



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2024 Meeting**  
**SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110**  
**P.O. Box 62384**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The February 28, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

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

April Ancell and Corey Boykin, both law enforcement officers from Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Ft. Story were honored as Law Enforcement Officers of the Year.

New members: Transfers from Post 141 Michael Sears and Rachel Brody both introduced themselves.

**Post Everlasting:** Lee Twiford, 11 year member, died on January 25<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of life will be held for Lee on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1300 at Bethel Methodist Church located at 465 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** Sergeant at Arms Jeff Kocab is currently in rehab.

**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. NTR
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 290 vs target of 297 (96%). January ytd volunteer hours were 773 and miles driven was 4,989. The post has received 14 transfers for Post 141 in the past month.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,530.87 in savings account; \$15,716.28 in building fund CD #1, \$2,415.21 in building fund CD #2 and \$3,175.69 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Visited Jeff Kocab at the rehab hospital where he is recuperating.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: - Absent
- Historian Bert Wendell: NTR
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Adjutant, Fred Kinkin led the Law Enforcement Recognition ceremony which recognized April Ancell and Corey Boykin as the Law Enforcement Officers of the Year for Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Ft. Story

### **Major Topics Discussed**

1. Member, Deb Walker-Castrinos discussed the possibility of forming a Legion Riders program at Post 110. She reviewed the many charitable activities conducted by the ALR in the pst. Six post members who own motorcycles are required to establish a Legion Riders charter. We currently have three members who are interested.
2. Ken Golden reported that the Flame of Hope at NAS Oceana is finally back in service! The Flame of Hope is owned by the VB Jaycees and NAS Oceana provides utilities and grounds maintenance. The Jaycees recently cleaned up the site.
3. The post executive board voted to provide a \$100 contribution to Post 280, Chesapeake to help defray their cost of hosting this year's Department of Virginia American Legion Baseball tournament.
4. The Department of Virginia Spring Conference will be held this week, March 1-3 at Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel. American Legion National Commander, Daniel Seehafer will be in attendance.
5. Fred Kinkin was nominated to be a candidate for the Department of Virginia Sergeant-at-Arms position for the 2024-2025 Legion Year.

### **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:**

- Oct 27-29 – Department Fall Conference
- Nov 10 – Grand Opening Jones-Cabacoy Veterans Care Center
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, Virginia Beach
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Post Holiday Dinner at Gus and George's Restaurant
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Four Chaplains ceremony at Post 310, Chesapeake

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1-3 Mar – Department of Virginia Spring Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth
- Mar 27<sup>th</sup> – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- May TBD – JNROTC award presentations at Landstowne and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Historian, Bert Wendell

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, March 27th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by:  
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