



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

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Newly transferred members from Post 141 introduced themselves: Don Cissell and Johvani Torres

Post Everlasting: Lee Twiford, 11 year member, died on January 25th. A celebration of life was held for Lee on Saturday, April 13th at 1300 at Bethel Methodist Church located at 465 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach. Commander Basso and Rick and Tonya Jones attended representing the post.

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. 12 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 308 vs target of 297 (103%). March ytd volunteer hours were 1,240 and miles driven was 6,076.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,588 in savings account; \$15,842 in building fund CD #1, \$2,434 in building fund CD #2 and \$547 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.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: The Auxiliary is selling pens and Legion cap bags.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Major Topics Discussed

1. Nominations for officers for 2025 membership year were finalized. 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. The post will conduct their vote for 2025 officers at the scheduled May meeting.
2. The Post will host a spring picnic at Redwing Park in VB in May on May 4th. The picnic will be held from 11am – 3am at Shelter #2. Cost is \$5 per person payable in cash at the park. The Auxiliary is coordinating the food and refreshments. Please bring a dish to pass.
3. Member Deb Castrinos made a short presentation about the Dept of VA Legacy Riders Legacy Run scheduled for 13-15 June in Richmond. If interested you can meet at Richmond Legion Headquarters to join the ride. She also updated the post on the status of forming a Legion Riders Program. We need six members who own motorcycles; we currently have identified 3.
4. The CD for the building fund is coming due on May 16th. Member Deb Castrinos made a motion to renew the CD for another 18 months. The motion was seconded and then unanimously approved. The CD will renew for 4.7%.

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:

- May 8 - NJROTC award presentations at Landstown HS
- May 22 – NJROTC award presentations at Cox HS
- May 22 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting; meet Boys State and Law Enf Camp candidates
- May 27 – Memorial Day Celebration
- June 14 – Flag Day Celebration
- June 16-22 – Boys State @ Radford University
- June 16-22 – Jr. Law Enforcement Camp at VA State Police Academy
- June 26 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by Johvani Torres.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, May 22 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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