



THE AMERICAN LEGION – APRIL 2021 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The April 2021 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Rick Jones.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: None

Guests: None

Post Everlasting: John Barry – 31 year member passed away in 2020

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. 13 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent; working nights
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership is 319 vs goal of 328 (97%). YTD volunteer hours were 918 and 3,753 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant.
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,740 in building fund savings account; \$3,218 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: NTR.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Will provide details on Steve Sokolowski funeral services at Arlington when known
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: Will hold another Linens for Vets campaign next month.
- Commander Rick Jones: Commander's Membership Challenge: Will award top two membership enrollers gas cards of \$20/\$10 respectively, by the end of June. Adjutant's Challenge: enroll more new members than Fred Kinkin and he will take you to dinner. Encouraged all members to consider running for a leadership position.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Member Ron Basso was our guest speaker; he discussed his article, "The Invasion That Never Was", which was published in the March issue of American Legion Magazine. The article discussed the perspectives of his father who was part of the Army forces preparing to invade Japan at the end of WW II and that of his mother-in-law, a Japanese citizen who was living in Japan at the time.

Major Topics Discussed

1. The meeting utilized ZOOM technology for virtual attendance again; Unfortunately member interest was minimal.
2. Commander Jones encouraged all members to consider running for a leadership position. The post will held the election for 2022 officers at the May meeting. Still no candidates for 1st or 2nd Vice Commander.
3. Assistant Chaplain, Dave Smith, will lead planning for a post picnic in the fall. He will construct a survey that can be sent to membership to estimate attendance in the event. Rental for a medium size shelter at Munden Point is \$70.
4. Boys State Coordinator updated the status on this year's program; he has selected four boys from Catholic HS to attend; we will meet them and their parents at our May meeting.
5. There will be a financial audit of post funds conducted in June due to the transition of Post Finance Officers.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Feb 28 – 2nd District American Legion meeting (virtual)

Mar 6 – Virginia American Legion Department meeting (virtual)

Upcoming Events:

May TBD – Award ceremonies for NJROTC Units at First Colonial and Landstown HS

May 26 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting and Post Elections for 2022

May 31 – Memorial Day

Jun 20-26 Boys State at Radford University

Jun 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

July TBD – Department Conference in Herndon, VA

Sep TBD – Fall Post Picnic

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by Milton Clemmons.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by:

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Post Adjutant

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