



THE AMERICAN LEGION – August 2020 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The August 2020 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Rick Jones.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Don Jackson transferred from Post 141 to Post 110

Guests: Wayne Mead, Commander, Post 113

Post Everlasting: Thomas Baldwin, three year member, passed on May 9th. May he rest in peace.

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. 12 members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent
- Adjutant Fred Kinkin: Current paid membership is 175 vs goal of 328 (53%). The post received 5 milestone awards for meeting membership milestone targets last year. 2020 final volunteer hours were 2,218 and 10,181 miles driven. July volunteer hours were 41 with 155 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant.
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,665 in building fund savings account; \$3,451 in Post Checking account. The post is in the process of consolidating both accounts into NFCU.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Dave Smith has volunteered to assist the Chaplain. The Chaplain has a brand new Legion cap available for \$40.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Tidewater Tides season will start again in 2021.
- Historian Bert Wendell: Provided an update on the Mary B. Waldron
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- 2nd Vice Commander: Vacant

- Commander Rick Jones: Appointed Dave Smith as Assistant Chaplain.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

CDR Wayne Mead conducted the swearing in ceremony for the new post officers for 2021.

Past Commander Fred Kinkin recognized Rick Jones, George Schmidt and Jon Asher with an American Legion coin for having completed more than 200 hours volunteer work from July, 2019 through June, 2020.

Major Topics Discussed

1. 2nd District VCDR, Membership provided an overview of the state of membership for the American Legion nationally, at the State level and for the District and Post. He challenged members to find new members since overall membership at the national level has dropped by 9% over the past four years. He also discussed the use of technology to better manage American Legion affairs and reviewed the plan to convert to eProcessing for renewals. The Post received four new transfers from Post 141 as a result of the DMS Engagement the past weekend. Another engagement will be conducted in October.
2. A new member incentive of \$20 dues reduction the first year was proposed and approved by unanimous vote.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Feb 2 – Four Chaplain’s Ceremony at Post 310

Feb 16 – 2nd District Spring Conference

Feb 28 – Mar 1: Virginia Department Conference

May 6 – NJROTC medals were presented to Landstown HS and First Colonial HS

Upcoming Events:

Sep 23 – Post 110 Monthly meeting

Oct 28 - Post 110 Monthly meeting

Nov 25 – Post 110 Monthly meeting

Good of the Legion: Chaplain George Schmidt recommended all members watch the newly released movie, Boys State.

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Suspended during COVID

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 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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Post Adjutant

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