



VIRGINIA BEACH POST 110
Virginia Beach, VA
Monthly Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the presiding Commander, Wes Latchford.

A roll-call of officers was conducted and a quorum noted for conducting Post business.

Post welcomed its Delegates from Virginia Boys State, who reported on their experiences at one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. More information on Virginia Boys State is available by visiting <http://www.vaboysstate.org/index.shtml>.

Minutes from the previous month's meeting were read and approved.

The commander went over the Planning Calendar, highlighting the following upcoming events:

- July 19th-22nd, Department of Virginia Convention, Holiday Inn Koger Center, Richmond
- August 10th-12th, Department Leadership College, Crowne Plaza Ft McGruder, Williamsburg

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given.

- Membership – As of the July 11th meeting, 30 members had renewed through mail, 19 renewed online, 0 new members, with 40 Paid Up For Life (PUFL), with 55 to be transmitted to Department puts the Post at 144 renewed/new members for 2013. Overall membership goals for 2013 will be promulgated by Department following the State Convention July 19th-22nd.
- Finance – Finance Officer gave a full report of the Post's finances.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Past Post Commander Wally Timmons continues to battle various health problems. Chaplain George Schmidt underwent back surgery in late May and is recovering well at home. Terry Howard will be undergoing knee replacement surgery in the coming weeks.

Unfinished Business:

- Post held its Flag Retirement Drop-off Campaign from May 29th through June 13th. Sixty-three tattered, soiled, and otherwise unserviceable U.S. Flags were collected at OLPH, the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, and the offices of Booz Allen Hamilton in Norfolk. A Flag Retirement Ceremony was conducted on June 14th for the residents of OLPH. Collected flags were properly retired and disposed of by burning on Independence Day.
- Reminder that Post 110 has partnered with Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) for the *Walk to Cure Alzheimer's* on Sunday, October 14, 2012, Neptune Park (31st St & Atlantic Ave), 8:30 am Registration / 10:00 am Start. Post team will be walking in support/honor of Veteran residents at OLPH. This disease does not discriminate and strikes Veterans and non-Veterans alike. **For Veterans, there is emerging evidence that indicates those with traumatic brain injuries**

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7:30 pm, Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
4560 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462

and who suffer from PTSD may be almost twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's than the average population. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Individual's may donate to Virginia Beach Post 110's walk online at:

https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?idb=1222778191&df_id=11706&FR_ID=1414&PROXY_ID=6527596&11706.donation=form1&PROXY_TYPE=20

- Post will partner with the Mt Trashmore YMCA to conduct Flag Education for pre-school students who attend their day care. The program will be conducted 10:00 am-11:00 am on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday; actual date has yet to be determined. Post has purchased *For Which It Stands* DVD & and *Our Country's Flag* comic books for this critical Americanism program.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Correspondence:

- The Post received a Thank You from OLPH for its Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th.
- 2nd District Baseball Committee put out a call for volunteers to help with tickets, concessions, scorekeeping, and announcing for the 2nd District Baseball Playoffs and Championship, July 24th-28th.

Good of the Legion: LT Brian Abbott, USN reported in from liberty ports in Spain and Greece. Brian, the Post's Historian/Public Relations Officer, is an active duty Navy Lieutenant currently serving as a "Shooter" onboard the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER and will on cruise for the next eight months in the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Sea/Persian Gulf. His experiences while deployed will be shared on the Post's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/vapost110?ref=hl>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Submitted by: Wes Latchford