



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

**Call to Order:** The September 13th, 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: Rick Craig (transfer from Post 0141)

Guest speakers: Miles Abernethy and Merri Jo Abernethy

Guests: Scott Abernethy

**Post Everlasting:** None

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** Jeff Kocab

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

**Committee Reports:**

Service Officer Homer Stinson: Currently completing the on line training course for new service officers.

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 225 renewals for the 2018 membership year have already been received.

Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for August 2017 ytd was 329 hours and 2,094 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Not in attendance. Financial status same as last month: \$17,035 in Building Fund and \$2,717 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Currently supporting Jeff Kocab and another veteran's spouse. Planning to attend POW/MIA ceremony on Sept 19th

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Not in attendance.

Web Master Craig Huber: Not in attendance. Website is up to date.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: Nothing to report.

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

### **Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:**

Miles Abernethy, a junior NJROTC student at First Colonial H.S. and his mother, Merri Jo Abernethy, provided an overview of the Vets and Cadets program. The program has NJROTC students interviewing veterans to record their experiences and stories using a software application called *Story Corps*. The interviews are then filed with the Library of Congress for the veteran's families and future generations to hear. You can learn more by checking out the Facebook page: Vets and Cadets: A Veteran's Legacy Project.

The post expressed an interest in the program and will schedule interviews in the January-Feb timeframe at one of our post monthly meetings. Contact Fred Kinkin, Adjutant if you are interested in participating.

### **Major Topics Discussed:**

1. Bert Wendell summarized status of preparations for the September Airshow participation by the post. Volunteers will man the Post 110 booth on both Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17.
2. 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. Homer Stinson has been named Service Officer for Post 110. Congratulations Homer and thanks for your service.
4. The Auxiliary plans to conduct a "Cards for Vets" program this fall and another Linens for Vets drive in the spring.

### **Action Items Agreed:**

1. Complete the actions required for the Oceana Airshow Sept 16-17. (Wendell)
2. Send letters inviting the PUFL members to our next meeting. (Kinkin)
3. Coordinate a list of members interested in participating in the Vets and Cadets program (Kinkin)
4. Invite a representative from Alperin Law to provide an overview of the Veteran's Pension Benefits Program at the October meeting. (Kinkin)

**Correspondence Received:** 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  
Aug 11-13 - Virginia Dept Leadership College

**Upcoming Events:**

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 8 - American Legion Post 110 meeting  
Nov 10 - Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH at 1030  
Nov 11 - Veterans Day parade  
Dec 13 - Post 110 Holiday Party (place and time TBD)

**Good of the Legion:** None

**50/50 Raffle:** Mary Kinkin won the Crooked raffle and donated winnings to the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** 7:30pm, Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Atkinson, from the Alperin Law firm who will speak about the Veteran's Pension Benefits program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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