



THE AMERICAN LEGION – October 2023 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The October 25, 2023 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

No guest speaker.

New member (transfer from Post 2, Petersburg, VA): Debra Castrinos 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. 13 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 185 vs target of 297 (62%). Member Alan Conlin became a PUFL member. September ytd volunteer hours were 353 and miles driven was 2,800. There is an event at Hampton Roads Naval Museum at One Waterside Drive, Norfolk on November 7th at 6pm titled Reflections on Captivity where former POW Porter Halyburton will discuss the nature of captivity and devotion to duty.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$4,755 in building fund savings account; \$15,460 in building fund CD and \$3,641 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith : made contact with Bert Wendell to check on status of his wife Sandy who is battling cancer. Dave has tickets available for the 2nd District Prayer Breakfast to be held at Post 190, Portsmouth on November 4th at 9:30am. Tickets are \$10.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: - NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: absent
- Communications Officer Jon Asher - Absent
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant

- Commander Ron Basso: The Commander still has tickets for the November 11th Veteran's Luncheon which are available for \$25. Counselors needed for Boys State in 2024. The Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 11th in Virginia Beach. The post will have a truck in the parade driven by Chaplain Dave Smith and members who want to march are welcome. If you plan to be in the parade you should form up not later than 8:30am on Atlantic Avenue between 14th and 15th streets.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None

Major Topics Discussed

1. The Post will participate in a Veterans Day celebration at OLPH on Friday, November 10th at 10am. Post 113 has been invited to attend.
2. A motion was made to transfer half of the current amount of post funds in savings account to a CD which will earn more interest. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Member Joe Mahalik announced that the City of Virginia Beach Veterans Committee is selling commemorative bricks with veteran's names which will be installed at the Veteran's Memorial across from the Convention Center. The bricks are available for \$50 and will be installed next Memorial Day.
4. The Jones-Cabacoy Veterans Rehab Center Grand Opening is scheduled for November 10th at 10 am. The Center is located at 2641 Nimmo Pkwy in Virginia Beach. Contact Commander Basso if you wish to attend.
5. There will not be a post meeting in November since the scheduled date is the night before Thanksgiving. Our next regular scheduled monthly meeting will be January 24th. In December our annual holiday dinner will be held at Gus and George's Restaurant in Virginia Beach on Thursday, December 7th at 6pm. Cost is \$20 per person (cash or check) to be given to Tonya on the night of the dinner. If you plan to attend RSVP to Tonya Jones, Auxiliary President NLT December 1st.

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.
2. Increase active membership participation.
3. Increase number of youth programs sponsored by the Post.

Recently Completed Events:

- Sep 16 – Air show at NAS Oceana
- Sept 21 – Flame of Hope ceremony
- Sept 24 – 2nd District Fall Conference

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 27-29 – Department Fall Conference at Williamsburg
- Nov 4 – Veterans Prayer Breakfast at Post 190, Portsmouth
- Nov 10 – Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH at 10am
- Nov 10 – Grand Opening Jones-Cabacoy Veterans Care Center, VB at 2pm
- Nov 11th – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, Virginia Beach
- Dec 7th – Post Holiday Dinner at Gus and George's Restaurant, VB at 6pm
- Jan 20 – District Oratorical Contest at Post 327, Norfolk at 10 am
- Jan 24th – Post 110 January monthly meeting at VFW392 at 7pm
- Feb 4th – Four Chaplains ceremony at Post 310, Chesapeake

Good of the Legion: Fred Kinkin shared his recent experience on his visit to the DDay National Memorial at Bedford, VA.

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by George Schmidt who donated proceeds to the building fund.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 24th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by:
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