

#### THE AMERICAN LEGION – August 2017 Meeting SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110 P.O. Box 62384 Virginia Beach, VA 23466

<u>Call to Order</u>: The August 9th, 2017 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

### Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Donald, Lamendola (transfer) Guest speakers: Jason Miyares, Delegate, House of Delegates Guests: Wife and daughter of Melvin Stauffer, Sr.

**Post Everlasting:** Melvin Stauffer, Sr.

### Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None

**<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. 19 members were present.

### **Committee Reports:**

Service Officer Steve Wild: Unable to attend; nothing to report

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Final paid membership for 2017 was 366 (111% of goal). 214 renewals for the 2018 membership year have already been received. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for July 2017 was 154 hours and 930 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Financial status in June was: \$17,035 in Building Fund and \$2,717 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Coordinated the post everlasting ceremony for Melvin Stauffer

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab/Homer Stinson: nothing to report.

Web Master Craig Huber: Website is up to date; encouraged leadership to communicate upcoming events.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: nothing to report

**<u>Reading of Minutes</u>**: The July meeting minutes are posted on the vapost110.org website.

<u>**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:**</u> Jason Miyares, Virginia Delegate gave a motivating summary of the current state of patriotism in America. He shared insights from his mother who was a Cuban refugee. Jason can be reached at <u>jason@jasonmiyares.com</u> or phone 757.353.4696.

Craig Huber was awarded his 25 year pin for faithful service to the American Legion.

# Major Topics Discussed:

- 1. Bert Wendell summarized status of preparations for the September Airshow participation by the post.
- Commander Smith will make a presentation on the American Legion to the Princess Anne Historical Society on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm at Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, 409 First Colonial Road in Virginia Beach. All members are encouraged to attend.
- 3. A contribution of \$100 was agreed to be made to the National Commander's Charity Fund to support TFA program and Service Officer training.

# Action Items Agreed:

1. Start planning for Airshow in September.

**<u>Correspondence Received</u>**: Veteran's Day parade information and registration information was received and has been submitted.

### Long Range Goals:

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

# **Recently Completed Events:**

March 10-12 – American Legion Dept of Virginia Spring Conference May 3 – Landstown HS NJROTC awards ceremony May 18 – First Colonial HS NJROTC Awards Ceremony May 29 – Memorial Day celebration June 13 – Flag Day celebration at OLPH July 4 – Independence Day observed July 13-16 – Department of Virginia annual convention

# **Upcoming Events:**

August 11-13 Department Leadership College

Sept 11 – Patriots Day celebration at OLPH at 10:30

Sept 13 - American Legion Post 110 meeting

Sept 16-17 – Airshow at Oceania Naval Air station

Sept 19 – POW/MIA recognition ceremony at NAS Oceana at 6:30pm

Oct 11 - American Legion Post 110 meeting

Oct 20-22 - Department of Virginia Fall Conference in Va Beach

Nov 10 - Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH at 1030

#### Good of the Legion: None

**<u>50/50 Raffle:</u>** Benjamin Moss won the Crooked raffle

<u>Next Monthly Meeting</u>: 7:30pm, Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462. Guest speaker will be Merri Jo Abernethy representing the Vets and Cadets program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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