



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

**Call to Order:** The August 23, 2023 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

**Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:**

Guests: Aiden Cartwright, attendee at Jr. Law Enforcement Camp and his mother, Veronica  
New member Emily Wolf introduced herself.

**Post Everlasting:** None.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** Prayers were requested for Sandy Wendell, wife of Historian Bert Wendell who is battling cancer.

**Officer's Roll Call:** A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 7 members were present.

**Committee Reports:**

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 163 vs target of 297 (55%). The post received 4 milestone awards for meeting membership milestone targets last year. July volunteer hours were 113 and miles driven was 1076.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$4,696 in building fund savings account; \$15,334 in building fund CD and \$2,988 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith : nothing to report.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: absent
- Historian Bert Wendell: absent
- Communications Officer Jon Asher - Absent
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Vacant
- Commander Ron Basso: The Commander has tickets for the November 11<sup>th</sup> 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:**

One of the three Jr. Law Enforcement Camp candidates, Aiden Cartwright spoke about his experience there and his mother, Veronica gave her perspective on his attendance.

### **Major Topics Discussed**

1. Fred Kinkin reported that the post had reserved 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. A watch bill for the event was discussed and had four volunteers; we still need to fill slots on Saturday afternoon and both Sunday morning and afternoon. Commander Basso will provide the truck for setup and removal of the table/chairs.
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. Thus far we have two new members this year.
3. The budget for 2023-2024 was discussed and unanimously approved. Dave Smith made the motion for approval and Fred Kinkin seconded. Total expenditures of \$5,933 for the year are planned.
4. The Post will participate in a Veterans Day celebration at OLPH on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Post 113 will also be invited to attend.
5. Fred Kinkin summarized current legislation being drawn up in Congress regarding VA Community Care standards and improvements to the VA Accountability Act of 2017
6. The results of the table at National Night Out at Fort Story were one new member and five others who are interested but not yet joined.

### **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
- Aug 1 – National night out at Fort Story
- Aug 20 – District Planning Meeting at Post 5, Norfolk

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sep 16-17 Air show at NAS Oceana
- Sep 24 – District Fall Conference at Portsmouth Post 190
- Sep 27 – Post 110 monthly meeting
- Oct 25 – Post 110 monthly meeting
- Oct 27-29 – Department Fall Conference at Williamsburg
- Nov 10 – Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH at 10am
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, Virginia Beach
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – Grand Opening Jones-Cabacoy Veterans Care Center, VB at 2pm
- Nov 22 – 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 contacted 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 George Schmidt

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, September 27th 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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