



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The May 14, 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: Steve Sokolowski introduced the Boy's State Delegates for 2014 from Bishop Sullivan High School: Timothy J. Keating, Charles S Pitchford, and Kyle E. Phillips. Upon completion of Boy's State in June (15-21) at Radford University, the delegates are invited to attend the Post's meeting on July 9, 2014 to comment on their experiences and receive their medals and certificates.

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 April 9, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Guest speaker was Brian Abbott, Post Historian and a member of the SS United State Conservancy, spoke on the restoration and curatorial development aboard the historic ocean liner SS United States. The almost 1,000-foot long ocean liner started its maiden voyage on July 3, 1952 and set a speed record of 35.59 knots or more than 44 miles per hour. This record still stands today. The ship is moored in Philadelphia, PA and awaits restoration to become a floating museum.



Major Topics Discussed:

- * Received an email from Cathy Hoy, Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA. She requested that Post 110 conduct an American Flag Class on Tuesday,

June 24, 2014 from 2-4 PM. The audience will be adults and some senior citizens. The Class will include a short history of the American Flag; how to display the Flag; proper handling of the Flag; and how to fold the Flag. Those volunteering to conduct the class are Brian Abbott, Doug Uhlmann, Kenny Golden, and Bert Wendell, Jr.

- * American Legion Baseball: Wayne Mead, Vice Commander of Post 113 in Virginia Beach, VA, is starting an American Legion Junior League Baseball Team for the 2014 Season. Tallwood High School will be the base school and he has gotten coaching assistance from two Old Dominion University baseball players. If anyone from Virginia Beach Post 110 would like to volunteer to assist, contact him at 757-450-5626 or email wjmead1968@gmail.com.
- * A design for an American Legion Post 110 business card was discussed and approved. The card will include the American Legion Emblem, Post 110 mailing address; email address; Post 110 and its face book website addresses; and membership legibility requirements. Terry Howard will be arranging for the business card production in the near future.
- * It was discussed that American Legion Post 110 contribute \$1,000.00 to a graduating senior from a Virginia Beach, VA high school in 2015 under the American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Scholarship Program. This is all based on the availability of funds next year.

Committee Reports: The following committee reports were given:

Elections: Additional nominations for the 2014-2015 American Legion Post 110 Officer's were requested. None were made and nominations were closed. A vote on the slate of nominated officers was called. The vote was unanimous for the following: :

Commander: **Bert Wendell, Jr.**
1st Vice Commander: **Dan Ryan**
2nd Vice Commander: **Robert Melberg**
Adjutant: **Doug Uhlmann**
Service Officer: **Doug Uhlmann**
Finance Officer: **Steve Sokolowski**
Chaplain: **George Schmidt**
Historian: **Brian Abbott**
Sergeant-at-Arms: **Steven Wild**

Note: An installation ceremony will be conducted at the June 11, 2014 Post meeting. The 2nd District Commander or Adjutant will conduct the ceremony.

Adjutant: Post 110's Adjutant needs to receive from each Post member, by the firstweek of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legionbusiness and volunteer activities. Post 110's volunteer hours and miles driven to date are:2,720 hours and 2,847 miles.

Adjutant reports that 55 worn U.S. Flags have been properly disposed of to-date.

Membership: 2014 membership, as of May 7, 2014, is 335 with a current year goal of 369 for a 90.786% of goal. 34 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.

Service Officer: There was one request by a veteran for assistance in obtaining Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). After investigation the veteran was determined to not eligible.

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented a to-date budget report show in that the Post is in good standing. A discussion was had and approval was given to order the following items:

- “Lets Be Right On Flag Etiquette” Booklet: Quantity - 100 at a cost of \$80.00
- “Celebration Flags” 4”X6”, Spear Top: Quantity - Gross (144) at a cost of \$26.95
- “American Legion Presentation Folio” holds 8.5X11 inch certificates: Quantity - 24 at a cost of \$46.80

American Legion Boy’s State of Virginia: Wendell Parker (absent from meeting), Post 110’s committee chairman for Boy’s State, reports that 2014 Boy’s State will be held June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University in Radford, VA. Post 110 will sponsor three delegates: 3- from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. Cost to sponsor three delegates is \$1,500 which includes transportation (contracted bus) fee and the registration fee. Names of the delegates are Timothy J. Keating, Charles S. Pitchford, and Kyle E. Phillips. Delegates will learn about local, state and federal government. Also, they will develop civic leadership skills and pride in American Citizenship.



Names left to right: Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Timothy J. Keating, Kyle E. Phillips, Charles S. Pitchford, and Vice Commander Dan Ryan.

Old Business and Long/Short Range Goals:

- 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.
- Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann asked that post members please forward their volunteer times and miles driven by the first of each month. This information will 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.
- 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.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received:

- April 23, 2014 letter from Congressman Scott Rigell asking that American Legion Post 110 participate in the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The ceremony will be held on July 1, 2014 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The time is to be determined. Post 110 will be represented at the ceremony. If you wish to attend this event please contact Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at 757-468-2831 or email: stonemanbc@cox.net . If you attend, please wear your Legion Hat and appropriate attire.

New Business:

- Sergeant-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.
- Brian Abbott, Post Historian, is making arrangements for American Legion Post 110 to attend a Norfolk Tides Baseball Game on June 21, 2014, 7:00 PM, at Norfolk's Harbor Park. Cost of tickets will be \$11.00 per person (group rate for 25 people attending). If you desire to attend contact Brian for tickets at 757-635-9558 or email: brianabbott81@gmail.com . Family members are invited to attend.

Recently Completed 2013-2014 Events:

- On April 24, 2014 at 3-4 PM, Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. and Vice Commander Dan Ryan participated on the WKQA's Channel 1110 AM radio show "Hampton Roads Defense" hosted by Kenny Golden. The radio station is located in the Norfolk Crown Plaza Hotel, Suite 311. The topic of discussion was American Legion Post 110, Fleet Reserve Association and other military service organization's views on current topics

relevant to our military veterans. Representing the FRA was Ray Santee, FRA 166. He can be reached at 757-377-2522.

- NJROTC Awards Ceremony was held at Landstown High School, VA Beach, VA on Wednesday May 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., presented the American Legion ROTC/NJROTC Excellence Medals and Certificates to Cadet Commander Arlan Baldomero for Military Excellence and Cadet Anais Turner for Scholastic Excellence. Legionnaires assisting in the presentation were Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann and Historian Brian Abbott.



Names left to right are: CDR William S. Wales, USN (Ret), AOCs Valerie McQueen-Vance, USN (Ret), Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Cadet Anais Turner, Cadet Commander Arlan Baldomero, Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann, and Post Historian Brian Abbott.

- Armed Forces Day was May 17, 2014.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 26, 2014, 12:00-1:00PM, at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial on 19th Street and across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Post 110 participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Please arrive/muster at about 11:30AM in Legion Uniform (Hat, Blue Blazer, and Patriotic tie.).
- Installation Ceremony for 2014-2015 Post 110 Officers on June 11, 2014, 7:30PM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Flag Day Ceremony, June 14, 2014, 10:00AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Road, Virginia Beach, VA.

- American Legion Boys State of Virginia, June 15-21, 2014 at Radford University, Radford, VA.
- Post 110 at Norfolk Tides Baseball Game, June 21, 2014, 7:00PM, Norfolk's Harbor Park
- U.S. Flag Etiquette Class, Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 2-4:00PM at Bayside Library, 936 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 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 (Kroger Center). Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann will be attending.
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day Ceremony, September 11, 2014, 10:00AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne, Virginia Beach, VA. Virginia Beach First Responders will be in attendance.
- 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 Veterans 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, June 11, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: Order of the Eastern Star.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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