



THE AMERICAN LEGION – October 23, 2024 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
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Call to Order: The October 23rd, 2024 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: None

Transferred members Andrew Ferandes and John Fenter introduced themselves.

Post Everlasting: Harold Miley, 22 year member

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. 15 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – is fully certified and assisting 3 veterans per month
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 213 vs goal of 317 (67%) Volunteer hours September ytd were 671 hours, 3,518 miles driven.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,090 in savings account; \$16,217 in building fund CD #1, \$2,492 in building fund CD #2 and \$2,924 in Post Checking account.
- 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.
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck – Joe qualified as a Guardian for the Honor Flight; he updated current planning for participation in Wreaths Across America. Wreaths will be placed at Princess Anne Memorial Park on December 14th.
- Historian Bert Wendell: Website is up to date
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Past Commander Rick Jones: reported OLPH is seeking members to visit 17 veterans currently residing at OLPH
- Commander Ron Basso: Veterans Day parade is scheduled for 11/11/2024. Veterans Day luncheon tickets will be available at a cost of \$30.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None

Major Topics Discussed

1. Tim Richardt, new Riders Chapter President provided an update on the efforts to stand up a Legion Riders charter for Post 110. There are currently six members of the Riders. A checking account is being established and an email account has been set up at: vaalrpost110@gmail.com
2. The Post Oratorical Contest was conducted with three competitors. The winner was Aarya Rajashekara from Catholic H.S. He was awarded a Certificate and a \$100 check and will represent Post 110 at the District Oratorical Competition in February.
3. A motion was made and unanimously approved to close the small CD upon its maturity next week and transfer \$2,000 to the large CD, \$400 to savings and the balance to checking.
4. There will not be a monthly meeting held in November due to the proximity to Thanksgiving; however the Executive Board will meet on November 20th at Mission Barbecue at 6pm.

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:

- Sep 21-22 – NAS Oceana Airshow
- Sep 24 – POW/MIA ceremony at NAS Oceana
- Oct 23 – District Oratorical Contest

Upcoming Events:

- 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 Ken Golden

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 22nd 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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