



THE AMERICAN LEGION – January 2020 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The January 2020 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Fred Kinkin.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: John Silowski and Phil Hanna (both transfers)

Guests: None

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. Fourteen members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Rick Jones: Current paid membership is 261 vs goal of 336 (78%); the next membership target is to reach 90% by Feb 6 (Foxhound Award)
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,753 in building fund savings account; \$3,851 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Has served for nine years as Chaplain
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Tidewater Tides season begins April 11
- Web Master Craig Huber: Absent. Website is up to date.
- 1st Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Guest speaker for Feb. will be Luther Williams, Director, Navy Retired Activities
- 2nd Vice Commander Miriam Triscritti: Absent.
- ALA Commander Tonya Jones: The Auxiliary is back up to ten members.
- Commander Fred Kinkin: Volunteer activity thru December: 1,522 hours; 7,644 miles. Reminded members that new officers for the post will be elected in May. Please consider serving in an officer position.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

None

Major Topics Discussed

1. The post Webmaster, Craig Huber, is moving to South Carolina in February. The post has been unable to find a replacement for Craig. One alternative is to have a third party contractor manage the website for the post. It was proposed to have Rawl Gelinas, owner of KeyOps Group, LLC take over managing the website. Rawl was the individual who designed the original website several years ago and current manages the webhosting and domain registration for the site. Rawl has offered his services for \$50/hour (his normal rate is \$100/hour). The continued management of the website is critical to the operation of the post. It is estimated that it takes approximately one hour per month to manage the site. The membership voted unanimously to contract the services of Rawl Gelinas for the next six months with the target cost of \$150 per quarter. In the interim, the post will continue to search for a Webmaster from current membership. Another issue that was discussed is that the current website platform is outdated and potentially could be replaced by a more efficient site that could be easily customized and easily managed which would make finding a Webmaster easier. The membership agreed to receive a proposal to replace the current software.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day Parade in Virginia Beach

Nov 12 – Veteran’s Day ceremony at OLPH

Dec 11 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party at Gus and George’s Restaurant, 6pm

Upcoming Events:

Feb 02 -- Four Chaplains Ceremony at Post 310

Feb 12 - Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

Feb 16 - 2nd District Spring Conference at Post 5, 1pm

Feb 28 – Mar 1 - American Legion Dept of Virginia Spring Conference in Portsmouth, VA

Mar 11 – Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by Rick Jones; he donated the \$27 winnings to the Building Fund

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.** .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by:

Frederic M. Kinkin

Post Commander

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