



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The August 13, 2014 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, and Items of Interest:

Post 110 Legionnaires Marshall L. Clark, a U.S. Navy and Vietnam War Veteran and Daniel J. Marcely, USN a Lebanon/Grenada Veteran applied for Paid Up For Life (PUFL) Membership. American Legion National Headquarters notified Post 110 of these requests on July 21, 2014. Post 110 did not challenge these applications. Both are 2014 members in good standing.

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 July 9, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Post 110 Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann gave a presentation on his duties. He also talked about American Legion membership and how each Post member can assist in recruiting new members.

Home Depot staff members Liz Havelka, Aisha Fells, and Steffi Kauer asked Post 110 to participate in their annual project to assist military veterans with maintenance and re-modeling of their homes. Handicap ramps can also be done under this project.

Major Topics Discussed:

* Legionnaire Terry Howard has had Post 110's business cards prepared and was available to pass out a number of these cards to each member attending the meeting. These cards can be an effective tool in recruiting new members. Post 110 members not attending the meeting can receive business cards by contacting the Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann at his email duhlmann1964@gmail.com or Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at stonemanbc@cox.net. The card includes the American Legion Emblem, Post 110 mailing address; email address; and the Post 110's website and Facebook addresses; and membership eligibility requirements.

* It was again discussed that American Legion Post 110 contribute \$1,000.00 to a graduating senior from a Virginia Beach, VA high school in 2015 under the American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Scholarship Program. This is all based on the availability of funds next year.

* It was discussed that Post 110 invite other Virginia Beach Post Commanders and their members to attend our monthly meetings. The Post 110 Commander will be contacting Posts 81, 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.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given

Elections: Nominations for Post 110 officers for 2015-2016 will be requested in April 2015. Post 110 elections will be held in May 2015.

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann stated, that he needs to receive from each Post 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. The Adjutant reported that he has donated to date, 3 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

Membership: 2015 membership, as of August 6, 2014, is 199 with a current year goal of 345 for a 57.6% of goal. 146 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. 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: Reported that two requests from veterans requesting Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) were received and are being considered.

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented a 2014-2015 budget report showing that the Post is in good standing. He also reported that Post 110's application (with a dues check for \$50.00) for membership in the HRCVO will be submitted by the week of September 15, 2014.

Chaplain: George Schmidt reported that he had receive a donation of a 5 X 8 foot funeral, 48 Star, United States Flag from Ellen Westbrook of Virginia Beach, VA in the memory of her uncle Elmer Wilbur (Will) Steinmeyer (07/2/1905 – 05/26/1979). Will was a World War II Army veteran who resided in Cleveland, Ohio. Post 110 is most honored to receive this donation and will use the flag appropriately.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee chairman for Boy's State, reports that he will be preparing for the selection of 2015 Boy's State delegates.

Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:

- Commander Wendell asked 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 and the Facebook page is being updated by Brian Abbott, Post Historian.
- Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann stated a need for an American Legion female member that would volunteer as an additional Service Officer to help with upcoming Women's VA Claims.
- 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.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received: None.

New Business:

- Continued from last meeting: Terry Howard recommended that Post 110 members get together for an evening of bowling at NAS Oceana in VA Beach, VA. This activity will be coordinated and scheduled in the near future.

Recently Completed 2014 Events:

- 2014 Virginia Department State Convention, July 10-13, 2014 at Washington Dulles Hotel in Herndon, VA.
- 2014 Virginia Department Leadership College, August 8-10, 2014 in the Double Tree Hotel at the Richmond-Midlothian (Kroger Center).

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- 2nd District Planning Conference to be held at Attucks Post 5 in Norfolk, VA on August 17, 2014 from 1:00-3:00 PM.
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day Ceremony, September 11, 2014, 10:00AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne, Virginia Beach, VA. Virginia Beach First Responders will be in attendance.
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony, September 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will be held at the Flame of Hope Memorial on Oceana Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA near NAS Oceana. **Note:** This the date/time change due to preparations for NAS Oceana Air Show.
- September 20-21, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Membership Booth at NAS Oceana Air Show.
- 2014 Virginia Department Fall Conference, October 24-26, 2014, Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA.
- Veterans Day Parade (9:00 AM) and Memorial Ceremony (11:00 AM) at Tidewater Veterans Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA on November 11, 2014.
- Veterans Day Ceremony, November 12, 2013, 10:30 AM, at OLPH Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA.
- American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party, December 10, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM, location TBD.

Good of the Legion: “Every Day Is Veterans Day”.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Guest Speaker next month will be: TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Submitted by:

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