



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – March 2020 Meeting**  
**SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110**  
**P.O. Box 62384**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The March 2020 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: Cliff Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> District VCDR for Americanism

**Post Everlasting:** Harland Evans, 12 year member, passed in January, 2019

**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. 16 members were present.

**Committee Reports:**

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent; Eric is undergoing Federal Police Officer training in Brunswick, GA until April.
- Adjutant Rick Jones: Current paid membership is 307 vs goal of 336 (92%). Emails were sent again to all members who had not yet renewed.
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,780 in building fund savings account; \$3,531 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: NTR
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Tidewater Tides season begins April 11
- Web Master Craig Huber: Website is up to date; responsibility has been transferred to Rawl Gelinias.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Guest speaker for will be Rawl Gelinias, Website coordinator. Will try to arrange for Willard Smith, Vet's House Director to attend a future meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Miriam Triscritti: Absent.
- ALA Commander Tonya Jones: The Auxiliary is back up to eleven members.

- Commander Fred Kinkin: Volunteer activity thru January: 1,841 hours; 9,183 miles. Reminded all that members who volunteer more than 200 hours/year will be recognized each July. 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:**

Cliff Dietz, 2<sup>nd</sup> District VCDR for Americanism reviewed all the Americanism programs sponsored by the American Legion and summarized potential scholarships offered as part of some of the Americanism programs. Post 110 currently participates in Boy's State, NJROTC support, Oratorical contest and flag disposal. Opportunities exist to participate in more activities if we get more volunteers.

Craig Huber was presented an American Legion thank you coin by Commander Kinkin for his dedicated service to Post 110 over the past several years; Craig and his wife will be moving to South Carolina later this month. He will be greatly missed.

**Major Topics Discussed**

1. It was confirmed that VFW 392 can accommodate the move for our monthly meeting date from the second Wednesday of each month to the fourth Wednesday in order to deconflict with other organizations that meet at the same time. We will not change the schedule until July, 2020. More communication will take place as we approach the change.
2. Wendell Parker, Boys State Coordinator, discussed plans for Boy's State 2020 which will be held 21-27 June at Radford University.
3. All members should be aware that Congress recently granted access to Commissary, Exchange and MWR activities to veterans with service connected disabilities. To check if you are qualified, please visit the website: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>
4. New officers for 2020-2021 will be elected in May. Currently still have openings for the following positions: Vice Commander, Website Coordinator, Assistant Chaplain
5. Corona Virus update – heed advice from government officials; don't panic.
6. Commander Fred Kinkin asked that his Resolution to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> District VCDR, Membership for the 2020-2021 year be entered in the minutes.

### **Long Range Goals:**

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

### **Recently Completed Events:**

Feb 2 – Four Chaplain’s Ceremony at Post 310

Feb 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference

Feb 28 – Mar 1: Virginia Department Conference

### **Upcoming Events:**

Apr 8 - Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

May 6 – Landstown HS NJROTC medal presentation

May 13 – Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

TBD May – First Colonial HS NJROTC medal presentation

May 25 – Memorial Day Remembrance

Jun 10 – Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm; meet Boys State candidates

Jun 21-27 Boy’s State at Radford University

July 22 – Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm; Boys State candidates feedback

**Good of the Legion:** None

**Building Fund 50/50 Raffle:** Won by Craig Huber; he donated the \$15 winnings to the Legion Auxiliary

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, April 8th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.** .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Frederic M. Kinkin

Post Commander

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