

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – January 2023 Meeting**  
**SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110**  
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**Call to Order:** The January 25, 2023 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. 10 members were present.

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

**Commander's Topics:**

- **High School Oratorical Contest Update:** Fred announced that Caylee Norris, our candidate, had won the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. However the District Commander changed the date due to a conflict with a 'Friends of Legion Event.' He wouldn't compromise and allow both events (AM/PM) but instead, without checking with other Commanders and their winners rescheduled to Feb 18. This date conflicted with the Norris's schedule and Caylee was unceremoniously eliminated.
- **Law and Order Awards Program Update:** Fred attended Post 327's Award Ceremony and developed a vision for our Post in the future. Presently, he is working with Little Creek's Police Force for our own awards program. A question came up. Should Fire and EMT be included. All felt this was a good 2024 goal.
- **2023 Bowling Tournament:** Feb 6 is last day for registration. Event held at LC Feb 25-26
- **Web Site:** Ron expressed interest for working with Rawl and discussing adding a free counter to both our .org and .com web pages. If possible, we'd review every quarter to see what our traffic count is and how best the site communicates our goals/vision to the VB area.
- **Spring Picnic:** Will be held May 6, at Redwing Park from 11-3. Good turnout last year, expect the same.
- **Nominating Committee:** will be appointed in February for 2023-2024 Officers
- **Four Chaplains Meeting:** on Feb 5, Dave Smith will attend
- **District Spring Conf:** Will be held Feb 12 @Bold Mariners Restaurant on Oceanview. Rick, Ron and Fred will be there
- **Jones and Cabacoy Vet Care Center:** Opening now early 2023

**Committee Reports:**

- **Service Officer Eric Bell:** 0 Service Calls
- **Adjutant Ron Basso:** As of January 24 YTD, we are at **251** or 80% of our goal. The Membership Challenge goal for January 8 was 248 (80%) which we missed by one. Contact your military friends and get them on board because our overall goal is 310 members.

Group Email List: As 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander, Fred Kinkin has scheduled a 'CONSTANT CONTACT' intro for all Adjutants on Feb 4 from 10:30-2 @ Post 327. The Goal is to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> District from 79% renewal to 90% .

Volunteer Hours: As of January 24 YTD, 1029 volunteer hours and 2,881 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant

Regarding the Oratorical Contest. Our candidate, Caylee Norris, won the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Shooting Contest The second Shooting Contest will be conducted this Spring. Details will be distributed in this March 3 Department meeting in Portsmouth. This is a statewide not a national contest like the one in the Fall. It involves Local, District and State competitions.

Hopefully, the 4HTopshooters and the JR ROTCs will be involved. I'll beat the bushes again at the Superior Gun Range, the Va Beach 4HTopShooters, the Va Beach Rifle and Pistol Club and the Civilian Marksmanship Program and find out what their concerns are with participation. I think they may have a 'competing problem.' Some VA post are well on their way to establishing high level National marksmanship programs, we are beginners.

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status: \$2,545.73 in checking and \$19,532.46 in building fund savings account. Questions were asked about this money going into a CD. This was tabled for February Executive Meeting.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Met with Robert Melberg's daughter. She was very interested in receiving a copy of Bert's 2<sup>nd</sup> place History Book of the post.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: Tonya announced the women auxiliary is at 110% of membership. She rec'd a round of applause. They will also be collecting 'Linens for Vets'. More to follow.

### **Recently Completed Events**

- Holiday Party @Gus&George in Thalia, 14 Dec 2022
- Veterans Parade 11 Nov 2022
- District Fall Conf 18 Sept 2022 @Post327 in Norfolk

### **Unfinished Business**

- Kenny Golden announced that much progress as been made with repairing the HOPE OF FLAME Memorial. The local JayCees and ANA have raised \$20,000 for it's repair. Work is in progress.
- The Vets House is struggling. Post 37 lost their temporary Home and is looking elsewhere.
- Boys State will be held June 18-24 at Radford. Dr Wendall Parker has headed it up for 14 years, this will probably be his last.
- More Discussion on the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Week at next meeting

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

1. Four Chaplin's, 5 Feb 2023 in Churchland
2. District Spring Conference: 12 Feb 2023 @Post 37

**Long Range Goals:** Not discussed

**Building Fund 50/50 Raffle:** Tonya conducted the raffle.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb 22 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach.  
**START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Submitted by:

Ron Basso

Post Adjutant

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