

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – September 2022 Meeting**  
**SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110**  
**P.O. Box 62384**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The September 28, 2022 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Rick Jones at 1900.

**Officer's Roll Call:** A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 11 members were present.

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

**Commander's Report:** Commander Rick Jones reported on the following:

- Thanks to Dave, George, Jeff and Bert for representing Post 110 at POW/MIA Ceremony at Flame of Hope. Fred brought up that he had heard the VB JCs would be raising money to have the Flame fixed and hopefully lit by the 2023 ceremony. Ron brought up that he had heard Jen Keggan made this happen.
- The new Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Ctr on North Landing Rd had a soft opening on 9/15. We did not get an invite. There will be an official one in October. No residents yet. Open only to Virginia Veterans.
- Membership target is 310. Last year we made every goal post except the last one, 100% renewals.
- Rick Jones attended the 'Raising The Bar,' a Legion Program aimed at increasing membership statewide. Presently we are #2 in renewed memberships in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.
- We have identified 104 Va Beach AL members already registered for 2023. Ron will send out an email, wait 7-10 days, then follow up with phone calls.
- Bert Wendell's historical binder has finally been located. It will hopefully be in the Post possession at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District meeting in October and in Berts's hands at the October 26 Post meeting.
- Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 starts at 9 am on 16<sup>th</sup> street followed by a Luncheon. Ron Basso stated we need money first to buy tickets. 10/24 is last day. The Kinkins (pd \$50), Jones, Bassos and Bob Russell will be attending after the parade.
- Police Officer of the Year: Fred reported he has been stone-walled at Little Creek and is concentrating on the Police Unit at Oceana.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Service Officer:** Eric Bell works nights. Request another volunteer to take Calls. No one at this time.
- **Adjutant Ron Basso:** Presently we are at 188 or 61% of our goal. We have met October's goal. In reviewing Members in all zip codes in Va Beach there are 310 possible post members. Of those, 101 have already registered for 2023 but not with our Post but with 141.

**Mailing:** We have a letter going out in the body of an email to all these AL members asking them to switch to Post 110.

**October Membership Challenge:** We have met the October goal already. Contact your military friends and get them on board.

**Volunteer Hours:** As of September 27 YTD, 419 volunteer hours and 1,275 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant

**Veterans Day Parade:** Virginia Beach has been designated as the only Regional Site for Veterans Day observances by US Department of Veterans Affairs. We are one in 33 nationwide sites to receive this designation. This is 14 years in a row and speaks well of the organizational abilities of the HRCouncil.

**There are over 100 units** marching in the parade this year. Positioning of Post 110 will be announced October 24. I'll let you know where we muster on our October 26 meeting.

Luncheon tickets are on sale. \$25 each. No tickets sold at the door this year. I must have your money by October 24 if you are going. Send your check/money orders to me. Presently, the Kinkins (pd), the Jones, Bassos and Bob Russell are planning to attend.

This year, each Unit is asked to donate a 'Basket' for people to bid on. Baskets will be located in lobby for inspection. Raffle tickets will be sold and you place your ticket in the baskets you want to win. Tonya and Ron will come up with an acceptable basket to donate.

I'll be making an appointment with HS JR ROTC units this week to discuss 1) Junior Law Enforcement Academy, 2) Oratorical Contest and 3) the Shooting Championships and determine any interest. Main contact is SC Valarie McQueen-Vance at Landstown. Ron will be calling her and Dr. Wendall Parker (sent email 9/28) for their guidance in finding students.

Priority is given to the AL Oratorical Contest. Post candidates should be determined by December 1 at the latest. 2<sup>nd</sup> District competition is scheduled for 1/14. We would like 1+ candidates this year. Fred Kinkin has volunteered to coach.

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$19,488.16 in building fund savings account; \$3,749.77 in Post Checking account. This does not include membership receipts up to September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Flame of Hope ceremonial pictures are posted on web site.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: Passed out Membership application to Ron Basso for his wife to join.

### **Major Topics/Upcoming Events Discussed**

1. District Fall Conf/Training: Sunday, 10/9, Post 37 @1330 hrs
2. 104<sup>th</sup> Dept Fall Conf, 10/21-23, Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg \$10 reg fee.
3. Veterans Day Parade, 11/11
4. Four Chaplin's, 5/2/2023

**Long Range Goals**: Not discussed

**Building Fund 50/50 Raffle**: Mark McMillan won, donated \$8.00 to Building Fund

### **Upcoming Events**:

Oct 26 – Post 110 Meeting at 7pm

November 11 – Veteran's Day Parade, 9:00 am

November 23 at 7 – Meeting? Day before Thanksgiving?

December Party? - No Meeting.

**Next Meeting**: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hrs.

Submitted by:

Ron Basso

Post Adjutant

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