



THE AMERICAN LEGION – March 2024 Meeting
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Call to Order: The March 27, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Cheri and Caylee Norris, from the Atlantic Speech and Debate Club were guests.

Post Everlasting: Lee Twiford, 11 year member, died on January 25th. A celebration of life will be held for Lee on Saturday, April 13th 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. 10 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 303 vs target of 297 (102%). February ytd volunteer hours were 887 and miles driven was 5,199.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,587.36 in savings account; \$15,717.16 in building fund CD #1, \$2,424.29 in building fund CD #2 and \$1,023.72 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: - Absent
- Historian Bert Wendell: NTR
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 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 in the fall. Veterans Day parade is scheduled for 11/11/2024. Veterans Day luncheon tickets will be available in April at a cost of \$30.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Cheri Norris and her daughter Caylee provided an update on the STOA Christian Home School Speech and Debate contest which will be held April 20th hosted by the Atlantic Speech and Debate Club at Central Baptist Church in Portsmouth. They requested assistance with providing judges for the contest.

Major Topics Discussed

1. A motion was made by Adjutant Kinkin to raise the Post 110 dues to \$45 for 2025 due to National increasing their dues to the post by \$5 at that time. The motion was seconded by Finance Officer, Bob Russell and was approved unanimously by membership. All members were reminded they can lock in their next three years of dues at \$40 per year using the new 3-year membership option.
2. Nominations for officers for 2025 membership year will be finalized in April. We are still searching for candidates for 1st Vice, 2nd Vice and Communications Officer positions. We would also like to train someone to become Adjutant in the future.
3. The Post Executive Board decided that this year's 50/50 Raffle proceeds would go to the Auxiliary.
4. The Post will host a spring picnic at Redwing Park in VB in May on either May 4th or May 11th. Dave Smith will look into reserving the park shelter and confirm date at our April meeting.
5. Commander Basso reported that we have been tracking our Post website hits since last July. During that nine month period, we have amassed 10,889 hits, averaging approximately 1,000 hits per month.

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:

- Feb 4th – Four Chaplains ceremony at Post 310, Chesapeake
- 1-3 Mar – Dept of Virginia Spring Conference

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 24th – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- May 20 - NJROTC award presentations at Landstowne HS
- May 22 – NJROTC award presentations at Cox HS
- May 22 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting; meet Boys State candidates
- 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 Chris Allison who donated all proceeds to the Auxiliary.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by:
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