



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2019 Meeting  
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110  
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Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The February, 2019 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander Fred Kinkin.

**Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:**

New members: none

Guests: T. F. Guzman, LT, USN – Ret; Senior Instructor, NJROTC, First Colonial High School

**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. Twelve members were present.

**Committee Reports:**

Service Officer: Eric Bell. Eric is undergoing training by taking the on line Service Officer training course and doing on the job training with Eric Isakson, Post 327 Service Officer.

Adjutant Rick Jones: So far we have had 306 renewals vs our 2019 goal of 347 members (88%). He also discussed the current drive to raise funds for the American Legion Museum. Also reminded membership that Chesapeake Public Schools is hiring custodians.

Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,443 in building fund savings account; \$4,344 in Post Checking account. Both accounts have been updated with new custodian. Jon will research combining both accounts into one bank and try to earn a better interest rate on the savings.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Attended the Four Chaplain's Ceremony on Feb 3, 2019.

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Will provide new contact name for coordinating Tidewater Tides game for the post this summer.

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

Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Requested all members submit recommendations to him for guest speakers for the remainder of the year.

ALA Commander Tonya Jones: ALA will meet the first Wednesday of each month at Quentin's Tea Emporium. Auxiliary will host another Linens for Vets drive in April and will collect items to send to soldiers overseas. Post 190, Portsmouth, will host a prayer breakfast on March 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm – cost is \$15pp.

Commander Fred Kinkin: Stressed the importance of finding new members. Volunteer activity January YTD 1,273 hours and 8,749 miles. Members were reminded to report their volunteer hours monthly. Buddy check week will be held the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>. The mobile Vietnam Wall will be visiting Tarboro, NC October 17-20. American Legion History: in 1946, the American Legion National Commander, Harry Colmery, drafted the original version of the GI Bill which Congress voted into law later that year.

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

### **Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:**

LT. TF Guzman, senior instructor of NJROTC, First Colonial HS updated the membership on the mission and activities of NROTC program. Post 110 will continue to support NJROTC First Colonial HS. Post 110 Commander presented Lt. Guzman with an American Legion coin thanking him for serving as guest speaker.

### **Major Topics Discussed**

- Post 110 Commander met with Mary Kell Powers, OLPH, to discuss continuing our relationship with OLPH by holding ceremonies for certain holidays as we have in the past. The Post Commander presented a Letter of Appreciation for OLPH for allowing us to use their facility and delivered the annual \$300 contribution to support OLPH.
- The Commander noted that Post 110 bylaws have not been updated since their inception in 1986. It was agreed that the Executive Board will commence a review and provide a recommended update of the bylaws to membership later this year.
- The Commander thanked VFW 392 for allowing us to use their facility and reviewed the facility rules.
- Application for the required bonding of Post 110 officers was submitted.
- A motion was made and unanimously approved to replenish the post's stock of mugs, patriotic pins and American Legion thank you coins. Approximate total cost of \$300.

### **Long Range Goals:**

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

### **Recently Completed Events:**

January 5 – JAG Pilot program

February 3 – Four Chaplain's Ceremony

February 9 – Eastern Region Oratorical Contest at Post 368, Newport News

**Upcoming Events:**

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference

March 1-3 – Virginia Department Spring Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth

March 13 – American Legion Post 110 Meeting at VFW Post 392

April 3 – Post 110 Executive Board meeting at Commander Kinkin's house

April 10 – American Legion Post 110 Meeting at VFW Post 392

May 8 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at place TBD

TBD May – NJROTC Awards ceremonies at First Colonial HS and Landstown HS

May 27 – Virginia Beach Memorial Day ceremony

**Good of the Legion:** None

**50/50 Raffle:** Eric Bell won the Crooked Raffle and donated proceeds to the new Post home.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, March 13 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by:

Frederic M. Kinkin

Post Commander

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