

THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2016 Meeting
Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
Virginia Beach, VA 23466

Call to Order: The February 10, 2016 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by presiding Commander Dan Ryan.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members: None

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Thoughts and prayers sent to Kenny Golden and Jeff Kocab for speedy recoveries.

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

Committee Reports:

Service Officer Doug Uhlmann: unable to attend but had nothing to report

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 280 members have renewed their membership for 2016 vs goal of 328. Currently at 85.4% of target for 2016. YTD since July 1, 22 members have transferred into the unit and only three have transferred out. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. YTD January volunteer activity has been 905 hours and 6,474 miles travelled! Brick Fund from 2001 contributors have been identified – there are still five that are active members of the post.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Post account has \$3,561. Building fund now stands at total of \$12,841 (consisting of three CD's and one savings account).

Chaplain George Schmidt: Assisted fellow Legion member Jeff Kocab during his illness. Reminded everyone that the Four Chaplains Ceremony was held February 7th at 1300.

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: Awaiting response from NAS Oceana NEX for a fund raising table at the exchange.

Web Master Craig Huber: Unable to attend; NTR

Vice Commander Dave Smith: Scott Saunders, ACT America to be our guest speaker at March meeting. We need volunteers to support March 10th membership drive to be held at the outset of the Virginia Department Spring Conference in Virginia Beach.

Reading of Minutes: The January 2016 meeting minutes were read. They are posted on the vapost110.org website.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None

Major Topics Discussed:

1. Post Home. It was decided to make direct appeals via phone to Post 110 members asking for donations. Call sheets were assigned and volunteers were requested to make calls and provide status by the March meeting. The call lists were also marked with the 45 members who have not yet renewed their membership so they can be reminded during the fundraising call. Membership agreed to continue fundraising efforts and to continue to search for other properties. Steve Wild is waiting to hear back from the NEX about setting up a table for contributions at the Oceana Navy Exchange. Fred Kinkin contacted the Norfolk Tides about fundraising through concessions volunteers but found out it is not feasible since the Tides only use volunteers who are willing to commit to a half season with at least 10-12 volunteers at each game.

2. Dan Ryan made contact with the VA Department Auxiliary and has details required to establish an Auxiliary unit. Thus far seven members have signed up – we need ten to stand up the unit. Annual dues are \$20. Tanya Jones has volunteered to lead the new unit while it is being formed. The goal is to have at least ten members by the March meeting so we can announce the new Auxiliary unit by the March Virginia Spring Conference which will be held in Virginia Beach.

3. The First Colonial High School JNROTC made a request to fund a student to attend the National Flight Academy this summer at a cost of \$1,250. Membership was not able to support the request due to lack of funds but recommended that we include this in our budget for 2017.

Correspondence Received: None

Long Range Goals:

1. Increase support for the NJROTC program in Virginia Beach. The Post currently supports the awards ceremony at Landstown High School. Capt Sinibaldi has asked the post to participate in the Cox HS and First Colonial HS NJROTC awards programs. We are not funded to increase participation at this time.

Short Range Goals:

1. Continue fundraising for new Post Home.
2. Start Women's Auxiliary Post

Recently Completed Events:

September 11- Patriots Day at OLPH
September 19-20- NAS Oceana Airshow
October 19- VA National Guard deployment send off at Birdneck Elementary
October 23-25 VA Department fall conference in Williamsburg
November 11 – Veteran's Day parade in Virginia Beach
November 12 – Veteran's Day Ceremony at OLPH
December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
February 9 – Four Chaplains Service

Actions Agreed:

1. Call all Post 110 members for new post home donations and remind 45 members who have not renewed to send in their 2016 dues. (various volunteers)
2. Check with NAS Oceania for feasibility of setting up contribution table at NEX (Wild)
3. Continue efforts to establish Women's Auxiliary post. (Ryan)
4. Fred Kinkin to meet with Captain Timothy Reichardt from NJROTC First Colonial High School to establish improved working relationship between the two groups for the future.
5. Dan Ryan to invite other Virginia Beach American Legion Posts to our March meeting to hear Scott Saunders, ACT America, guest speaker about Islamic threat to America.
6. Tanya Jones to coordinate refreshments for March meeting.

Upcoming Events:

February 21, 2016 – 2nd District spring meeting at Post 327.

March 1, 2016 – Virginia Primary – please vote!

March 9, 2016 – Post 110 March meeting

March 11-13 – American Legion Department of VA spring meeting in Virginia Beach

May 30, 2016– Memorial Day parade

Good of the Legion: Dan Ryan reminded members that Congress recently voted to reduce housing allowance by 50% for children of GI Bill recipients. He encouraged all to contact their Congressman to express their dissatisfaction with this decision.

50/50 Raffle: Tanya Jones won the raffle.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday March 9th, 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Guest Speaker: Scott Saunders, ACT has been invited for the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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