

THE AMERICAN LEGION - May 2018 Meeting SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110 P.O. Box 62384 Virginia Beach, VA 23466

<u>Call to Order:</u> The May, 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

Guests: The six students selected to attend Boys State and their parents. Also, John Schenk, member of

Post 327, who is running for District Commander position.

Post Everlasting: None

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. Sixteen members were present.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer: Vacant position; Referred member Jeff Penn to Post 327 Service Officer, Shelia Allen for assistance.

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 341 renewals/new members for the 2018 membership year have been received. Goal for this year is 373 members so we are at 92% of goal. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity through April, 2018 YTD was 1,316 hours and 7,879 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Financial status: \$17,743 in Building Fund and \$4,316 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: NTR

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: NTR

Web Master Craig Huber: Did not attend. 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. 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. The Commander will contact the Tidewater Tides and request the date of August 11 for the post sponsoring a table at the Tides game.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

The following boys will be attending Boys State from the post in June: William Helms – Kellam HS
Ethan Perkins – Kellam HS
Jake Higgins – Bishop Sullivan HS
Mark Ostrowski – Bishop Sullivan HS
Evan Bovatsek – Bishop Sullivan HS
Sean Dewitt – Bishop Sullivan HS

John Schenk, 51 year member of the American Legion and Post 327 in Norfolk, addressed the post members in attendance regarding why he is running for District Commander this year.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Elections for post officers for 2018-2019 results as follows:

Commander: Frederic Kinkin 1st Vice Commander: Vacant

2nd Vice Commander: Miriam Triscritti

Adjutant: Rick Jones Chaplain: George Schmidt Service Officer: Vacant Webmaster: Craig Huber Finance: Steve Sokolowski Historian/PAO: Bert Wendell Master at Arms: Jeff Kocab

- 2. Members voted unanimously to support John Schenk for District Commander.
- 3. Members David Smith, Fred Kinkin and Tim Richardt participated in the District Revitalization Project held April 27-28. Post 110 was able to gain 5 new members who are transferring from Post 141 as a result of the effort.
- 4. Tanya Jones, President of the Post 110 Auxiliary presented bed linens and towels to Jeff Kocab to be used in his new lodging.

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

Apr 27-28 - District Revitalization Project at Post 5, Norfolk

May 2 - Landstown HS NJROTC Awards Ceremony

Upcoming Events:

May 17 - First Colonial HS NJROTC Awards ceremony

June 3 – District 2 Convention at 1300 at Post 327

June 13 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; installation of new officers

June 14 - Flag Day Observance at OLPH at 2pm

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 8 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting

August 11 – Tidewater Tides game

Oct 26-28 - Fall Conference at Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Guest John Schenk won the Crooked Raffle and donated proceeds to the new post home fund.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at OLPH at 7:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by: Frederic M. Kinkin Post Adjutant American Legion Post 110