

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

<u>Call to Order:</u> The September 2020 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Rick Jones.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Ron Basso

Guests: None

Post Everlasting: Thomas Baldwin, three year member, passed on May 9th. May he rest in peace.

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. 12 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent; working nights
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership is 198 vs goal of 328 (60%). YTD volunteer hours were 52 and 250 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant. Mark McMillan is now Paid Up For Life.
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,665 in building fund savings account;
 \$2,637 in Post Checking account. The post is in the process of consolidating both accounts into NFCU.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Dave Smith has volunteered to assist the Chaplain. The Chaplain has a brand new Legion cap available for \$40.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Absent
- Historian Bert Wendell: Provided an update on the Mary B. Waldron story.
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant

 Commander Rick Jones: The Oceana Air Show and Veterans Day Parade have been cancelled due to COVID. Post 35 is holding a Crab Fest and Oyster Roast in Ocean View on October 3rd.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Commander Jones presented a plaque to past Post Commander Fred Kinkin for his dedication and service to the post the past two years.

Chaplain George Schmidt presented a Chaplain Cap Pin to Dave Smith, the new Assistant Chaplain.

Major Topics Discussed

- 1. The following are membership incentives for the post for 2021:
 - a. A new member incentive of \$20 dues reduction the first year
 - b. Adjutant's Challenge: Enroll more new members than Fred Kinkin by June 30, 2021 and Fred will take you to the dinner of your choice.
 - c. Commanders Challenge: Top two new membership recruiters by Dec 31, 2020 get a Gas Card for \$20 and \$10
 - d. Early bird drawing prize: For all members who renew their membership NLT October 31, one name will be drawn at random at the November meeting and the winner will receive a VISA gift card for \$50.
- 2. The post has consolidated its checking and savings accounts into one new financial institution, NFCU.
- 3. The guest speaker for October will be Mike Day, author of the book "Perfectly Wounded".

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 – 2nd District Spring Conference

Feb 28 – Mar 1: Virginia Department Conference

May 6 - NJROTC medals were presented to Landstown HS and First Colonial HS

Upcoming Events:

Oct 28 - Post 110 Monthly meeting Nov 25 - Post 110 Monthly meeting

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Suspended during COVID

<u>Next Monthly Meeting:</u> Wednesday, October 28th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.** Guest speaker will be retired Navy Seal, Mike Day, author of the book "Perfectly Wounded".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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