



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – April 2017 Meeting  
Virginia Beach Post 110  
P.O. Box 62384  
Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The April 12, 2017 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

**Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:**

New members: Fred Kalmbach, Joe DeLong, Eric Bell (all transfers)

Guest speakers: None

Guests: Martha Melberg, Carl Rolf Melberg and Rachel Melberg

**Post Everlasting:** None

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

**Officer's Roll Call:** A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed and voted on. 19 members were present.

**Committee Reports:**

Service Officer Steve Wild: Nothing to report

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 359 members paid to date in 2017 (110% of goal). We have had ten new members so far this year. 49 members are PUFL. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for YTD March was 1,330 hours and 9,370 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Current financial status: \$13,651 in Building Fund and \$3,743.10 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Nothing to report.

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: nothing to report.

Web Master Craig Huber: Unable to attend. Nothing to report.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: Unable to attend; nothing to report.

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

**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:** The Melberg family was in attendance for the dedication of the new name for our post: The SSgt Robert C. Melberg, USA, Virginia Beach Post 110. A copy of the new charter was presented to the family. The family made a contribution of \$3,335 to the new building fund.

**Major Topics Discussed:**

1. Seven members were honored by receiving their Vietnam era service commemoration pins. Adjutant Fred Kinkin discussed plans to invite another 80 members of Post 110 who are Vietnam Era Veterans to the May meeting to receive recognition for Vietnam service and receive Vietnam Era Service Commemoration Pins and certificates.
2. The telethon to contact potential members who have left the American Legion in the past five years was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and yielded ten transfers and one new member. Thanks to all who participated.
3. Wendell Parker, Boys State Coordinator reported that we will be sponsoring six boys to Boys State instead of four previously discussed. Two more candidates are receiving funding from their respective high schools. Boys State will be held 18-24 June at Radford University. Cost is \$400 per student plus \$150 for transportation. The participants will come to our June meeting.
4. Adjutant Fred Kinkin summarized the details around the new Department of Veteran's Services care facility which is being built in Virginia Beach; it is a 120 bed long term care, Alzheimer care and rehab center that will come on line in the fourth quarter of 2019.
5. Tonya Jones, President of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 110 shared plans for the "Linens for Vets" campaign that will provide gently used towels, linens and blankets to the Virginia PATH program to distribute to veterans making the transition from Homelessness. Drop off any items you have on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm at The Bishopsgate Department Store, 3259 Virginia Beach Blvd. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**Action Items Agreed:**

1. Bert Wendell will write an article summarizing the dedication of our new post home name to SSgt Robert C. Melberg. (Wendell)
2. Investigate VFW Post 392 as potential site for our future post meetings. (Smith)
3. Organize a recognition ceremony for all Vietnam Era Veteran post members who have not yet received their commemorative pins. Schedule ceremony for the May and June meeting. (Kinkin)
4. Fred Kinkin will coordinate awards for First Colonial HS NJROTC unit. Dave Smith will coordinate awards for Landstown HS. NJROTC. (Kinkin and Smith)

**Correspondence Received:** None

**Long Range Goals:**

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.
2. Increase active membership participation.

**Recently Completed Events:**

Nov 10 - Veteran's Day ceremony at OLPH

Nov 11 = Veteran's Day parade at VB oceanfront and convention center

Dec 14 - American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

Feb 5 - Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Feb 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference

March 10-12 – American Legion Department of Virginia Spring Conference

**Upcoming Events:**

May 03 - Landstown HS NJROTC awards ceremony

May 10 – American Legion Post 110 meeting

May 18 - First Colonial HS NJROTC Awards Ceremony

May 29 – Memorial Day (Observed)

June 14 – American Legion Post 110 meeting/Flag Day/Meet Boys State candidates

July 12 - American Legion Post 110 meeting and Boys State candidate feedback

**Good of the Legion:** Nothing to report.

**50/50 Raffle:** Tonya Jones won the Crooked Raffle

**Next Monthly Meeting:** 7:30pm, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by:

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