



THE AMERICAN LEGION – January 2024 Meeting
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Call to Order: The January 24, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest speaker Lisa Oliver from Suffolk Albert G. Horton Veteran's Cemetery
New member: Shawn Clark, introduced himself.

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. 15 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 256 vs target of 297 (86%). December ytd volunteer hours were 575 and miles driven was 4,097.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,430 in building fund savings account; \$15,651 in building fund CD #1, \$2,430 in building fund CD #2 and \$3,251 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: - Absent
- Historian Bert Wendell: NTR
- Communications Officer Jon Asher - Absent
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Commander Ron Basso: Commander's wife, Jessie, made contact with Kat Shire, Director of the Jones/Cabacoy Veterans Rehab Center located on Nimmo Pkwy. The Center is interested in Post 110 assisting them with establishing and maintaining gardens at the new facility. More details will be forthcoming after their next meeting.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Ms. Lisa Oliver from Suffolk V.A. Cemetery discussed veteran's burial benefits and reviewed details of the Dignity Memorial Veterans Planning Guide.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Member, Deb Walker-Castrinos discussed the possibility of forming a Legion Riders program at Post 110. Six post members who own motorcycles are required to establish a Legion Riders charter. It was agreed that Adjutant will send an email communication to all members to determine interest in the program.
2. Finance Officer reported that a second CD was purchased from NFCU with a term of 12 months and a return of 4.85%.
3. Adjutant Fred Kinkin discussed the new 3 year membership renewal program which is now available.
4. Member Ken Golden reported that the Flame of Hope at NAS Oceana is finally back in service!

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
- Oct 27-29 – Department Fall Conference
- Nov 10 – Grand Opening Jones-Cabacoy Veterans Care Center
- Nov 11th – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, Virginia Beach
- Dec 7th – Post Holiday Dinner at Gus and George's Restaurant

Upcoming Events:

- January 28th – 2nd District Spring Conference
- Feb 4th – Four Chaplains ceremony at Post 310, Chesapeake
- Feb 28th – Post 110 Monthly Meeting and Law Enforcement Recognition
- 1-3 Mar – Department of Virginia Spring Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth
- Mar 27th – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Apr 24th – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- May TBD – JNROTC award presentations at Landstowne and 1st Colonial HS

- May 22 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Jun 16-22 – Boys State @ Radford University
- June 16-22 – Jr. Law Enforcement Camp at VA State Police Academy
- Jun 26 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

Good of the Legion: None

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

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, February 28th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by:

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Post Adjutant

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