



THE AMERICAN LEGION – July 2024 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The July 24, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: Former Virginia Governor, Bob McDonnell

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Past Chaplain George Schmidt is hospitalized with heart issues.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 16 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Final paid membership for 2024 was 311 vs target of 297 (104%). Final YTD volunteer hours were 1,786 and miles driven was 8,644; 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: \$2,589 in savings account; \$16,032 in building fund CD #1, \$2,462 in building fund CD #2 and \$862 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Reported George Schmidt is hospitalized with heart issue.
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck - NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: NTR
- 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: NTR

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Guest Speaker Governor Bob McDonnell gave an excellent speech on the current state of the country.

Three boys and one girl who attended Boys State and Girls State respectively were awarded American Legion certificates and medals by Commander Basso. 2nd Congressional District Chief of Staff, Tyler Edmonds, also presented Congressional Certificates to all attendees.

Boys State Delegates were: Roy Fullmer, Nolan Greene, Aarya Rajaskara

Girl State Delegate was: Deeya Rajaskara

Two students who attended the Jr. Law Enforcement Program were also recognized with certificates.

They were Paige Willis and Ian Walters

Major Topics Discussed

1. The Post budget for 2025 was reviewed and approved unanimously by membership.
2. Adjutant Fred Kinkin explained the invoicing error made on new 2025 renewal notices which should have stated new 2025 dues are \$45 not \$40. Those members who already submitted their payment with the incorrect invoice will be issued their membership card but will be asked to submit another \$5. New invoices are being issued by National soon.
3. A motion was made by Fred Kinkin and seconded by Dave Smith to transfer \$500 from savings to checking in order to ensure expenditures in the next few weeks do not exceed our checking account balance. In three months the \$500 will be transferred back to savings. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Minor changes to the post bylaws were discussed by Adjutant Fred Kinkin. Membership was notified of the proposed changes by email on July 21st. The proposed changes will be voted on by members at the August meeting.

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:

- 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:

- August 28 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Sept 25 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- October 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

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Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle:

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 28th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by:
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