



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The January 8, 2014 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order at 1930 by presiding Commander, Bert Wendell, Jr.

Introduction of Guest, Prospective and New Members: None.

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.

Reading of Minutes: The November 13, 2013 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. The December 11, 2013 meeting/Christmas Party minutes was read and both minutes were entered into the record.

Special Recognition: A "Post Everlasting Ceremony" (ringing of the Post Bell) was held in memory of post members lost during the past year:

John A. Weisz of Chesapeake, VA
Earl "Wally" Timmons of Virginia Beach, VA
Richard E. Mayo of Virginia Beach, VA
Steven J. McGinnis of Virginia Beach, VA
John Sobolosky, Whitehall, PA
David L. Vandermel of Virginia Beach, VA

Major Topic Discussed: According to the American Legion Website (<http://www.legion.org>), the IRS has revised its requirement for all American Legion Posts to maintain a copy of each member's DD-214 at the Post in case of an audit to prove tax-exempt status under section 501(c)19. Effective immediately DD-214s are only required if an IRS agent "possesses information that contradicts documentary information provided (by the veterans service organization) or if the organization fails to satisfy a reasonable request..." As of November 26, 2013, the IRS Manual 4.76.26 was changed to reflect this revision "If an agent needs to determine the composition of membership of a veterans' organization, the agent shall initially request and collect from the organization four sets of documents: 1. Membership List; 2. Dues structure; 3. Membership applications, membership cards, or other similar documents, other than DD-214s; and 4. Documents and procedures that the service organization uses to decide membership eligibility. If the DD-214s or other discharge documents are requested by auditors the documents needs to include the name, department, component and branch of service, and record of service dates. All other personal information may be **redacted.**"

The DD-214 of the discharged service member provides verification of all the requirements for eligibility.

The DD-214 still needs to be verified by the post membership chairman or adjutant to determine membership eligibility. Active duty personnel may show their Military ID Card.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

- **Adjutant:** Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann has filed the Form 990-N (Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ) to the IRS for 2013.

He also submitted an Incorporation Letter for Post 110 and paid 2014 renewal fee for the Post's Post Office Box.

Post 110's Adjutant needs to receive from each Post member, by the first week of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and volunteer activities. Post 110's volunteer hours and miles driven to date are: 2,101 hours and 1,232 miles.

- **Membership:** 2014 membership, as of January 2, 2014, is 292 with a current year goal of 369 for a 79.114% percent of goal. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.
- **Service Officer:** Recently there have not been any veterans requesting assistance in obtaining VA benefits. There was no request for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA).
- **Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented the 2013-2014 Budget for discussion and review on September 11, 2013. A majority vote by those members present approved Post 110's 2013-2014 Budget.

A to-date budget report was given by acting Treasurer Doug Uhlmann showing that the Post is in good standing.

A 3'X9' American Legion Panel Drape that was ordered from American Legion Flag and Emblem at a cost of \$65.95 plus shipping was received on November 20, 2013 by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. The banner will be displayed at the next Post meeting on February 12, 2014.



Future purchases include:

1. Boys State Medals and Certificates for 2014 delegates. Total cost based on four delegates is \$56.00 plus shipping.
2. Two American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Gold Medals (Scholastic and Military Excellence) for 2014 recipients from Virginia Beach's Landstown High School's NJROTC Program. The cost will \$58.00 plus shipping.

These expenditures were approved by the membership at the September 11, 2013 meeting.

Old Business:

- Commander Wendell asked 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 and the Facebook page is being updated by Brian Abbott, Post Historian.
- American Legion Post 110 continues to discuss and look for a suitable facility for its permanent "Post Home". The Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) has volunteered space within their building at 1061 Newtown Road, VA Beach, VA 23462 to be used by Post 110. Commander Wendell and Adjutant Doug Uhlmann will be talking with F.O.E.'s Don Burch to tour the building in the near future. A report will be given to the membership at a future monthly meeting.
- Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann asked that post members, the first week of each month, please forward their volunteer times and miles driven to be used in Post Reports and the end of year Post Consolidated Report.
- Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann stated a need for an American Legion female member that would volunteer as an additional Service Officer to help with upcoming Women's VA Claims.
- Post 110 has renewed its 2013-2014 membership in the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations (HRCVO). Dues are a voluntary \$50.00 donation. HRCVO meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month (except in December) at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20, 4896 Kempsville Greens Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received:

- Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, Corporation – Annual Registration Fee Assessment notice for 2013. The amount due is \$25.00. Payment was made by December 31, 2013.
- Alzheimer's Association, Gino Colombara, President/CEO thanks American Legion Post 110 for its contribution of \$350.00 dollars on October 10, 2013.
- Email from Todd McKeating, Athletic Sales manager, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. "Military Appreciation Night' on Thursday January 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Monarchs vs. Southern Mississippi. Call 757-683-7087 or email Todd McKeating at tmckeat1@odu.edu .

New Business:

- Post Historian Brian Abbott is coordinating an outing for Post 110 members to attend an Admirals' Hockey Game on Friday, March 21, 2014. Tickets will be about \$13.00 per person. Final plans should be available at the February 12, 2014 Post 110 meeting.
- Post Master-at-Arms Terry Howard recommended that Post 110 members get together for an evening of bowling at NAS Oceana in VA Beach, VA. This activity will be coordinated and scheduled in the near future.

Recently Completed 2013-2014 Events:

- December 11, 2013: American Legion Post 110's Christmas Party was held at Gus and Georges Restaurant, 4312 VA Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA from 7-9:00 PM. There were drawings for door prizes.
- January 4, 2014: Second District Oratorical Completion was held at Virginia Wesleyan College in VA Beach, VA.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- January 15, 2014, 8:30 AM: Department Of Virginia “Day on the Hill” in Richmond, VA
- January 26, 2014, 3:00 PM: Second District Four Chaplains’ Service will be held at Churchland Post 310 in Chesapeake, VA.
- February 16, 2014, 1:00 PM: 2nd District Spring Conference at Post 280 in Chesapeake, VA.
- Virginia Department Spring Conference, March 14-16, 2014, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.
- American Legion Post 110 NJROTC Awards, Landstown High School, May 2014. Date/Time: TBD.
- Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2014.
- Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.
- Flag Day, June 14, 2014.
- Independence Day, July 4, 2014.
- 2014 Virginia Department State Convention, July 10-13, 2014 at Washington Dulles Hotel in Herndon, VA.
- 2014 Virginia Department Leadership College, August 8-10, 2014 in the Double Tree Hotel at the Richmond-Midlothian (Koger Center).
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2014.
- September 20-21, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Membership Booth at NAS Oceana Air Show.
- 2014 Virginia Department Fall Conference, October 24-26, 2014, Crowne Plaza at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA.
- Veterans Day, Parade (9:00 AM) and Memorial Ceremony (11:00 AM) at Tidewater War Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA on November 11, 2014.
- Veterans Day Ceremony, November 12, 2013, 10:30 AM, at OLPH Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA.
- American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party, December 10, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM, location TBD.

Good of the Legion: “Every Day Is Veterans Day”.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by:

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