

**SSgt Robert C. Melberg, (USA) American Legion Post 110 Va Beach**  
**April 2023 Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The April 26, 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:**

- 2023-24 Slate of Officers was presented for a vote at May meeting:

Commander: Ron Basso 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjutant: Fred Kinkin Service Officer: Eric Bell Chaplain: Dave Smith  
Finance Officer: Bob Russell Historian: Bert Wendell 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt-at-Arms: Jeff Kocab  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt-at-Arms: Mark McMillan and Communication Officer: Jon Asher

Anyone wishing to apply, contact Rick

- Boys State: 2 young men from Catholic HS were selected to be interviewed. They will be presented at the May meeting. This is Wendell Parker's last year as Boys State Coordinator. The Post needs a replacement.
- Spring Picnic: Will be held May 6, at Redwing Park from 11-3. Good turnout last year, expect the same or more. RSVP by 29 April. \$5 per person. Contact Tonya with your side dish
- Youth Law Academy: Wayne Meade has three candidates from Gloucester. Waiting for contact information
- Shooting team Update: Ron will try to make it to Regional Qualifications April 29 to watch
- WEBSITE/FB Update: A name change to both as the SSGT Robert C. Melberg (USA) American Legion Post 110 was made so as to comply with the November 16, 2016. Name Change Approval from American Legion National. Rawl Gelinias, Steve Wild and Bert Wendell are working together to rewrite the Post History and add much needed pictures to both sites.
- ROTC medals are ready. May 17 for Landstown HS.. Ron Basso will award at Landstown, Fred Kinkin will award at First Colonial/Cox HS once date is confirmed. A request to include Green Run HS JROTC program was noted and moved to next years budget/planning
- FLAME OF HOPE: Kenny Golden reported that repairs have finely begun, No progress report to date. .

**Committee Reports:**

- Service Officer Eric Bell: Not present

- Adjutant Ron Basso: As of March 21 YTD, we are at 281 and meet the Legionaires Birthday Milestone of 90%. Contact your military friends and get them on board because our overall goal is 310 members. Ron noted that a great effort to recruit new members should be our next priority.

Volunteer Hours: As of March 24 YTD, 1,226 volunteer hours and 4,319 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant

Shooting Contest The AL's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Shooting Contest will be conducted on April 29 in Poquoson by Post 273, the current State and National Youth Shooting Champions. People are encouraged to attend and watch the program unfold. Ron will attend.

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement. Lt. Kevin Lokey of the VBPD could not find 2 candidates to attend. As a consolation, I was invited to the District Muster Meetings in the Fall and present our programs. I contacted the VA Department and they are sending over 3 candidates from Gloucester who want to attend. I'm sitting down with Lt Bob Brody at Landstown. He is also working to find candidates in his JROTC program.

JROTC Awards night for Landstown HS will be May 17 at 6:30. I had a meeting with Lt Bob Brody on Tuesday and laid out our programs. He has 110 kids in the program and felt many would be interested next year. He also encouraged us to reach out to Green Run and Salem HS's ROTC program.

Mission BBQ Celebrates Armed Forces Week the week of May 15: Every day a different branch of the military is recognized: Monday, May 15-Army, Tuesday, May 16-Marines, Wednesday, May 17-Navy, Thursday, May 18, Air Force/Space Force and Friday, May 19-Coast Guard, Come get a Free Sandwich. On Saturday, May 20, 11-2 LUNCH WITH HEROES, free sandwich

The 2023 Oratorical Finals was held April 21-23 in Indianapolis. The winner, Haley Bock of Indianapolis won. She has the same homeschool/constitution background as our candidate, Caylee Norris. I sent the results to Caylee and her father and hopefully she is preparing for the 2024 contest. Dates to be announced. Caylee and her mother Cheri will attend the picnic. Recognition award is forthcoming..

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Checking: \$2,359.05, Savings \$4,601.61 CD \$15,086.48
- Chaplain Dave Smith: George Schmidt and Jeff Kocab are real sick. Keep them in your prayers.
- Historian Bert Wendell: Announced the Melberg Family will be attending the July meeting and provide drinks and deserts for the occasion. They have also committed to present a financial donation to the post.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: nothing to report.

### Recently Completed Events

- Four Chaplains
- Revitalization Phone Calls/Wellness Checks
- District Spring Conference: 12 Feb 2023 @Post 37
- Department Conference: 3 March 2023, Portsmouth

### Upcoming Events

- NJROTC Medal Presentation
- Shooting Contest (April 29 – Observer Only)
- 2nd Annual Spring BBQ May 6th, 2023
- Memorial Day May 29
- District Convention June 4 @ Post 60, 1300
- Flag Day June 14
- Boys State at Radford U, June 18-24

- Youth Law Enforcement Week June 18-24
- Night At The Ball Park – Tides Game in August
- Veterans Day Parade – Saturday, Nov 11

**Unfinished Business** NR

**Building Fund 50/50 Raffle:** Tonya conducted the raffle. Rick won and donated the money back to the building fund.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 24 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach.  
**START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.

Submitted by:  
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Post Adjutant  
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