



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Virginia Beach Post 110  
PO. Box 62384  
Virginia Beach, VA 23466**

**Call to Order:** The November 13, 2013 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order at 19:30 by presiding Commander, Bert Wendell, Jr.

**Introduction of Guest, Prospective and New Members:** None.

**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 October 9, 2013 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

**Special Recognition:**



“Memorial Resolution Presented to the Timmons Family”

American Legion Post 110's Chaplain George Schmidt presented an American Legion “Memorial Resolution” to the family of Earl Wallace “Wally” Timmons on November 13, 2013 during the Post's meeting held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Wally Timmons was a long time member of the American Legion, Post 110 and other military service organizations in the Virginia Beach, VA area. He passed away on October 29, 2013. In the photo (left to right) are: Steve Sokolowski, Post Finance Officer; Bert Wendell, Jr., Post Commander; Nancy Timmons (Wally's Wife), Jennifer Timmons (Wally's Daughter) and Chaplain Schmidt.

Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., presented a donation check for \$350.00 to Linda Dryer, board member of the Alzheimer's Association, on October 23, 2013 at OLPH in Virginia Beach, VA.

Post 110 Master-at-Arms Terry Howard sold 50 bumper stickers saying "One Nation Under God" during the last legion year. He presented Post 110 with \$100.00 in cash.

Post Historian Brian Abbott made a personal \$50.00 donation to the local US Army National Guard's 323th MP Company in the name of the American Legion Post 110. The money will go to putting on their upcoming Christmas Party for the troops.

**Major Topic Discussed:** The need for American Legion Posts to maintain a copy of each members DD-214 or active duty orders was discussed again so all concerned could get a better understanding of this IRS Regulation and how it affects tax-exempted military service organizations.

In the past, to join the American Legion, new members only had to show a copy of their DD-214 to the Post Adjutant and/or Chairman of the Membership Committee. The IRS' Audit Manual, 4.76.26 of January 27, 2011, and the American Legion National Constitution and By-Laws states, that only a DD-214 of the discharged member provides verification of all requirements for eligibility to join the American Legion.

The IRS is now requiring that all military service organizations, that are tax-exempt, (i.e American Legion, VFW and etc.) must maintain a copy of each member's DD-214 at the Post and be shown to IRS auditor if your post is audited. Failure to do so could result in a \$1,000.00 per day, per member fine if unable to provide copies of all members DD-214s.

Our active duty members may show their Military Identification card but since copying this document is prohibited, a recent set of orders will suffice as a record for the post to keep.

Post 141 (Richmond, VA) members were recruited by direct mail service and those who joined were not required to prove eligibility. When and if they transfer to a local post, it is the post's responsibility to verify eligibility as stated in the American Legion Constitution – again only the DD-214 provides that proof.

In order to avoid a possible huge fine in the future if audited, it is requested that each member of American Legion Post 110 provide a copy of their DD-214 or in the case of our active duty members a copy of their current orders to Post 110 Adjutant or Chairman of the Membership Committee (currently it is the Post Commander). **Note: Information (such as social security numbers, service numbers or type of discharge and etc.) can not be blocked/blacked out on the DD-214 or active duty orders.** You can provide us with your DD-214 or current set of active duty orders at a future monthly meeting of Post 110 or mail it to: The American Legion, Virginia Beach Post 110 Adjutant, Post Office Box 62384, Virginia Beach, VA 23466.

**Those DD-214s that are received by Post 110 will be maintained in a secure manner.** If you have further questions please contact: Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at (757) 468-2831 or email: [stonemanbc@cox.net](mailto:stonemanbc@cox.net) or Adjutant Doug Uhlmann at (757) 831-0733 or email: [duhlmann1964@gmail.com](mailto:duhlmann1964@gmail.com).

We know that Post 110 members will have their concerns, however, it is desired that all members participate in this endeavor.

**Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were given:

- **Adjutant:** Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann has filed the Form 990-N (Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ) to the IRS for 2012. He will file with the IRS a 2013 form before December 31, 2013.  
Post 110's Adjutant needs to receive from each Post member, by the first week of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and volunteer activities. Post 110's volunteer hours to date are: 876.
- **Membership:** Received and processed 17- 2014 membership renewals.  
Current membership as of November 2, 2013 is 258 with a current year goal of 369 for a 69.919% percent of goal. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.

- **Service Officer:** Recently there have been four (4) veterans requesting assistance in obtaining VA benefits. They were referred to American Legion Post 327 in Norfolk, VA. There were no request for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA).
- **Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented the 2013-2014 Budget for discussion and review on September 11, 2013. A majority vote by those members present approved Post 110's 2013-2014 Budget. A to-date budget report was given showing that the Post is in good standing. A 3'X9' American Legion Panel Drape has been ordered from American Legion Flag and Emblem. The cost is \$65.95 plus shipping It is on backorder (confirmation number is 839570). **NOTE:** The 3' X 9' panel drape was received on November 20, 2013 by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. Purchase Boys State Medals and Certificates for 2014 delegates. Total cost based on four delegates is \$56.00 plus shipping. This expenditure was approved by the membership at September 11, 2013 meeting.  
The remainder of 2012 dues (\$184.00) owed to 2<sup>nd</sup> District was paid on October 11, 2013.

### **Old Business:**

- 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 the meeting to start the 2014 membership drive.
- Post 110's website, vapost110.org, has been updated by Craig Huber, Post Webmaster and the Facebook page was also updated by Brian Abbott, Post Historian.
- American Legion Post 110 continues to discuss and look for a suitable facility for its permanent "Post Home".
- Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann asked that post members, the first week of each month, please forward their volunteer times and miles driven to 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.
- Post 110 has renewed its 2013-2014 membership in the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations (HRCVO). Dues are a voluntary \$50.00 donation. HRCVO meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except in December) at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20, 4896 Kempsville Greens Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.
- Post 110 membership voted to make a \$350.00 donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Efforts are being made to have a presentation of the donation to OLPH/Alzheimer's Association at OLPH on October 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM..
- A donation of \$150.00 was presented to OLPH on September 13, 2013. This funding will go to the American Humane Association's Red Star Program which sponsors Pet Therapy animals and service dogs to the elder and military veterans.
- Post 110 membership voted to purchase a 3'X9' American Legion Panel Drape for \$65.95 plus shipping from American Legion Flag & Emblem. This drape will be hung during Post's monthly meetings at OLPH.
- A donation of \$500.00 from the Hampton Roads Association of Naval Aviation (HRANA) was accepted by Post 110 on October 9, 2013 to assist in funding 2014 delegates to American Legion Boys State of Virginia. This donation was arranged for by Brian Abbott, Post Historian, who is also a member of HRANA.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** None.

**Post Everlasting:** The following members of Post 110 have passed to Post Everlasting as reported in the Virginia Legionnaire, October 2013: Stephen J. McGinnis, John Sobolosky, David L. VanDerMel. May they rest in Peace!

### **Correspondence Received:**

- A letter was received from Horton Wreath Society asking for a donation to lay wreaths at each grave site at the Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA. This year's wreath placement will be on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 9:30 AM. Donations: Silver- \$250.00, Gold- \$500.00, and Platinum- \$750.00. **Note:** Post 110 will not donate at this time because funding is not available and was not provided for in the 2013-2014 budget.
- Commonwealth of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, Corporation – Annual Registration Fee Assessment notice for 2013. The amount due is \$25.00. Payment is due on or before December 31, 2013.

**New Business:** None noted.

### **Recently Completed 2013 Events:**

- October 25-27: 2013 Virginia Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg, VA..
- November 5: Election Day
- November 11: Veterans Day Parade was held at 9:00 AM in VA Beach, VA. American Legion Marching Unit mustered at 8:30 AM at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Ave. A Veterans Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations, was held at 12:00 PM at the Double Tree Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. Attending the parade were Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Chaplain George Schmidt and Legionnaire Robert Melberg. Commander Wendell and Chaplain Schmidt attended the luncheon along with members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and the 40 and 8.



“Veterans Day Ceremony Held At OLPH”

A Veterans Day Ceremony was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA on November 12, 2013. The majority of the senior citizens attending were involved in our Nation's foreign wars including World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam era. The ceremony was conducted by Legionnaires from American Legion Posts 35, 110 and 118. In the photo (left to right) are: Post 110 Vice-Commander Dan Ryan, Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Post 118 Commander Susan Merling, Post 35 Legionnaire Anthony VanCampen (Bugler), and Post 110 Chaplain George Schmidt.

## **Upcoming 2013-2014 Events:**

- December 11: Post 110's Christmas Party will be held at Gus and Georges Restaurant, 4312 VA Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA from 7-9:00 PM. Those attending can order from the menu and are responsible for the cost of their meals and drinks. Drawings for door prizes will be held.
- 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference, 1:00 PM, Location and Date: TBD.
- Virginia Department Spring Conference, March 14-16, 2014, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.
- American Legion Post 110 NJROTC Awards, Landstown High School, May 2014. Date/Time: TBD.
- Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2014.
- Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.
- Flag Day, June 14, 2014.
- 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 (Koger Center).
- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2014.
- 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 War 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, January 8, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2030.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Commander**

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