

THE AMERICAN LEGION – August 2022 Meeting
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Call to Order: The August 2022 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander, Rick Jones at 7:00 pm.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members: None

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. 12 members were present.

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

Commander's Report: Commander Rick Jones reported on the following:

- Thanks to all Legionnaire's who manned our table at the Navy Night Tides Game. Giving at Baseball Caps was great. Fred Kirkin reported 5 request for info: 3 for VB, 2 for Chesapeake. Raised \$125. For post home.
- The new Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Ctr on North Landing Rd will open in September. Looking for an invite at Opening ceremonies. Ron Basso will be attending.
- The September 17-18 Air Show will proceed without our Post this year. Base Reduction cost has not only affected suppling tents/tables for Veteran organizations but repairs to the Flame Of Hope Memorial on Oceana Blvd are needed.
- 'Raising The Bar' a Legion Program aimed at increasing membership statewide will be conducted Sunday, September 28 at post 37. Rick Jones and Ron Basso will attend.
- Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 starts at 9 am on 16th street followed by a Luncheon. Ron Basso will have Luncheon tickets by September Meeting
- 2023 Membership Target Goal is 310.
- Last year we had '0' New Members
- Transfer calls from Post 141 will be conducted in September. We must have their permission to transfer them into our post. Ron Basso will make contact.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell absent. 2 Calls for Service
- Adjutant Ron Basso: 309 members renewed for 2022. 2023 goal is 310. 110% Goal for 2023 would be 343. Presently we are at 186.

Volunteer Hours: As of August 27 YTD 280 volunteer hours and 1,117 miles driven. All were reminded to continue to report their volunteer hours to the Adjutant

2nd District Membership Kick-Off: This Sunday, August 28 at 1300 hrs at Post 37, 700 N. Military Hwy
The purpose is to: 1) review membership goals, 2) strategies to increase membership, 3) hear successful recruitments from across the Nation

September 7 Membership Challenge: We need to be at 50% to qualify for the 2022 Jefferson Award or 160. Presently we are at 186 or 56.77% of our goal. We have met the October goal already. Last year, we met every Membership Goal except the last one of 100%. Contact your military friends and get them on board.

We received a Citation of Appreciation from Boys State of Virginia for a Youth Scholarship.

Fred Kinkin discussed ways to build the Post via programs to area youths. He discussed three programs he can assist us with: 1) Junior Law Enforcement Academy, 2) Oratorical Contest and 3) the Shooting Championships. Ron discussed the money available to HS kids. Fred will get with Ron on contact info and dates.

FYI: Total number of American Legion Youth Scholarships awarded was \$164,282

FYI: \$5,000 scholarships were recently awarded to a Texas HS boy and SC HS girl for winning the AL National Junior Shooting Sports Championship in Precision and Shooter categories respectively at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center on July 23. Both VB JR ROTC units have Shooting Teams.

FYI: Emma Noble of Post 555 in Pelham, ALA won the 2022, AL Oratorical Contest with her speech entitled, "The Power of the Executive Order: Because I Said So!" She was awarded a \$25,000 scholar. How can we encourage our Boy State Recipients or anyone to enter this contest?

- Finance Officer Bob Russell: Financial status was: \$19,463.04 in building fund savings account; \$2,455.75 in Post Checking account. This does not include membership receipts up to August 24th
- Chaplain Dave Smith: NTR
- Historian Bert Wendell: Will turn notebook Hours in at September Mtg. Thanked Tonya for taking photos at ball game and sending to Bert who sent them to Rawl for Web site posting. Sent to Steve Wild for Face Book posting as well.
- Auxiliary President Tonya Jones: Present. NTR

Major Topics/Upcoming Events Discussed

1. Air Show, 9/17-18. There was some discussion of attending anyway but without a tent, we'd die in the heat. The idea of asking to share a tent with another Post died for lack of discussion.
2. District Fall Conf, 9/18
3. 104th Dept Fall Conf, 10/21-23
4. MIA/POW Flame of Hope Ceremony – NAS Oceana does not support or cannot support this Wreath Laying Ceremony in Memory of Fallen/Missing Soldiers due to Reduction in their own Capital Outlay.
5. Veterans Day Parade, 11/11
6. Four Chaplin's, 5/2/2023

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home. There is no Committee or Budget appointed yet. An exhaustive attempt to raise money/awareness for a Post Home was made many years ago. After hundreds of man hours in meetings, on the phone, personal contacts with the City, Business Leaders, etc., only several thousand dollars was raised.
2. Increase Membership and Active Participation in Post activities via programs aimed at Youth in the Community.

Recently Completed Events:

July 8 – American Legion State Convention

July 27 – Post 110 Monthly Meeting at 7pm; feedback from Boys State participants

Upcoming Events:

Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day parade at 9am

Oct 26 – Post 110 Meeting at 7 pm

Nov 23 – Post 110 Meeting at 7pm

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: George Schmidt won, donated \$10.50 to Building Fund

Upcoming Meetings: Oct 26 – Post 110 Meeting at 7pm and November 23 at 7. No December Meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Submitted by:

Ron Basso

Post Adjutant

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