



THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2018 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The February, 2018 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: None

Guest speaker: Wayne Mead, 2nd District Vice Commander for Membership

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 and voted on. Fourteen members were present.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer: Vacant position

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 316 renewals for the 2018 membership year have been received. Goal for this year is 373 members so we are at 85% of goal. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity through January, 2018 ytd was 930 hours and 5,581 miles travelled.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Financial status: \$17,743 in Building Fund and \$4,242 in Post Checking account.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Will coordinate presentation of Post Everlasting Certificate with the family of Amsbry Brooks at a future meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Jeff will coordinate with Tidewater Tides to have the post work a table for membership drive at a Tides game this spring.

Web Master Craig Huber: Absent. Website is up to date.

Vice Commander Rick Jones: Offered thoughts and prayers for the victims and families of the Florida H.S. shooting that occurred earlier in the day.

Commander David Smith: Informed all about the Virginia Law Enforcement Cadet Program which will be held 24 – 29 June at the Virginia State Police Academy in Richmond. The Commander also reviewed the details of the new military discount program at Lowe's stores.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Wayne Mead discussed current status on membership at the national, state, district and post levels. Nationally, the American Legion has dropped from 2.4 million members in 2012 to less than 2.0 million today. He answered questions about membership procedures and ideas to generate new members. Wayne also held a brief training session on proper American Legion cap etiquette.

Major Topics Discussed:

1. Bert Wendell volunteered to coordinate the Airshow participation this year so long as we can get plenty of volunteers to assist at the airshow.
2. Wendell Parker, Boys State Coordinator, provided an overview of this year's Boys State program. It will be held at Radford University from June 17-23. Tuition will be \$400 and transportation will cost \$125. Post 110 will focus on working with Kellam HS and Bishop Sullivan HS for candidates. Candidate nominations are due April 1st. There is also an urgent need for Boys State Counselors for the program.
3. The Vets and Cadets interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 14th at our next meeting. We have also invited Post 113 members to participate.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Nov 10 – Veterans Day ceremony at OLPH

Nov 11 – Veterans Day parade at VA Beach oceanfront

Dec 13 -- Post 110 Christmas Party was held at Gus and George's

Jan 13 -- Membership renewal phone bank

Upcoming Events:

Feb 18 – District 2 Conference at Post 5, Norfolk

Mar 9-11 - Spring Conference at Va. Beach Resort and Conference Center

Mar 14 – American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; Vets and Cadets program

Apr 11 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting

May 9 - American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; meet Boys State nominees

July 11 – American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; feedback from Boys State

July 13-15 - 2018 State American Legion Convention Hilton Dulles Airport

Oct 26-28 - Fall Conference at Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg

Good of the Legion: Marian Triscritti mentioned the Women's Marines celebrated their 75th Anniversary on February 14.

50/50 Raffle: Bert Wendell won the Crooked Raffle.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at OLPH at 7:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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