuss with Commander Smith to plan the event this spring.
3. Bert Wendell summarized the results of the meeting held with other Virginia Beach American Legion Post commanders. There was no interest in joining the effort for a post home but the commanders agreed to meet quarterly to discuss ideas on how to grow active participation and membership in the area.
4. Fred Kinkin informed members that a new national program called "Carry the Legacy Forward" would recognize any legion member who refers three new members in one year. They would be awarded a legion pin for the efforts.

Action Items Agreed:

1. A ceremony will be planned to recognize the relatives of Robert C. Melberg once the approval for the new post name is received. Probably will be held in April. (Wendell)
2. Need to confirm that the Boys State candidate from Green Run HS will be included (referred by Rodney Drummond, Post 5), will be included in our Boys State nominations. (Parker)
3. Investigate VFW Post 392 as potential site for our future post meetings. (Smith to ask Craig Huber to take action)
4. Organize a call list to all members in February who have not renewed their membership for 2017. (Jones)
5. Organize a recognition ceremony for all Vietnam Era Veteran post members who have not yet received their commemorative pins. Schedule ceremony for the April meeting. (Kinkin)
6. Send list of volunteers to 2nd District Adjutant for the March 10th Bingo night to be held at the state convention in Virginia Beach (Kinkin)
7. Track down the charter for the new post home name change – it has not yet been received. (Kinkin)
8. Discuss with post commander a date to set for conducting a telethon for new/transfer members. (Jones)

Correspondence Received: None

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.
2. Increase active membership participation.

Short Range Goals:

1. Continue fundraising for new post home.
2. Get approval to rename Post 110 for Robert C. Melberg

Recently Completed Events:

Nov 10 - Veteran's Day ceremony at OLPH

Nov 11 = Veteran's Day parade at VB oceanfront and convention center

Dec 14 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

Feb 5 – Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Upcoming Events:

Feb 19 – 2nd District Spring Conference

Mar 8 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at OLPH

Mar 10-12 – American Legion Department of Virginia Spring Conference in Va Beach

Apr 12 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at OLPH

Good of the Legion: Nothing to report.

50/50 Raffle: Tanya Jones won the Crooked Raffle.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday March 8, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462. Guest speaker TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2105.

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