



THE AMERICAN LEGION – February 2020 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The February 2020 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: Luther Williams, Director, Navy Retired Activities, Little Creek
Wayne Mead, Commander, American Legion Second District

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. Twelve members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Absent; Eric is undergoing Federal Police Officer training in Brunswick, GA until April.
- Adjutant Rick Jones: Absent. Current paid membership is 302 vs goal of 336 (90%)
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Absent. Financial status was: \$18,753 in building fund savings account; \$3,851 in Post Checking account.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Attended the Four Chaplain's Ceremony earlier in February.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Tidewater Tides season begins April 11
- Web Master Craig Huber: Absent. Website is up to date; responsibility has been transferred to Rawl Gelinias.
- 1st Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Guest speaker for Feb. will be Smitty Smith, Director of the Vet's House. Bert also reported visiting Ann Sokolowski, widow of member Steve Sokolowski – Ann gave Bert a box of historical artifacts for the post including several American Legion Pins which were displayed.

- 2nd Vice Commander Miriam Triscritti: Absent.
- ALA Commander Tonya Jones: Absent; The Auxiliary is back up to eleven members.
- Commander Fred Kinkin: Volunteer activity thru January: 1,716 hours; 8,489 miles. Reminded members that new officers for the post will be elected in May. Please consider serving in an officer position.

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

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Luther Williams, Director of Retired Activities Little Creek described the function of the ROA office including assistance after a member or spouse death, changes in Navy policy for retirees, and other important benefits for retirees.

Wayne Mead, Commander American Legion Second District, summarized national American Legion accomplishments during last year, the 100th year of the American Legion. He also discussed national goals for 2020 with the theme of Foundations for the Future.

Major Topics Discussed

1. A discussion was conducted to float the idea of moving our meeting date from the second Wednesday of each month to the fourth Wednesday in order to deconflict with the Power Squadron meeting since the post has several members who are power squadron members. No one in attendance had any objections. A request has been made to VFW392 to see if the hall is available on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We would not change the schedule until July, 2020. The issue will be taken up at the March meeting once we have feedback from VFW 392.
2. Wendell Parker, Boys State Coordinator, discussed plans for Boy's State 2020 which will be held 21-27 June at Radford University.
3. All members should be aware that Congress recently granted access to Commissary, Exchange and MWR activities to veterans with service connected disabilities. To check if you are qualified, please visit the website: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day Parade in Virginia Beach

Nov 12 – Veteran’s Day ceremony at OLPH

Dec 11 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party at Gus and George’s Restaurant, 6pm

Feb 2 – Four Chaplain’s Ceremony at Post 310

Upcoming Events:

Feb 16 - 2nd District Spring Conference at Post 5, 1pm

Feb 28 – Mar 1 - American Legion Dept of Virginia Spring Conference in Portsmouth, VA

Mar 11 – Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

Apr 8 - Post 110 monthly meeting at VFW 392, 7pm

Good of the Legion: None

Building Fund 50/50 Raffle: Won by Fred Kinkin; he donated the \$19 winnings to the Building Fund

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, March 11 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach. **START TIME 7PM.** .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Frederic M. Kinkin

Post Commander

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