



THE AMERICAN LEGION – March 2025 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The March 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: 2nd District Commander Jay Krail

Post Everlasting: Robert Carman, 40 year member

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: George Schmidt, past post Chaplain, entered hospice care.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed. 18 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Shawn Clark – absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 295 vs goal of 317 (93%) Volunteer hours Feb ytd were 1,579 hours, 8,057 miles driven. We still have 42 members who have not renewed yet; to date we have had 19 transfers to Post 110 from Post 141.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$ 2,502 in savings account; \$18,493 in CD #1, and \$1,652 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: George Schmidt is in hospice; the Chaplain also contacted the family of recently deceased member, Robert Carman
- Sgt. At Arms Joe Mahaceck – NTR
- 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. Aarya Rajashekara, Post 110 candidate for annual Oratorical Contest finished 3rd in the state of Virginia.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Adjutant Fred Kinkin led the annual Law Enforcement Recognition Program ceremony which recognized Derek Holman and MA1 Grover Smith, both from JEB Little Creek/Ft. Story. They were both awarded a certificate, a \$100 gift card, a Legion coin and a complimentary one year membership in the American Legion. The officers also received a Certificate from Congresswoman Jen Kiggans presented by Jonathan Gragnano.

Auxiliary President, Tonya Jones, presented a Youth Hero Award to Vada Carawan for saving her father's life by administering CPR to him after a heart attack.

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. Ken Golden provided an update to efforts to restore the Flame of Hope to NAS Oceana. He stated that the Hampton Roads Association of Naval Aviators was getting quotes and estimated needing approximately \$8,000 to make the repairs. A motion was made to have the Post provide \$150 towards the effort. The motion was approved unanimously.

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:

- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade and luncheon
- Dec 11 – Holiday Dinner for Post 110
- Feb 2 - Four Chaplains Ceremony at Post 310
- Mar 1-3: Dept of Virginia Spring Conference
- Mar 26: Post 110 Law Enforcement Recognition Program

Upcoming Events:

- April 23 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- May 10 – Post 110 Spring Picnic
- May 12 – Landstown HS JRNOTC Award Ceremony

- May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony
- May 28 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- June 14 – Flag Day and Riders Chapter Charter Ceremony at Munden Point Park

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Won by James Butgong

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, April 23rd 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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