



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – January 2017 Meeting
Virginia Beach Post 110
P.O. Box 62384
Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

Call to Order: The January 11, 2017 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander David Smith.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Russell Frazier

Guest speaker: Percy Dozier, Veteran's Administration, Readjustment Counselor

Post Everlasting: James S. Sheets, 5 year member

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 Doug Uhlmann: unable to attend, nothing to report

Adjutant Fred Kinkin: 308 members paid to date in 2017 (94% of goal). We have had seven new members and ten transfers in to the post. 49 members are PUFL. Reminder to all members to submit your volunteer hours monthly. Volunteer activity for YTD Dec, 2016 was 848 hours and 6,165 miles travelled. Post 110 bumper stickers are available to all members – they were made by Post 56 and donated to our post.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: unable to attend; nothing to report.

Chaplain George Schmidt: unable to attend; nothing to report.

Historian, Sgt at Arms, Steve Wild: nothing to report.

Web Master Craig Huber: unable to attend; nothing to report.

Vice Commander Dave Smith: Intends to contact other VA Beach Post Commanders to set up a meeting in late January to discuss Post Home. Will also publish a Commander's Letter to all members which will be published on the website.

Reading of Minutes: The November meeting minutes are posted on the vapost110.org website. There was no meeting in December due to the Christmas Party.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Percy Dozier from the Veteran's Administration provided an overview of veteran's benefits available to all veterans. He passed out VA contact information and pledged to support our members in any way possible.

Major Topics Discussed:

1. Fred Kinkin gave an update on the request to rename the post to SSgt Robert C. Melberg, US Army, American Legion Post 110, Virginia Beach. The request has been approved by national headquarters and is awaiting final signature by the Commander, Department of Virginia.
2. Fred Kinkin and Steve Wild summarized the assistance provided to clear snow for a veteran's widow, Evelyn Hill after the recent snowstorm. Mrs. Hill gave \$20 to the new Post home fund to thank us for our efforts. Thanks to members Steve Wild, Roger Dadiomoff, Roger's son Joe and Fred Kinkin for volunteering to help.

Action Items Agreed:

1. A ceremony will be planned to recognize the relatives of Robert C. Melberg once the approval for the new post name is received. Probably will be held in April. (Wendell)
2. Coordinate a meeting with other VA Beach Post Commanders to discuss joining efforts to establish a new Post Home. (Smith)
3. Need to confirm that the Boys State candidate from Green Run HS will be included (referred by Rodney Drummond, Post 5), will be included in our Boys State nominations. (Parker)
4. Contact Bingo Palace to evaluate conducting a fundraiser there for the new post home. (Kinkin)
5. Investigate VFW Post 392 as potential site for our future post meetings. (Smith to ask Craig Huber to take action)
6. Organize a call list to all members in February who have not renewed their membership for 2017. (Jones; Kinkin to provide list)
7. Set up guest speakers for coming months. (Jones)

Correspondence Received: American Legion Virginia Department sponsoring a "Day on the Hill" for all members to visit Virginia State House and meet representatives on January 18.

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.

Short Range Goals:

1. Continue fundraising for new post home.
2. Get final approval to rename Post 110 for Robert C. Melberg

Recently Completed Events:

July 13 – Post induction of new officers
August 10 – Boys State debrief by attendees
Sept 9 - Patriots Day ceremony at OLPH
Sept 10-11 – Participated in Oceana NAS Airshow
Nov 10 - Veteran's Day ceremony at OLPH

Nov 11 - Veteran's Day parade at VB oceanfront and convention center

Dec 14 - American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

Upcoming Events:

Feb 5 - Four Chaplain's Memorial Service

Feb 8 - American Legion Post 110 meeting at OLPH

Feb TBD - 2nd District Spring Conference

Mar 8 - American Legion Post 110 meeting at OLPH

Mar 10-12 - American Legion Department of Virginia Spring Conference in Va Beach

Apr 12 - American Legion Post 110 meeting at OLPH

Good of the Legion: Nothing to report.

50/50 Raffle: Dale Smith won the Crooked Raffle and donated the winnings to the Women's Auxiliary Unit.

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday February 8, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room, 4560 Princess Anne Rd, Va Beach, VA 23462. Guest speaker TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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