



THE AMERICAN LEGION – May 2024 Meeting
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Call to Order: The May 22, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New member Mike Nicosia, Military Liaison for Congresswoman Jen Kiggans introduced himself. Guest Speaker, JJ Jones, Department Advisor for the Rider program; D. Workman, Legion Riders and Captain Merkel, from Post 75 representing the students attending the Law Enforcement Youth Cadet program.

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. 12 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – continues his training; completed 12 VA benefit submissions in the past few weeks.
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 310 vs target of 297 (104%). April ytd volunteer hours were 1,372 and miles driven was 6,671; thanked Emily Wolf and Bert Wendell for attending the NJROTC First Colonial/Cox award ceremony
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,588 in savings account; \$15,906 in building fund CD #1, \$2,588 in building fund CD #2 and \$592 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Thanked members who attended the May picnic.
- Sgt. At Arms Mark McMillan - NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Photos of recent events are on the website.
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Commander Ron Basso: 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: NTR

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: JJ Jones discussed the history of Legion Riders in Virginia; answered questions regarding how to establish a Legion Riders chapter for Post 110. There are 56 Riders chapters in Virginia with a total of approximately 1,400 Riders.

Commander Basso introduced the three candidates for Boys State, one candidate for Girls State and two candidates for Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program. Each of the candidates discussed why they were interested in Boys State/ Girls State and what they hoped to learn from the program. Captain Merkel represented the two Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program candidates and said they would return in July after the program was completed.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Elections for officers for 2025 membership year were held. The following officers were elected for 2025:
Commander: Ron Basso
1st Vice Commander: Johvanny Torres
2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
Adjutant: Fred Kinkin
Finance: Bob Russell
Chaplain: David Smith
Historian: Bert Wendell
Service Officer: Shawn Clark and Eric Bell
Sergeant at Arms: Mark McMillan and Joe Mahachek
2. The Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Virginia Beach Veterans Memorial from noon-1pm on Monday, May 27th.

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
- May 8 – NJROTC award presentation at Landstown HS
- May 22 – NJROTC award presentation at Cox HS

Upcoming Events:

- May 27 – Memorial Day Celebration at VA Beach Veterans Memorial at noon
- June 9 – 2nd District Convention at Post 5, Norfolk
- 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

- July 24 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- August 28 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

Good of the Legion: None

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

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, June 26 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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