



THE AMERICAN LEGION - April 2018 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The April, 2018 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: None

Guest speaker: Jason Karangelen, VBPD, Project Lifesaver

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. Fourteen members were present.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer: Vacant position

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 338 renewals/new members for the 2018 membership year have been received. Goal for this year is 373 members so we are at 90% of goal. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity through March, 2018 ytd was 1,193 hours and 7,484 miles travelled. The American Legion National Emergency Fund granted 348 grants in 2017 totaling \$367,000 to members in need. 300 of those grants were related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Financial status: \$17,769 in Building Fund and \$4,340 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: NTR

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Jeff provides three dates to coordinate with Tidewater Tides to have the post work a table for membership drive at a Tides game this spring. Commander Smith to contact Tides office to confirm May 19th as the date. Final planning will happen at our May monthly meeting.

Web Master Craig Huber: Website is up to date.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: Will coordinate a speaker for the August meeting.

Commander David Smith: We still need a volunteer for the Service Officer position. Stressed the importance of finding new members. Elections for post officers for the 2018-2019 year will be held at the May monthly meeting. The Commander has brochures which solicit new members and can be placed in businesses. The Commander also met with CDR Wales from the Landstown HS JROTC program and discussed ways the JROTC unit could work closer with Post 110 in the future.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Jason Karangelen of the VBPD spoke to the post about Project Lifesaver, a program that provides tracking devices to Alzheimer patients and kids with autism to enable quick recovery in case they wander off and get lost.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Nominations for post officers for 2018-2019 were taken as follows:

Commander: Frederic Kinkin
1st Vice Commander: Rick Jones
2nd Vice Commander: Miriam Triscritti
Adjutant: NONE
Chaplain: George Schmidt
Service Officer: NONE
Webmaster: Craig Huber
Finance: Steve Sokolowski
Historian/PAO: Bert Wendell
Master at Arms: Jeff Kocab

2. Boys State Coordinator, Wendell Parker, provided an update on the selection process for this year. He is meeting with candidates from Bishop Sullivan HS this week. The coordinator from Kellam HS has changed and he is trying to make contact with the new coordinator. Selectees and their families will be invited to the May monthly meeting.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Jan 13 - Membership renewal phone bank
Feb 18 - District 2 Conference at Post 5, Norfolk
Mar 9-11 - Spring Virginia Department Conference

Upcoming Events:

Apr 15 – District Revitalization Project pre-meeting at 1300 at Post 5, Norfolk
Apr 27-28 – District Revitalization Project at Post 5, Norfolk

May 2 - Landstown HS NJROTC Awards ceremony
May 9 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; meet Boys State nominees
May 17 - First Colonial HS NJROTC Awards ceremony
May 19 - Tidewater Tides Armed Forces Night
June 13 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; installation of new officers
June 17-23 - Boys State held at Radford University
July 11 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; feedback from Boys State
July 13-15 - 2018 State American Legion Convention Hilton Dulles Airport
August 11 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting
Oct 26-28 - Fall Conference at Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Rick Jones won the Crooked Raffle and donated proceeds to the new post home fund.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at OLPH at 7:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

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