



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The May 13, 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: None.

Post Everlasting: None.

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 two burial plots, two vaults, two 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 April 8, 2015 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the march minutes please go to vapost110.org on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None.

Major Topics Discussed:

- Doug Uhlmann will be attending the Virginia Department Leadership College on August 7-9, 2015 in Richmond, VA.
- The 2015 114th U.S. Congress has taken up Bill H.R. 2067 (introduced by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY-3) on April 28, 2015) to require the Defense Department to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War (beginning on September 2, 1945, and ending on December 26, 1991). The medal will be called the "Cold War Service Medal". Eligible Persons are (1) served on active duty in the armed forces for not less than 24 consecutive months during

the Cold War; (2) was deployed as a member of the Armed Forces outside the continual United States for a period of at least 30 days during the Cold War; (3) was a member of the reserve component of the Armed Forces and called or ordered to active duty to participate in exercises or operations directly related to the Cold War, as determined by Secretary of Defense; (4) performed such other service in the Armed Forces during the Cold War as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe for purposes of the section. The “Required Characterization of Service” – In the case of a person who is already discharged or released from the Armed Forces, the person is eligible for the medal only if the discharge or release was under honorable conditions. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

- Virginia Legion License Plate Application. Virginia Department has surpassed DMV’s gold of 450 applications to continue with manufacturing of the plates. More information to follow soon from DMV and American Legion.
- Whether Post 110 desires to sponsor a JROTC Drill Team for the 2015-2016 at the American Legion, Virginia Department Drill Team Competitions? The Drill Team would compete in the Eastern Region of the Virginia Department and if selected then they would compete against the Northern and Western Regional teams in March 2016 at Little Creek Navy Base. Virginia Department JROTC Drill Team Committee Chairman is Robert Cardwell of Lynchburg, VA. Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. is discussing this with him via email.
- American Legion Post 110’s participation in Post 35’s program to send-off nearly 100 sailors and Marines deploying to Africa, Middle East and other locations. The event will take place on Saturdays between 6:30AM and 7:30AM at the Navy Mobilization and Processing Site (NMPS) on Naval Station Norfolk, VA. Coordinating the event is Post 35’s Commander, Clint Hartman. The Legionnaires along with Veterans of Foreign Wars “VFW Riders” will provide handshakes, words of encouragement, flag waving and fresh doughnuts. Notification for the next event will be sent to participants by Commander Hartman.

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. Post Commander and Vice Commander are to visit Post 35 Post Home in West Ocean View, Norfolk, VA in the near future to discuss how they started their Post Home.

Elections: Elections were held for Post 110’s officers for 2015-2016. The vote was unanimous for the following slate of officers. The Installation Ceremony will be conducted by VA Department, 2nd District Commander Rodney Drummond on June 10, 2015 at 7:30PM.

Commander- Dan Ryan
Vice Commander- David Smith
2nd Vice Commander- Robert Melberg
Adjutant- Doug Uhlmann
Historian- Steven Wild

Sergeant-at-Arms- Steven Wild
Service Officer- Doug Uhlmann
Finance Officer- Steve Sokolowski
Chaplain- George Schmidt

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date: 1,920 hours and driven 6,862 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.

- He has processed **14** 2015 post membership renewals and/or new member applications for submission to American Legion VA Department in Richmond, VA.
- Post Adjutant filed the Post Data Form with Virginia Department on April 15, 2015.
- Several American Legion and Virginia Department reports are due on May 22, 2015.
- Filed Post 110's 2015 Federal Income Taxes.
- Adjutant Uhlmann reported that **163** U.S. Flags have been retired (properly disposed of) to date.

Membership: 2015 membership, as of May 6, 2015 is 316 with a current year goal of 345 for a 91.594% of goal. 29 renewals or new members are required to be at 100% of goal. Adjutant reports that he has not sent any Post membership renewals or new member applications to Virginia Department, Richmond, VA since last report. 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 had **18** requests from Veterans for assistance and information on veteran's benefits. He assisted **2** veterans requesting an increase in VA benefits.

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

- He wrote a \$300 donation check to the "Angels for the Cure" of Alzheimer's Disease. The check will be presented to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, Virginia Beach, VA on June 12, 2015 at 10:30 AM.
- A check for \$18.84 was written to reimburse Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. for the expense of having two (2) NJROTC Award Certificates produced.

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

Historian: Post Historian Steven Wild reported that the Post 110 Facebook page is up to date.

Activities: American Legion Post 110 will have a membership table at Norfolk Tides Baseball "Military Appreciation Nights" on June 13, 2015 (Marine Night) and August 8, 2015 (Navy Night). Tides' Director of Community Relations, Heather McKeating, has been sent the names of those legionnaires that will work the table at each game. Workers can pick up their passes at the "Will Call" window at 5:00 PM and get their table assignment. Those

volunteering to work the table either night are Bert Wendell, Jr., Dan Ryan, Jeff Kocab, Steven Wild, David Smith, and Rick Jones.

Post 110 will be making plans to attend the 2016 Virginia International Tattoo Event at Norfolk Scope.

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 was absent, but sent a status report. He is interviewing candidates and will 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 have been forwarded to the Boys State Registrar. Cost to send two delegates to Boys State is \$1,050. Selected delegates will at the June 10th meeting to be introduced to members of Post 110.

Awards: Post Commander and Post Adjutant for action.

- Nomination package for the "Four Chaplains Honor Award" was submitted on April 10, 2015 to the American Legion VA Department. Post 110's nominee was Post Chaplain George Schmidt.
- Nomination for the "Service Officer Citation for Meritorious Service Award" was submitted on April 24, 2015 to the American Legion VA Department. Post 110's nominee was Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann.
- Nomination for "Post Legionnaire of the Year" was forwarded to American Legion VA Department on April 24, 2015. Post 110's nominee was Doug Uhlmann.

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: None.

New Business: None

Recently Completed 2015 Events:

- April 14, 2015, (4:30PM-7:30PM) – OLPH’s “Volunteers a Work of Heart” Awards. Post Commander and Post Chaplain attended and received a certificate for Post 110’s volunteer work at OLPH.
- May 7, 2015 (6:30 PM) – NJROTC Awards Ceremony was held at Landstown High School, Virginia Beach, VA. American Legion post 110 presented a “Military Excellence” Medal and Certificate to Cadet Andrew Sekerak and the “Scholastic Excellence” Medal and Certificate to Cadet Paul Del Rosario. Presenting were Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, and 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg.



American Legion Post 110 of Virginia Beach, VA presented two American Legion NJROTC Medals of Excellence and Certificates to Cadet Andrew Sekerak (Military Excellence) and Cadet Paul Del Rosario (Scholastic Excellence). The ceremony was held on May 7, 2015 at Landstown High School. In the photo left to right are Cdr. Scott Wales, USN (Ret.), Senior Naval Science Instructor; AOCs Valerie McQueen-Vance, USN (Ret.), Naval Science Instructor; Cadet Sekerak; Cadet Del Rosario; Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.; Vice Commander Dan Ryan; and 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg. Photo by Vicky Wendell-Totty

- May 13, 2015 (7:30 PM) – Election of 2015-2016 Post 110 Officers was held.

Upcoming 2015 Events:

May 16, 2015 – Armed Forces Day
 May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day in Virginia Beach, VA.
 June 7, 2015 (1:00 PM) – 2nd District Convention/Meeting will be held at Crispus Attucks Post 5, 903 Wilson Road, Norfolk, VA.
 June 10, 2015 (7:30 PM) – Installation Ceremony of Post 110 Officers for 2015-2016
 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, June 10, 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 June 10, 2015 - TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

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