



THE AMERICAN LEGION – July 2023 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
Virginia Beach, VA 23466

Call to Order: The July meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guests: Mia, Soloman and Rachel (daughter and grandchildren of post namesake Robert C. Melberg)
Parents and participants of Boys State and Jr. Law Enforcement programs.

Post Everlasting: None.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 13 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 103. The post received 4 milestone awards for meeting membership milestone targets last year. 2020 final volunteer hours were 1,438 and 4,673 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant. Final 2023 membership was 288 for the Post. The post will not have a membership table at a Tides game this year because the Tides are charging \$500 to reserve a table.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$4,658 in building fund savings account; \$15,721 in building fund CD and \$1,570 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: nothing to report.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: nothing to report
- Historian Bert Wendell: Provided an update on planning for the NAS Oceana Airshow in September.
- Communications Officer Jon Asher - Absent
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Commander Ron Basso: The Commander has tickets for the November 11th Veteran's Luncheon which are available for \$25.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Commander Ron Basso recognized Rick Jones, Past Post Commander for his 3 years of dedicated service as Post Commander. He presented Rick with a "Past Commander" hat pin.

It was noted that the Post received 2nd Place in the Department of Virginia post history notebook contest. Historian Bert Wendell will be recognized for the effort at the Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg this October.

The two Boys State candidates that represented the post at the June Boys State program spoke about their experiences; one of the three Jr. Law Enforcement Program candidates' mother also spoke about her daughter's experience there. The Boys State attendees were awarded certificates of participation for the program.

Historian Bert Wendell introduced the Melberg family who spoke about their grandfather, Robert C. Melberg, our post namesake. Robert's daughter Mia presented a contribution check to the post in the amount of \$1,110.

Major Topics Discussed

1. A motion was made and unanimously approved to request a place in the large tent at the upcoming NAS Oceana airshow scheduled for September 16, 17. The post must provide its own table and chairs; there is no charge for the place. At the August post meeting we will finalize the watch bill for the event. We will have four 4 hour slots to man the table and will need at least two members in each time slot.
2. A new member incentive of \$30 dues for new members will be in effect until the end of December. This is a \$10 reduction of normal annual dues.

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.
2. Increase active membership participation.

Recently Completed Events:

- May 16 – NJROTC awards presentation at Cox H.S.
- May 17 – NJROTC awards presentation at Landstown H.S.
- May 29 – Memorial Day commemoration at VB Convention Center
- May 18-24 Boys State program
- May 19-24 Jr. Law Enforcement program
- July 13-16 Department of Virginia state American Legion Convention, DC

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 1 – National Night Out at Fort Story
- Aug 6 – District planning meeting at Post 5, Norfolk
- Aug 23 – Post 110 monthly meeting
- Sep 16-17 Air show at NAS Oceana
- Sep 27 – Post 110 monthly meeting

Good of the Legion: Fred Kinkin raised the issue that the Flame of Hope is not yet repaired despite the funding being provided by the Jaycees several weeks ago. He will contact Mike Nicosia, new Military Liaison for Congresswoman Jen Kiggans to try to exert pressure on the base to conclude the repairs.

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by the parent of one of the Boys State candidates.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 23rd at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.** .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by:
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