



THE AMERICAN LEGION – September 25, 2024 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The September 25, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: Lt. Tyrone Guzman, Naval Science Instructor for First Colonial HS.

New members Kevin and Morningstar Graves introduced themselves; Transfer Dan Tiff introduced himself.

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Member George Schmidt is undergoing dialysis twice weekly.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 17 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – if fully certified and assisting 3 veterans per month
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 200 vs goal of 317 (63%) Volunteer hours August ytd were 456 hours, 2316 miles driven.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,090 in savings account; \$16,155 in building fund CD #1, \$2,483 in building fund CD #2 and \$1,896 in Post Checking account. We raised \$201 at the NAS Oceana Airshow
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Visited member Jeff Kocab in rehab, he is awaiting transfer back to his home in Cleveland, OH. George Schmidt is undergoing dialysis twice a week. Dave and Bert Wendell attending the Sept 24th POW/MIA ceremony at NAS Oceana.
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck – Joe qualified as a Guardian for the Honor Flight; he updated current planning for participation in Wreaths Across America.
- Historian Bert Wendell: Website is up to date
- 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 at a cost of \$30. Commander thanked the members who volunteered to work the airshow table.
- Auxiliary Tonya Jones: NTR

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Guest speaker, Tyrone Guzman, summarized the activities of First Colonial HS NJROTC Program; he also introduced one of the NJROTC student leaders for the coming year, Cadet Lt Brady Rapine, who discussed why NJROTC was important to him.

Major Topics Discussed

1. Deb Castrinos provided an update on the efforts to stand up a Legion Riders charter for Post 110. On September 18th, the Post Executive Board passed a recommendation to start a new Legion Riders chapter for Post 110. A motion to establish a charter was passed unanimously by membership on September 25th.
2. Adjutant Fred Kinkin discussed the upcoming Post Oratorical Contest which will be conducted at our October 23rd monthly 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:

- Jun 9th – 2nd District Convention
- Jun 16-22 – Boys State @ Radford University
- June 16-22 – Jr. Law Enforcement Camp at VA State Police Academy
- Sep 21-22 – NAS Oceana Airshow
- Sep 24 – POW/MIA ceremony at NAS Oceana

Upcoming Events:

- October 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon
- Nov 27 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- Dec 11 – Holiday Dinner at Gus and Georges Restaurant

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Won by Tim Richardt

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, October 23rd 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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