



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

**Call to Order:** The February 11, 2015 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order at 1930 by presiding Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

**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.

**Introduction of Guest, Prospective and New Members:** New member, Arlene Kevitz, was introduced to the attending membership. She is a U.S. Army veteran and is transferring her membership to American Legion Post 110.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** Steve Sokolowski is still recuperating at home.

**Reading of Minutes:** The October 8, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the October minutes please go to [vapost110.org](http://vapost110.org) on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:** Post 110 Adjutant/Service Officer, Doug Uhlmann, had to cancel his presentation due to his work schedule. He is rescheduled for March 11, 2015.

**Item 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.

### **Major Topics Discussed:**

- Need a replacement for Brian Abbott as Post Historian and Facebook Coordinator. Brian said, that he can continue posting information, sent to him by email, on Post 110 Facebook page until a replacement is found.
- **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. Team Depot volunteers are not involved in these projects, but these grants are a great option for engaging your Legionnaires and community. **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.

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

**Adjutant:** Doug Uhlmann reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date: 1,294 hours and driven 3,417 miles. 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. 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 is to file the Post Data Form with Virginia Department on April 15, 2015. The Legion Department reports are due to Virginia Department on May 23, 2015.

**Membership:** 2015 membership, as of February 4, 2015 is 283 with a current year goal of 345 for a 82.029% of goal. 62 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. Adjutant reports that he has sent Five (5) Post membership renewals or new Member applications to Virginia Department, Richmond, VA. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events. The 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 Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). He has also talked with 10 veterans who needed information on veteran's benefits.

**Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski was not present. An up to date 2015 monthly budget report will be given at the March 11, 2015 meeting. As discussed with Finance Officer, by phone, a check for \$136.00 needs to be sent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Finance Officer, Curry Brooks, to cover Post membership (272 members) dues as of January 14, 2015. Also, \$250.90 was paid to American Legion Flag & Emblem for the procurement of (2) flag poles; (2) 5" Cord and Tassels; (2) flag spreaders; (2) Boy's State Medals; (2) NJROTC medals; and (1) roll of U.S. Flag Stickers. Another cost of \$82.68 was incurred in the making of the Post 110 Banner (this is explained further in the New Business Section of these minutes).

**Chaplain:** Post Chaplain George Schmidt attended the "4 Chaplains Memorial Service" at Churchland Post 310 on February 1, 2015.

**Historian:** This position is vacant. However, Brian Abbott will continue updating Post 110's Facebook page until a replacement is found.

**Activities:** American Legion Post 110 members attended the showing of the movie "American Sniper", Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Beach Movie Bistro on Laskin Road in Virginia Beach, VA. The members were the guest of the Virginia Beach Police Benevolent Association, Local #34. Those members attending were George Schmidt, Bob Melberg, Steve Sokolowski, Steven Wild, and Bert Wendell, Jr. There were also 3 family members or guest attending.

**American Legion Boy's State of Virginia:** Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee chairman for Boy's State, was absent from the meeting, however, he continues to prepare for the selection of two 2015 Boy's State Delegates.

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

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

- Post Legionnaire of the Year Award nomination is due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA no later than June 5, 2015.
- Four Chaplains Legion of Honor nominations due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA on April 8, 2015.
- Citation for Meritorious Service nominations for Post Service Officers are due to Virginia Department Headquarters on May 10, 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 Brian Abbott, Past Post Historian, until a replacement is found.
- Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann will be 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. 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 request from the Mesothelioma Group, a charitable organization, which supports veterans and military service organizations, to list their link on Post 110 website. This request is still being discussed and the information may be posted on the website at a later date.
- An email from Jim "Doc" Payne, a U.S. Navy veteran, requesting some sponsorship, financial or material support for son Mitchell Payne's project supporting a new foundation call Landing Zone (LZ) Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation located in Virginia Beach. Mitchell is a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 996 of Virginia Beach. Jim Payne will be contacted to discuss his request. Post 110 Finance Officer is looking at the 2015 Budget to see if funding is available to make a \$200 donation.

### **New Business:**

- Jeff Kocab recommended that Post 110 set up a membership table at Harbor Park this baseball season to recruit new members. He is coordinating the dates/times with Harbor Park supervisors. He will know the dates by mid-April 2015.
- A recommendation/motion was made and approved at the January 14, 2015 meeting to procure a 2'X6' Post 110 banner for displaying at membership recruitment events. Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

had the banner made on February 9, 2015 at CBS National Engraving and Trophy Company in Portsmouth, VA at a cost of \$82.68. It was presented to the Post 110 membership at this meeting.

### **Recently Completed 2014 Events:**

- January 21, 2015 (8:30 AM) - Day on the Hill at Department Headquarters in Richmond, VA.
- February 1, 2015 (3:00 PM) – 4 Chaplains Memorial Service at Churchland Post 310.

### **Upcoming 2015 Events:**

- February 15, 2015 (1:00 PM) – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference at Post 327 in Norfolk, VA.
- March 13-15, 2015 – Spring Conference at Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center.
- May (Date TBD), 2015 – NJROTC Awards at Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 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 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.
- 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, March 11, 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Note: Guest speaker for this meeting will be Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann who will speak about services provided to veterans and their families.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2130.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Commander**

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