



THE AMERICAN LEGION – August 2024 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The August 28, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: CDR Bill Brody, Naval Science Instructor for Landstown HS.

Post Everlasting: Thomas Brown, 9 year member.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Past Commander Jones reported that member James Bowie is undergoing medical issues.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 15 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 193 renewals vs goal of 317 (61%); Volunteer hours for July were 168 hours, 802 miles driven. Provided an overview of the Peninsula Agency of Aging program which provides free transportation to and from medical appointments at the VA Hampton.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,090 in savings account; \$16,093 in building fund CD #1, \$2,473 in building fund CD #2 and \$1,709 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Visited member Jeff Kocab in rehab.
- 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. Discussed Eagle Scout recognition program and Middle School Essay Contest.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: NTR

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Guest speaker, Bill Brody, summarized the activities of Landstown HS NJROTC Program; he also introduced two of the NJROTC student leaders for the coming year who discussed why NJROTC was important to them. Finally CDR Brody thanked the post for its support over the past several years.

Major Topics Discussed

1. The Post budget for 2025 was reviewed and approved unanimously by membership.
2. Minor changes to the post bylaws were discussed by Adjutant Fred Kinkin. The proposed changes were approved unanimously by members.
3. Planning to staff a membership table at the upcoming 21-22 NAS Oceana Airshow were discussed.
4. Deb Castrinos provided an update on the Department Legion Riders efforts to raise \$114,000 for charity recently. She also provided details on the upcoming American Legion Riders College scheduled for 14 September at Post 75 in Gloucester.

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:

- Sept 11 – POW/MIA ceremony at NAS Oceana
- Sept 21-22 – NAS Oceana Airshow
- Sept 25 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- October 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon
- Nov 27 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Won by Rachel Brody

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 25th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by:

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Post Adjutant

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