

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2023 Meeting  
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110  
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**Call to Order:** The February 22, 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. 19 members and 10 guests were present.

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

**Commander's Topics:**

- **Officer of the Year Awards:** Fred worked with Little Creek's Police Force for our awards program. **Jessie Posidus** of JBLCFCS was awarded our first ever Law Enforcement Award by Fred Kinkin as 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander and Richard Jones as Post 110 Commander
- **Commander Presentation Award:** Our historian, Bert Wendell, was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Historian Competition by American Legion. The Commander presented him with a certificate and also noted Bert & Sandy were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- **Four Chaplains Presentation.** Special thanks to Dave, George, Jeff and Fred for attending
- **Boys State:** To be held at Radford University on June 18-24, Wendell Parker announced he'd be working with Catholic High to select 4 candidates. After 14 years of service of Boys State Coordinator this year would Wendell last year . We need a Volunteer for 2024 Boys State.
- **Spring Picnic:** Will be held May 6, at Redwing Park from 11-3. Dave Smith has placed a deposit and reserved shelter 2. Good turnout last year and expect the same this year. Tonya Jones is coordinating the side dishes. Hamburgers, hotdogs and non-alcoholic drinks provided by the post. No alcohol allowed on premises iaw city ordinance. A \$5.00 donation per person will be collected to offset expenses.

- ROTC: Medals are ready. No dates as of yet but sometime in May. Ron Basso will award at Landstown, Fred Kinkin will award at First Colonial/Cox HS.
- Finance Officer: Bob Russell announced we have moved \$15,000 into a CD with Navy Federal.
- The donation to the Geedunk Fund would be rolled into our 2023-24 Budget in July
- Membership Renewals for Legionnaire Birthday Award is 90% or 279. POST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Fred was notified we met the goal as of 2/23/23.
- Shooting Contest Information would be announced at the March 4 Department Meeting in Portsmouth. Kirk Jeffries from Post 310 is a good resource.
- Youth Law Enforcement Academy is June 18-23. We have budgeted for two attendees at \$200 each. Ron will work with VB District PD to find a couple of HS
- FLAME OF HOPE: Kenny Golden hopes all repairs will be completed by the end of the summer
- Web Site Tracking: Rawl Gelinas is doing a terrific job guiding us into a bigger internet presence both through our website. His counsel is much appreciated.
- The Constant Contact and Multiplier Apps were tabled at this time due to cost factors.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Service Officer Eric Bell: Pointed out Blood Test at VA don't require fasting and hopefully PACT will speed up VA Claims. No Service Calls at this time
- Adjutant Ron Basso: As of February 23 YTD, we are at 279 and met the Legionnaires Birthday Milestone. Contact your military friends and get them on board because our overall goal is 310 members.

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

Shooting Contest The second Shooting Contest will be conducted this Spring. Details will be distributed in this March 4 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.

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement. Ron will check with PD in District 1 and 2 to see if Officers have any kids to attend.

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: See Commanders Report.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NR
- Historian Bert Wendell: NR
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: Linens for Vets is going strong.

## **Recently Completed Events**

- Holiday Party @Gus&George in Thalia, 14 Dec 2022
- Four Chaplains
- Revitalization Phone Calls/Wellness Checks
- District Spring Conference: 12 Feb 2023 @Post 37

## **Unfinished Business** NR

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

## **Long Range Goals**: NR

**Building Fund 50/50 Raffle**: Tonya conducted the raffle. Legion John won and donated his share to Law Enforcement Camp

**Next Meeting**: Wednesday, March 22 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach.

**START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Submitted by:  
Ron Basso  
Post Adjutant