

May 2023 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg (USA) American Legion Post 110 Virginia Beach

Call to Order: The May 24, 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. 12 members and 5 guests were present.

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

Commander's Topics:

- Boy State Introductions – two young men from Catholic High introduced themselves.
- Law Enforcement Candidates – one young man of three cadets introduced himself
- Congressional Liaison Report – Fred Kinkin reported that veteran suicide epidemic with avg. age 30.
- AL only has 5 lobbyist in Washington. Lobbying is one of top two expenditures for national.
- PACT ACT is a great vet program but will ebb and flow with positive and negative results.
- 2023-24 Slate of Officers was presented for a vote. This slate was affirmed by unanimous vote.

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

- Youth Law Academy: Autumn Skidmore, Bryn Tolman and Aiden Cartwright will represent our post at the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy in Richmond from June 18 to 23rd.
- ROTC medals were awarded. Ron Basso awarded at Landstown on May 17, Fred Kinkin awarded at First Colonial/Cox HSs on May 16. Pictures are on web page. A request to include Green Run HS JROTC program was noted and moved to next year's budget/planning
- FLAME OF HOPE: No report from Kenny Golden.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer Eric Bell: Announced NATIONAL NIGHT OUT to be held at Ft Story on Tuesday, August 1 from 4:30-6:30. Suggested we set up a Table. Eric will help. Ron and Fred volunteered.
- Adjutant Ron Basso: As of May 23 YTD, we are at 283 and met the Legionnaires Birthday Milestone of 90%.

Volunteer Hours: As of March 24 YTD, 1,290 volunteer hours and 4,502 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Checking \$1,359.07, Savings \$4,623.56, CD \$15,147.11

- 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 a \$1100 donation to the post. Some discussion was that this donation would be allocated into General Fund for programs instead of Bldg Fund. More discussion in June.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: The Spring Picnic held on May 6, at Redwing Park from 11-3 had a good turnout. We spent \$280.64 on drink and hamburgers/hotdogs plus \$140 for rental. Income was \$110 at \$5 a head. \$420.64 minus \$110= \$310.64 net. Caylee Norris, her Mom & brother were present at the picnic and was presented with a certificate for winning our Post Oratorical Contest.

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

- Memorial Day May 29
- District Convention June 4 @ Post 60, 130
- Boys State at Radford U, June 18-24
- Youth Law Enforcement Week June 18-24
- Night At The Ball Park – Tides Game in August
- National Night Out – August 1
- Air Show – Sept 16-17
- Veterans Day Parade – Saturday, Nov 11, Ron announced tickets are available for the luncheon after the parade.

Unfinished Business

- Fred invited the Executive Board to his house for the June 21 meeting at 5 PM. He asked Bob & Bert to come early to complete the year-end-audit.
- Bert brought up the problem of our November Meeting always happening on the day before Thanksgiving. He suggested the Executive Board meet on an alternate date and forgo the regular meeting. This was so-moved, seconded and passed.

Major Topics/Upcoming Events Discussed NR

Long Range Goals: NR

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Tonya conducted the raffle. Ron won and donated it to the building fund.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 28 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

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