



THE AMERICAN LEGION – June 2024 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The June 26, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: Alice Cooper, 2nd District Commander

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Past Commander Rick Jones had surgery this morning.

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: Shawn Clark – absent; should complete his training in the next month and become certified.
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership renewals for 2024 is 311 vs target of 297 (104%). May YTD volunteer hours were 1,586 and miles driven was 7,266; Lowe's on Virginia Beach Blvd has requested that we pick up their used flags on a regular basis.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,588 in savings account; \$15,970 in building fund CD #1, \$2,588 in building fund CD #2 and \$756 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR.
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck - NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Absent
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 1st Vice Commander Johvanny Torres - Absent
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Commander Ron Basso: Veterans Day parade is scheduled for 11/11/2024. Veterans Day luncheon tickets will be available at a cost of \$30.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: Absent

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: 2nd District Commander Alice Cooper

Major Topics Discussed

1. Elections for officers for 2025 membership year were held in May. The following officers were elected for 2025 and sworn in by 2nd District Commander Alice Cooper:
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
Sargeant at Arms: Mark McMillan and Joe Mahachek
2. Member Ken Golden provided an update on the Flame of Hope; the contract has been let for a new sconce; Ken also informed members about the upcoming dedication of the Naval Aviation Monument Ceremony this Saturday, June 29th at 2pm at the monument located at 25th St. and Atlantic Avenue.
3. Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahachek reminded members they can purchase a brick at the Veteran's Memorial by sending the info to him. Cost is \$100 for a 4X8 and \$200 for a 8X8. Joe also notified members of city plans to develop the area immediately adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial.
4. Alice Baqueroalvarez, Auxiliary Member, updated membership on the current status of the Auxiliary.

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
- May 27th – Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jun 9th – 2nd District Convention
- Jun 16-22 – Boys State @ Radford University
- June 16-22 – Jr. Law Enforcement Camp at VA State Police Academy

Upcoming Events:

- July 24 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- August 28 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Sept 25 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by Joe Mahachek.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, July 24th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm. Guest speaker will be former Governor Bob McDonnell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:
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