



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

**Call to Order:** The October 11, 2017 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

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

New members: Kenneth Vance

Guest speaker: Jennifer Atkinson, Alperin Law

**Post Everlasting:** None

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

**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 Homer Stinson: Currently completing the on line training course for new service officers.
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 242 renewals for the 2018 membership year have already been received. Seven new transfers to the post since last meeting. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for September 2017 YTD was 514 hours and 2,801 miles travelled.
- Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Not in attendance. Financial status: \$17,598 in Building Fund and \$4,495 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Currently supporting Jeff Kocab and another veteran's spouse. Attended 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: Will arrange for guest speaker for November.

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

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

Jennifer Atkinson, an elder care lawyer at the law firm Alperin Law made a presentation about the Veterans Pension Benefit Program.

Commander David Smith presented Adjutant Fred Kinkin with the Legion Membership Excellence medal for his efforts to increase post membership in 2017. Post 110 membership increased from 297 to 366 during the year.

### **Major Topics Discussed:**

1. Bert Wendell summarized the results of the Oceana Airshow in September. The post gained 8 contacts for potential membership and raised \$103 for the new post home fund.
2. Commander Smith made a presentation on the American Legion to the Princess Anne Historical Society on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Historical Society sent a thank you note recognizing his presence.
3. The Auxiliary plans to conduct a "Cards for Vets" program this fall and another Linens for Vets drive in the spring.
4. Commander Smith requested a volunteer to become the post historian.
5. Adjutant Fred Kinkin announced there is a new program for recognizing members who recruit new members called "Family First". Any post member who refers three or more new members during the 2017-2018 membership year will receive a Family First Pin.

### **Action Items Agreed:**

1. Coordinate a list of members interested in participating in the Vets and Cadets program (Kinkin).

**Correspondence Received:** Veteran's Day parade information and registration information was received.

### **Long Range Goals:**

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

### **Recently Completed Events:**

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 Department Leadership College  
Sept 16-17 – Airshow at Oceana Naval Air Station  
Sept 19 - POW/MIA recognition ceremony at NAS Oceana

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Nov 8 – American Legion Post 110 meeting

Nov 10 – Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH at 1030

Nov 11 – Veterans Day parade at VA Beach oceanfront

Dec 13 – Post 110 Holiday Party (place and time TBD)

**Good of the Legion:** None

**50/50 Raffle:** Miriam Triscritti won the Crooked raffle and donated winnings to the new post home.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Submitted by:

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