



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – August 2018 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The August, 2018 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander Fred Kinkin.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: None

Guests: Lauren Cossel, Outreach Coordinator; Mercy Medical Angels

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. Thirteen members were present.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer: Vacant position

Adjutant Rick Jones: So far we have had 96 renewals by mail and 28 renewals on line for the 2019 membership year.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Did not attend; financial status previous month: \$17,769 in Building Fund and \$2,466 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Currently assisting a member of the post with a VA claim; reminded everyone to use the State of Virginia Veteran's Assistance offices at Pembroke and Interstate Commerce Commission building for assistance with claims.

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Absent.

Web Master Craig Huber: Website is up to date.

Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Oceana Airshow is scheduled to be held Sept 22-23; we plan to have four members manning our tent on Saturday and Sunday; if interested, please contact Bert before our September meeting.

Commander Fred Kinkin: Stressed the importance of finding new members. Volunteer activity for July was: 347 hours and 1,847 miles. Confirmed we will have a membership table at the August 11th Norfolk Tides baseball game. Veteran's Day parade this year will be Monday, November 12th; we will also have a Veteran's Day commemoration at OLPH on Tuesday, November 13th. The Post is also planning a membership table at the Virginia Beach Gun Show in October. Members should be aware that someone is sending spam through email under the Commander, Post 110 email address.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Lauren Cossel, Outreach Coordinator for Mercy Medical Angels provided an overview of the Angel's services and left literature for the members.

David Smith was presented his Past Commander cap pin by the Post Commander.

Chaplain George Schmidt was presented a certificate of appreciation for his extraordinary volunteer work during membership year 2018. George racked up 530 hours of volunteer work and drove over 4,000 miles.

Webmaster Craig Huber was presented a certificate of appreciation for his volunteer work as well; Craig amassed 464 hours during the year and drove over 1,700 miles.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Discussed the details of our membership table at the Norfolk Tides game on Saturday, August 11
2. The issue of moving our post meetings from OLPH to the VFW 392 was discussed; we have been invited back to the VFW starting in January, 2019. Consensus was that there would be positive benefits from moving to the VFW facility; a few concerns were raised including that our current American Legion flag would not fit into the building. A motion was raised by the Post Commander to start holding meetings in January back at VFW 392. The motion was seconded by Dave Smith. Membership approved the motion by a 12-1 vote. Planning will commence to make the move in January.
3. Patriot's Day commemoration will be conducted at OLPH on Tuesday, September 11th at 2pm.
4. Ideas for the 100th anniversary of the American Legion celebration were solicited and will be discussed at the September meeting.
5. The Auxiliary, led by Tonya Jones, presented linens to the Vet's House leader, Willard Smith prior to our meeting.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

28 May - Memorial Day Observance, Veterans Memorial

3 June - 2nd District Convention, Post 327, Norfolk

14 June - Flag Day Observance ceremony at OLPH

17-23 June – Boys State held at Radford University

Upcoming Events:

August 11 – Tidewater Tides game; membership drive

September 11 – Patriot's Day ceremony to be held at OLPH at 2pm

September 12 – American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting

September 21 – POW/MIA ceremony at Oceana POW/MIA park at sunset

September 22-23 – Oceana Air Show membership table

September 23 – 2nd District Fall Conference

October 10 – American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting

October 26-28 - Department Fall Conference at Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg

November 14 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting

Good of the Legion: Adjutant Rick Jones reminded all members to keep in contact with Post leadership if they are hospitalized.

50/50 Raffle: David Smith won the Crooked Raffle and donated \$20 proceeds to Post Building Fund

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at OLPH at 7:30pm. Guest speaker will be Willard Smith (Smitty), founder of the Vet's House in Virginia Beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by:

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Post Commander

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