



THE AMERICAN LEGION – May 2019 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The May 2019 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander Fred Kinkin.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Doug Dewey, transferred from Post 141

Guests: None

Post Everlasting: Steve Sokolowski, 36 year member, former Post and District Commander, passed away April 30, 2019. Steve was a founding member of Post 110 and was also inducted into the American Legion's "40-8" Honor Society. He will be missed.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: Walter Hoff is now out of the hospital and back at home.

Officer's Roll Call: A roll call of Post 110's Officers was conducted, and having a quorum, business was discussed and voted on. Ten members were present.

Committee Reports:

- Service Officer: Eric Bell. Eric completed his on line Service Officer training course and is doing on the job training with Eric Isakson, Post 327 Service Officer. He has also established a relationship with ECPI University. Currently supporting one member of the post trying to get VA benefits for the member's father who recently moved to a nursing facility.
- Adjutant Rick Jones: So far we have had 327 renewals vs our 2019 goal of 347 members (94%). Received the call for the 101st Department of Virginia annual convention to be held in Richmond July 11-14th
- Finance Officer Jon Asher: Financial status was: \$18,575 in building fund savings account; \$1,647.66 in Post Checking account. The Post now has on line access to checking account details. Jon will research combining both accounts into one bank and try to earn a better interest rate on the savings.
- Chaplain George Schmidt: Discussed the Virginia Tattoo, including their honoring of Miriam Triscritti; also planning presentation of certificate to the spouse of S. Sokolowski at June meeting.
- Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: NTR
- Web Master Craig Huber: Absent. Website is up to date.

- 1st Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Will submit photos of the Landstown NJROTC Awards Ceremony; this year's Oceana Airshow is scheduled for 20-22 September.
- 2nd Vice Commander Miriam Triscritti: Absent, NTR
- ALA Commander Tonya Jones: ALA will meet the first Wednesday of each month at Quentin's Tea Emporium.
- Commander Fred Kinkin: Stressed the importance of finding new members. Volunteer activity April ytd: 2,071 hours and 13,624 miles. Members were reminded to report their volunteer hours monthly.

Reading of Minutes: The meeting minutes are posted on the vapost110.org website.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

None this month

Major Topics Discussed

1. Post 110 membership approved the updated bylaws unanimously.
2. The need for new members was discussed; the leadership has commenced contacting members in Post 141 to transfer to Post 110. An incentive to pay half of 2020 membership if they transfer is being offered. Thus far seven Post 141 members have agreed to transfer.
3. Elections were held for Post Officers were held for 2020 with the following results:
 Commander – Fred Kinkin
 1st Vice Commander/Historian - Bert Wendell
 2nd Vice Commander - Miriam Triscritti
 Adjutant – Rick Jones
 Finance – Jon Asher
 Chaplain – George Schmidt
 Sgt at Arms – Jeff Kocab
 Web Master – Craig Huber
 Service Officer – Eric Bell

Long Range Goals:

1. Obtain permanent Post Home.
2. Increase active membership participation.

Recently Completed Events:

March 1-3 – Virginia Department Spring Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth
 May 8 – NJROTC Awards ceremony at Landstown HS

Upcoming Events

May 16 – NJROTC Awards ceremony at First Colonial HS
 May 27 – Virginia Beach Memorial Day ceremony – Noon, 19th Street Convention Center Memorial
 June 2 – 2nd District Convention at 1pm, Post 327, Norfolk-
 June 5 – Executive Board Meeting - 6pm Warrior Taproom
 June 6 – D-Day 75th memorial celebration at OLPH at 1030
 June 12 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at VFW Post 392; meet the Boys State candidates
 July 10 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at VFW 392

Aug 7 - Tidewater Tides game membership drive at 7pm
Aug 14 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at VFW 392
Sep 11 – American Legion Post 110 meeting at VFW 392
Sep 20-22 – Airshow, NAS Oceana

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Bert Wendell won the Crooked Raffle and donated the winnings to the new Post Home

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, June 12 at VFW 392 Post located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Submitted by:
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