



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Virginia Beach Post 110**  
**PO. Box 62384**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The April 8, 2015 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order at 1930 by presiding Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

**Introduction of Guest, Prospective and New Members:** Mary F. (Francie) Golden, Commander, USN (Ret.) joined the American Legion and Post 110. Her husband, Kenny Golden, Captain, USN (Ret.) is a longtime member.

**Post Everlasting:** None.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** None.

**Items of Interest:**

The American Legion Post 110 Commander has been contacted by a family that wants to donate 2- burial plots, 2 vaults, 2 internments, and a family monument to a deserving veteran and his or her spouse. The plots were originally purchased by the donating family in the 1960s and are located on the Avenue of Flags at Woodland Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, VA. Once again, the veteran must be in need and not able to cover the cost of a funeral. If you know of someone that can benefit from this donation please contact American Legion Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at [stonemanbc@cox.net](mailto:stonemanbc@cox.net). He will put the veteran and/or spouse in contact with the donor.

**Officer's Roll Call:** A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted and having a quorum Post business was discussed and voted on.

**Reading of Minutes:** The March 11, 2015 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the march minutes please go to [vapost110.org](http://vapost110.org) on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:** William R. "Bill" DeSteph, Jr., Virginia House of Delegates for the 82<sup>nd</sup> District, spoke on legislation to allow active duty military members deployed overseas to vote by electronic means (email). He also spoke on plans to build a Veterans Administration Medical Facility (Hospital) on 25 acres in the Princess Anne Road and Dam Neck Road corridor near the Sentara Princess Anne Hospital. The facility will take about 5 years to be realized, could have up to 180 beds and employ a staff of about 300 personnel. The 25 acres has been donated by the City of Virginia Beach, VA. DeSteph, a member of Post 110, was assisted by Tina Mapes, a volunteer on his campaign staff.

## **Major Topics Discussed:**

\* Steven Wild, Post Sergeant-at-Arms, volunteered to replace Brian Abbott as Post 110 Historian and Facebook Coordinator. There will be a turnover by phone.

\* **Home Depot Grants** are available to American Legion Posts and Legionnaires.

**Community Impact Grants** provide up to \$5,000 in Home Depot gift cards for any project to be completed by the American Legion and/or community volunteers. Also, **Team Depot Grants** fund volunteer projects that utilize Team Depot, the Home Depot' associate-led volunteer force, along with volunteers from your American Legion Post. **It is important to note that applying for a grant does not guarantee approval.** American Legion Post 110 will seek out projects that can be accomplished in the future. If you know of a veteran that needs assistance, please notify Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at [stonemanbc@cox.net](mailto:stonemanbc@cox.net) or (757) 468-2831.

\* Doug Uhlmann will be attending the Virginia Department Leadership College on August 7-9, 2015 in Richmond, VA.

\* Pre-Applications are now being taken by the Virginia Department of the American Legion for the "Virginia American Legion License Plates. 450 applications are required before the DMV will make the license plates. (See the info sheet attached to these minutes.)

\* Whether Post 110 desires to sponsor a JROTC Drill Team for the 2015-2016 at the American Legion, Virginia Department Drill Team Competitions? The Drill Team would compete in the Eastern Region of the Virginia Department and if selected then they would compete against the Northern and Western Regional teams in March 2016 at Little Creek Navy Base. Virginia Department JROTC Drill Team Committee Chairman is Robert Cardwell of Lynchburg, VA. Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. is discussing this with him via email.

\* American Legion Post 110's participation in Post 35's program to send-off nearly 100 sailors and Marines deploying to Africa, Middle East and other locations. The event will take place on Saturdays between 6:30AM and 7:30AM at the Navy Mobilization and Processing Site (NMPS) on Naval Station Norfolk, VA. Coordinating the event is Post 35's Commander, Clint Hartman. The Legionnaires along with Veterans of Foreign Wars "VFW Riders" will provide handshakes, words of encouragement, flag waving and fresh doughnuts. Notification for the next event will be sent to participants by Commander Hartman.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were given:

**Permanent Post Home:** The committee is working to locate a permanent home for American Legion Post 110.

**Elections:** Nominations for Post 110's officers for 2015-2016 was called for and the election of the following slate of officers will be held on May 13, 2015 with the Installation Ceremony on June 10, 2015:

Commander- Dan Ryan  
Vice Commander- David Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander- Robert Melberg  
Adjutant- Doug Uhlmann  
Service Officer- Doug Uhlmann

Finance Officer- Steve Sokolowski  
Chaplain- George Schmidt  
Historian- Steven Wild  
Sergeant-at-Arms- Steven Wild

**Adjutant:** Doug Uhlmann reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date 1,683 hours and 5,399 miles driven. He further stated, that he needs to receive from each Post 110 Member, by the first week of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and other volunteer activities. This information is needed for the Post's Consolidated Report **NOTE:** Due to the lack of legionnaires responding with their volunteer hours and miles driven information, this data will be requested, at each monthly meeting, from those attending.

- \* Post Adjutant filed the Post Data Form with Virginia Department on April 15, 2015.
- \* Several American Legion and Virginia Department reports are due on May 22, 2015.
- \* Filed Post 110's 2015 Federal Income Taxes.
- \* Need to submit nomination for the "Four Chaplains Honor Award" by April 17, 2015.
- \* Submit nomination for the "Service Officer Citation for Meritorious Service Award" NLT May 8, 2015.

**Membership:** 2015 membership, as of April 1, 2015 is 302 with a current year goal of 345 for a 87.536% of goal. 43 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. Adjutant reports that he has not sent any Post membership renewals or new member applications to Virginia Department, Richmond, VA since last report. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.

**Note:** 2015 membership drive is well underway and membership cards are available from the Post Adjutant, once the \$35.00 dues are paid.

**Service Officer:** Doug Uhlmann reported that he has not received any requests from Veterans for assistance and information on veteran's benefits.

**Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented an up to date 2015 monthly budget report to the membership. Post 110 is in good standing. He wrote a \$200 donation check to the landing Zone (LZ) Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation, located in Virginia Beach, VA.

**Chaplain:** Post Chaplain George Schmidt was present with nothing to report.

**Historian:** Post Master at Arms Steven Wild was present with nothing to report.

**Activities:** Legionnaire Jeff Kocab, who works at the Norfolk Tides Harbor Park, obtained a 2015 game schedule so Post 110 can select dates to set up a membership table at a Military Appreciation Night baseball game in April or May time frame. The Post Commander will contact the Tides' Director of Community Relations, Heather McKeating, to discuss dates and other requirements.

Post 110 will be making plans to attend the 2016 Virginia International Tattoo Event at Norfolk Scope.

**Webmaster:** Craig Huber continues to update Post 110's website with information on Post 110 and the American Legion.

**American Legion Boy's State of Virginia:** Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee Chairman for Boy's State, gave an update on his preparing to select two (2) high school delegates to attend the 2015 Boy's State at Radford University in Roanoke, VA. Boy's State will be held June 21-27, 2015. Boys State Sponsorship Fees are due to Boys State Registrar by April 30, 2015.

**Awards:** Post Commander and Post Adjutant for action.

- \* Post Legionnaire of the Year Award nomination is due to Virginia Department Headquarters in Richmond, VA no later than June 5, 2015.
- \* Four Chaplains Legion of Honor nominations due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA on April 17, 2015.
- \* Citation for Meritorious Service nominations for Post Service Officers is due to Virginia Department Headquarters on May 8, 2015.

**Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:**

\* Commander Wendell continues to ask all American Legion Post 110 members to become more active in the recruitment of new members and the encouragement of existing members to renew their membership. Membership applications were made available to all attending.

\* Post 110's website, vapost110.org, is being continually updated by Craig Huber, Post Webmaster. The Facebook page is being updated by Steven Wild, new Post Historian.

\* Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann is being assisted by Suzette Hacker in assisting American Legion female members with their Women's VA Claims. Suzette Hacker has also volunteered to assist the Post Service Officer with his overall duties.

\* Invite other Virginia Beach Post Commanders to attend one of Post 110's monthly meetings or a separate meeting to discuss how we can interact and possibly come together to obtain a permanent American Legion Home in Virginia Beach, VA. American Legion Posts located in Virginia Beach, VA are: 81, 110, 113, and 1992.

\* A long range goal of Post 110 is to obtain a permanent American Legion Post Home in Virginia Beach, VA. With the assistance of the other Virginia Beach Posts (81, 113, and 1992), a consolidated American Legion Post Home could become a reality in the future.

**Note:** A Permanent Post Home Committee was formed at the October 8, 2014 meeting to further pursue locating a vacant property that could be utilized. The committee consists of Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, and Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann.

\* Provide a \$1,000 American Legion JROTC Scholarship to a member of the Virginia Beach City Public School JROTC Program.

**Correspondence/Emails Received:**

A letter from Tidewater Council #596 Boy Scouts of America, 1032 Heatherwood Drive, VA Beach, VA 23455 asking Post 110 to participate in their 2015 Leadership Breakfast and annual fund raiser on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Beach Conference Center. Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. responded that we will not be able to attend due to budget constraints.

An email was received from Capt. Robert A. Sinibaldi, USN (Ret.) asking that Post 110 participate (provide awards and a scholarship) in the First Colonial and Cox High Schools NJROTC Awards Night on Wednesday may 13, 2015 at 1830. Post 110 Commander responded back that we were not funded this year to support their request and that Post 110 does annually support the NJROTC

Awards Program at Landstown High School with American Legion NJROTC Medals and Certificates.

A letter received from YM GySgt Dakota Copeland, a Young Marine, asking for a donation to support several programs (learning opportunities) that he will be attending in 2015. Post 110 will consider this request at the next regular meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Recently Completed 2015 Events:**

March 13-15, 2015 – Spring Conference at Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center.

Attending from Post 110 was the Post Commander. He attended various meetings, the annual JROTC Marching and Drill Team Completion, and the Saturday Night banquet.

March 28, 2015 – Post 35's send off of deploying sailors and marines at NMPS, Naval Station Norfolk.

**Upcoming 2015 Events:**

April 14, 2015, (4:30PM-7:30PM) – OLPH's "Volunteers a Work of Heart" Awards. Post Commander and Post Chaplain will be attending.

May 7, 2015 (6:30 PM) – NJROTC Awards at Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA.

May 13, 2015 (7:30 PM) – Election of 2015-2016 Post 110 Officers

May 16, 2015 – Armed Forces Day

May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, VA.

May 26, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Memorial Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

June 10, 2015 (7:30 PM) – Installation Ceremony of Post 110 Officers for 2015-2016

June 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Flag Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

June 14, 2015 – Flag Day

June 21-27, 2015 – Boys State at Radford University in Roanoke, VA.

June 21-27, 2015 – Girls State at Longwood University in Farmville, VA.

July 4, 2015 – Independence Day

July 16-19, 2015 – State Convention at Sheraton Hotel & Holiday Inn in Roanoke, VA.

August 7-9, 2015 – Virginia Department Leadership College in Richmond, VA.

September 11, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Patriot Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

October 23-25, 2015 – Fall Conference at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA.

November 3, 2015 – Election Day

November 11, 2015 – Veteran's Day in Virginia Beach, VA.

November 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Veteran's Day at OLPH, Virginia Beach, VA.

November (Date TBD), 2015 – "Light Up the Town Parade" at Town Center in Virginia Beach, VA.

December 7, 2015 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 9, 2015 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

**Good of the Legion:** "Every Day Is Veterans Day".

**Next Monthly Meeting:** 7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

**Quest Speaker will be:** Guest speaker for the next regular meeting on May 13, 2015 - TBD.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2130.**

**Submitted by:**

**Bert Wendell, Jr.**

**Commander**

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PRE-APPLICATION INFO

The Department of Virginia is in the process of obtaining an American Legion Virginia License plate. To accomplish this we must obtain 450 applications.

First; it is necessary to establish how many Legionnaires will apply for the new license plate. An exploratory questionnaire is available to Virginia Legionnaires. The brief form asks for NAME, ADDRESS and EMAIL ADDRESS so we can contact you once we have reached the 450 interested members.

The special plate showing our American Legion Emblem is available for all of your noncommercial cars, trucks and motorcycles and can be personalized or you can use your existing personalization and .

The special license plate costs \$10.00 a year without personalization. That is less than 2 combo meals at McDonalds! **NO** money right now.....we must meet our DMV requirements first.

The American Legion License Plate will be a rolling billboard advertising our organization, 24 hours a day seven days a week. It will also be a tribute to you as a Veteran since you cannot be a legion member without being a veteran.

Please fill out the pre-application **NOW** and send it to Department Headquarters or email all of the information:

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**YES! I AM INTERESTED IN A VIRGINIA LEGION LICENSE PLATE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_, VA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSE PLATES YOU WANT**

(Cars-trucks-motorcycles-motorhomes)

This is an inquiry form to determine how many Virginia Legionnaires want a special plate. When the 450 required participants are reached, we will contact you to obtain a DMV license plate form and fee.

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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1708 COMMONWEALTH AVE  
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(SUBJECT- Special Plate)