

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
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Call to Order: The January 13, 2016 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by presiding Commander Dan Ryan

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members Bill Clark and Tony Antonik introduced themselves. Both transferred from other posts.

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Thoughts and prayers sent to Kenny Golden for a speedy recovery.

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

Committee Reports:

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

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 265 members have renewed their membership for 2016 vs goal of 328. We surpassed the 80% target set for year-end but need to push to make our annual target. In December sent letters to 20 potential transfers from other posts who currently live in Virginia Beach; thus far five have transferred to Post 110. Congratulations to Terry Howard, our newest PUFL (Paid up for life) member. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. November was an outstanding volunteer month with 310 hours and 1,898 miles travelled!

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Post account has \$3,561. Building fund now stands at total of \$12,703 (consisting of three CD's and one savings account). Terry Howard contributed \$100 to the building fund.

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

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: NTR

Web Master Craig Huber: Unable to attend; NTR

Vice Commander Dave Smith: Sent email invitation to Scott Saunders, ACT America to be our guest speaker at February meeting; no response yet. 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 November 2015 meeting minutes were read. They are posted on the vapost110.org website.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None

Major Topics Discussed:

1. Post Home. Direct mail-out to Virginia Beach businesses has not been successful for fundraising. To date only \$200 has been raised (two businesses contributed). Forty of the 765 letters were returned as undeliverable. Member volunteers are needed to make follow-up calls to businesses. It was also decided to make direct appeals via phone to Post 110 members asking for donations. Membership agreed to continue fundraising efforts and to continue to search for other properties. Steve Wild volunteered to investigate setting up a table for contributions at the Oceana Navy Exchange.

2. Membership agreed to pursue the establishment of a Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit. Dan Ryan to contact VA Department Auxiliary to get details. We will need ten member's spouses to start a unit.

Correspondence Received: None

Long Range Goals:

1. Increase support for the NJROTC program in Va Beach. The Post currently supports the awards ceremony at Landstown HS. Captain 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

Actions Agreed:

1. Develop call list for soliciting Post 110 members for new post home donations. (Kinkin)
2. Check with NAS Oceania for feasibility of setting up contribution table at NEX (Wild)
3. Determine process to establish Women’s Auxiliary post. (Ryan)

Upcoming Events:

February 10, 2016 – Next Post 110 Meeting
February 21, 2016 – 2nd District spring meeting at Post 327.
March 9, 2016 – Post 110 March meeting
March 11-13 – American Legion Department of VA spring meeting in Virginia Beach

Good of the Legion: NTR.

50/50 Raffle: Terry Howard won the raffle and donated his winnings to the new post home.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday February 10, 2016 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462

Guest Speaker: Scott Saunders, ACT has been invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

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