



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The March 11, 2015 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: New member, Leonard “Tony” Antonik, was introduced to the attending membership. He is a U.S. Army veteran and is transferring his membership to American Legion Post 110 from Post 141 in Richmond, VA.

Post Everlasting: Maurice L. Ealy, a Korean War Veteran, from Knotts Island, NC.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Items of Interest:

The American Legion Post 110 Commander has been contacted by a family that wants to donate 2- burial plots, 2 vaults, 2 internments, and a family monument to a deserving veteran and his or her spouse. The plots were originally purchased by the donating family in the 1960s and are located on the Avenue of Flags at Woodland Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, VA. Once again, the veteran must be in need and not able to cover the cost of a funeral. If you know of someone that can benefit from this donation please contact American Legion Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at stonemanbc@cox.net. He will put the veteran and/or spouse in contact with the donor.

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 February 11, 2015 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the February minutes please go to vapost110.org on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Post 110 Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann gave a presentation on his and Suzette Hacker’s work with the Post 110’s “Veteran’s to the Front” program for homeless veterans.

Major Topics Discussed:

* Post Commander called for a volunteer to replace Post Historian Brian Abbott, who moved to Lexington Park, MD. Sergeant-at-Arms Steven Wild volunteered to take over the duties as Facebook Coordinator and Post Historian.

* **Home Depot Grants** are available to American Legion Posts and Legionnaires. Community Impact Grants provide up to \$5,000 in Home Depot gift cards for any project to be

completed by the American Legion and/or community volunteers. Team Depot volunteers are not involved in these projects, but these grants are a great option for engaging your Legionnaires and community. Team Depot Grants fund volunteer projects that utilize Team Depot, the Home Depot' associate-led volunteer force, along with volunteers from your American Legion Post. It is important to note that applying for a grant does not guarantee approval. American Legion Post 110 will seek out projects that can be accomplished in the future. If you know of a veteran that needs assistance, please notify Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at stonemanbc@cox.net or (757) 468-2831.

* On the American Legion Post 110 website is a link to the Mesothelioma Group, a charitable organization supporting military veterans in the American Legion and VFW. The group provides free veteran-specific resources and support for patients and their loved ones.

* A \$200 contribution was approved by the attending membership to support the making of six (6) "Memorial Benches" that will be placed at Landing Zone (LZ) Grace Warrior Retreat Foundation located in Virginia Beach, VA. The project is being accomplished by Mitchell Payne, BSA Life Scout. The total cost for the project is about \$5,000.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Permanent Post Home: The committee is working to locate a permanent home for American Legion Post 110.

Elections: Nominations for Post 110 officers for 2015-2016 will be requested at the April 8, 2015 meeting. Post 110 elections will be held on May 13, 2015 with the installation ceremony on June 10, 2015

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date: 1,424 hours and driven 4,181 miles. He further stated, that he needs to receive from each Post 110 member, by the first week of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and other volunteer activities. This information is needed for the Post's Consolidated Report **Note:** Due to the lack of legionnaires responding with their volunteer hours and miles driven information, this data will be requested, at each monthly meeting, from those attending.

Post Adjutant is to file the Post Data Form with Virginia Department on April 15, 2015. The Legion Department reports are due to Virginia Department on May 23, 2015.

Membership: 2015 membership, as of March 4, 2015 is 299 with a current year goal of 345 for a 86.66% of goal. 46 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. Adjutant reports that he has sent eight (8) Post membership renewals or new member applications to Virginia Department, Richmond, VA on March 11, 2015. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events. **Note:** 2015 membership drive is well underway and membership cards are available from the Post Adjutant, once the \$35.00 dues are paid.

Service Officer: Doug Uhlmann reported that he has received eight (8) requests from veterans for assistance and information on veteran's benefits. He has also talked with nineteen (19) reenter veterans at the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office jail. To date he has

provide information and counseling to 40 veterans. He has also assisted in placing three (3) veterans in housing.

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented an up to date 2015 monthly budget report. Post 110 is in good standing.

Chaplain: Post Chaplain George Schmidt was present with nothing to report.

Historian: Post Master at Arms Steven Wild has volunteered to assume the duties as Post Historian.

Activities: Legionnaire Jeff Kocab, who works at the Norfolk Tides Harbor Park, is helping arrange for a Post 110 membership table at a Military Appreciation Night baseball game in April or May time frame. Game schedule will be available in early April.

Webmaster: Craig Huber continues to update Post 110's website with information on Post 110 and the American Legion.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee Chairman for Boy's State, gave an update on his preparing to select two (2) high school delegates to attend the 2015 Boy's State at Radford University in Roanoke, VA. Boy's State will be held June 21-27, 2015. Boys State Sponsorship Fees are due to Boys State Registrar by April 30, 2015.

Awards: Post Commander and Post Adjutant for action.

- * Post Legionnaire of the Year Award nomination is due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA no later than June 5, 2015.
- * Four Chaplains Legion of Honor nominations due to Virginia Department Headquarters, Richmond, VA on April 8, 2015.
- * Citation for Meritorious Service nominations for Post Service Officers are due to Virginia Department Headquarters on May 10, 2015.

Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:

* Commander Wendell continues to ask 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. The Facebook page is being updated by Steven Wild, new Post Historian.

* Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann is being assisted by Suzette Hacker in assisting American Legion female members with their Women's VA Claims. Suzette Hacker has also volunteered to assist the Post Service Officer with his overall duties.

* Invite other Virginia Beach Post Commanders to attend one of Post 110's monthly meetings or a separate meeting to discuss how we can interact and possibly come together to obtain a permanent American Legion Home in Virginia Beach, VA. American Legion Posts located in Virginia Beach, VA are: 81, 110, 113, and 1992.

* A long range goal of Post 110 is to obtain a permanent American Legion Post Home in Virginia Beach, VA. With the assistance of the other Virginia Beach Posts (81, 113, and

1992), a consolidated American Legion Post Home could become a reality in the future.
Note: A Permanent Post Home Committee was formed at the October 8, 2014 meeting to further pursue locating a vacant property that could be utilized. The committee consists of Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, and Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann.

* Provide a \$1,000 American Legion JROTC Scholarship to a member of the Virginia Beach City Public School JROTC Program.

Correspondence/Emails Received:

A letter from Tidewater Council #596 Boy Scouts of America, 1032 Heatherwood Drive, VA Beach, VA 23455 asking Post 110 to participate in their 2015 Leadership Breakfast and annual fund raiser. Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. responded that we will not be able to attend due to budget constraints.

New Business: Post 110 2nd Vice Commander Bob Melberg recommended that plans be made for Post 110 members to attend the 2016 Virginia International Tatto at Norfolk Scope. Activities Committee will take this for action.

Recently Completed 2015 Events:

February 15, 2015 (1:00 PM) – 2nd District Spring Conference at Post 327 in Norfolk, VA. Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. attended and provided a written Post 110 Report for October 2014 thru February 2015 to the 2nd District Adjutant Mike Bukowski.

Upcoming 2015 Events:

March 13-15, 2015 – Spring Conference at Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center.
May (Date TBD), 2015 – NJROTC Awards at Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA.
May 16, 2015 – Armed Forces Day
May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, VA.
May 26, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Memorial Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.
June 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Flag Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.
June 14, 2015 – Flag Day
June 21-27, 2015 – Boys State at Radford University in Roanoke, VA.
June 21-27, 2015 – Girls State at Longwood University in Farmville, VA.
July 4, 2015 – Independence Day
July 16-19, 2015 – State Convention at Sheraton Hotel & Holiday Inn in Roanoke, VA.
August 7-9, 2015 – Virginia Department Leadership College in Richmond, VA.
September 11, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Patriot Day at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.
October 23-25, 2015 – Fall Conference at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA.
November 3, 2015 – Election Day
November 11, 2015 – Veteran’s Day in Virginia Beach, VA.
November 12, 2015 (10:30 AM) – Veteran’s Day at OLPH, Virginia Beach, VA.
November (Date TBD), 2015 – “Light Up the Town Parade” at Town Center in Virginia Beach, VA.

December 7, 2015 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 9, 2015 – American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party

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

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: Guest speaker for the next regular meeting on April 8, 2015 TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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