

THE AMERICAN LEGION – April 2025 Meeting SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110 P.O. Box 62384 Virginia Beach, VA 23466

<u>Call to Order:</u> The April 23, 2025 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Ron Basso.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

Guest Speaker: Adjutant Fred Kinkin provided a Legislation update

Post Everlasting: George Schmidt

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None known.

<u>Officer's Roll Call:</u> 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 has assisted 30 veterans this year.
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Membership status for 2025: 306 vs goal of 317 (97%) Volunteer hours March ytd were 2,812 hours, 9,989 miles driven. We still have 30 members who have not renewed yet; to date we have had 20 transfers to Post 110 from Post 141.
- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$2,503 in savings account; \$18,631 in CD #1, and \$1,522 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain Dave Smith: Chaplain Smith presided over the funeral of George Schmidt
- 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; also sponsoring one boy for Jr. Law Enforcement 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: None

Major Topics Discussed

- 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. Adjutant Fred Kinkin and Riders Chapter President Tim Richardt discussed reinvigorating the campaign to raise money for a new post home. It was agreed that a Go Fund Me campaign would be developed Emily Wolf volunteered to work with Fred and Tim to develop the Go Fund Me. The campaign will be called Operation Homeless Post. Fred volunteered to develop a business case summarizing the overall effort and present it at a future 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:

- Mar 1-3: Dept of Virginia Spring Conference
- Mar 26: Post 110 Law Enforcement Recognition Program

Upcoming Events:

- May 10 Post 110 Spring Picnic
- May 12 Landstown HS JNROTC Award Ceremony 6pm
- May 22 Cox/First Colonial HS JNROTC Award Ceremony 6pm
- May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony
- May 28 Post 110 Monthly Meeting
- June 8 2nd District Convention at 1pm
- June 14 Flag Day and Riders Chapter Charter Ceremony at Munden Point Park
- June 15-21 Boys State

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Won by Tim Richardt

<u>Next Monthly Meeting:</u> Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. Start time 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Frederic M. Kinkin Post Adjutant American Legion Post 110