



THE AMERICAN LEGION – February, 2025 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The February 26, 2025 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 Tim Moran, James Butgong and Jared Alessi introduced themselves.

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: George Schmidt, past post Chaplain, is hospitalized at Sentara Lee Hospital in Room 123.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 21 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 288 vs goal of 317 (91%) Volunteer hours January ytd were 1,249 hours, 6,372 miles driven. We still have 52 members who have not renewed yet; volunteers were requested to make buddy check phone calls to those members.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$ 2,502 in savings account; \$18,493 in CD #1, and \$2,055 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Provided feedback on the Four Chaplains Ceremony conducted at Post 310 in early February.
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck – Provided update on Wreaths Across America ceremony which was held at Princess Anne Memorial Park on December 14th. 494 wreaths were placed; 617 attended the ceremony.
- Historian Bert Wendell: Website is up to date
- Communications Officer - Vacant
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant
- Past Commander Rick Jones: NTR

- Commander Ron Basso: Reported we are sponsoring four boys to the 2025 Boys State program; Post spring picnic will be held Saturday, 10 May at Great Neck Park.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahacek awarded certificates to Alicia Baqueroalvarez and Tonya Jones for their assistance with the Wreaths Across American event.

Congratulations to member, Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, who was awarded the National American Legion Distinguished Public Service award this week for her commitment to veterans.

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 nine members of the Riders. Planning is in progress for the first Poker Ride of the new chapter and for the presentation of the new Riders Chapter Charter to be held on June 14th at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach.
2. Fred Kinkin made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from savings to checking to cover expected budget commitments through the end of June.
3. Aarya Rajashekara, winner of the Post Oratorical contest in October is competing in the Department of Virginia Oratorical contest on March 1st at the Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel.

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:

- Oct 23 – District Oratorical Contest
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade and luncheon
- Dec 11 – Holiday Dinner for Post 110
- Feb 2 - Four Chaplains Ceremony at Post 310

Upcoming Events:

- March 1-3 – Dept of Virginia Spring Conference at Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel
- March 26 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting and Law Enforcement Recognition Program
- April 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- May 10 – Post 110 Spring Picnic

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Won by Tonya Jones

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, March 26th at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:
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