



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The November 12, 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: New member David Bradrick, a U.S. Navy and Vietnam Veteran, was introduced to the attending membership.

Items of Interest: 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 8, 2014 meeting minutes were not read due to time constraints. To read the October minutes please go to vapost110.org on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: None.

Major Topics Discussed:

1. **"Light Up The Town Parade"** at Virginia Beach Town Center on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at 6:00 PM. American Legion Unit will muster (5:00 PM) at the parade assembly area close/behind the Taco Bell Restaurant at the intersection of Independence Blvd and Virginia Beach Blvd. Enter assembly area VA Beach Blvd heading East. American Legion Unit may consist of 2nd District Honor Guard, Legion Motorcycle Riders, and Legion Post Marchers. Parade will start at the intersection of Market Street and Bank Street; proceed on Market Street; turn left on Commerce Street (Reviewing Stand); turn left on Central Park Avenue and then right on Main Street; and cross Town Center Drive to finish area. The Illumination will be at 7:00 PM. Dress in the Legion Uniform (blue blazer, grey/dark trousers, patriotic tie, and Legion Hat. Dress warm, if weather is cold. Parking is available at the Public Parking areas at the Town Center and at the assembly area for parade participants. Our unit (Unit 44) will fall in at Row C. Unit 44 includes the American Legion and other timeline marchers, which are sponsored by the Virginia Beach History Museum. Coordinator is Kim Schmidtman from the museum. We need as many marchers as possible.

2. **Post 110's new business cards** were provided to members attending the meeting. These cards can be an effective tool in recruiting new members. Post 110 members not attending the meeting can receive business cards by contacting the Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann at his email duhlmann1964@gmail.com or Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at stonemanbc@cox.net. The card includes the American Legion Emblem, Post 110 mailing address; email address; and the Post 110's website and Facebook addresses; and membership legibility requirements.

3. **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.

Status: In an effort to find a property in the Virginia Beach area which may be suitable to house an American Legion Post, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. contacted Jim Lawson, Real Estate Agent for Virginia Beach's Public Works Department (757) 617-1744, on August 26, 2014. Result: No properties available at this time. Lawson has placed Post 110 on a waiting list and will call the Post Commander if something becomes available.

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 Service Officer Doug Uhlmann.

4. **December 10, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party**, 6:30-9:00 PM, will be at the Rib City Restaurant, 4688 Princess Anne Road, VA Beach, VA 23462. Rib City is located in the Wood Tide Shopping Center between Kempsville Road and South Plaza Trail. A drawing for Door Prizes will be held. Vice Commander Dan Ryan is the coordinator for this activity.

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 in April 2015. Post 110 elections will be held in May 2015.

Adjutant: Doug Uhlmann reported that Post 110 members have volunteered to date: 1,065 hours and driven 2,670 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.

Membership: 2015 membership, as of November 5, 2014, is 234 with a current year goal of 345 for a 67.826% of goal. 111 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.

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 received 3 requests from veterans for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA); none qualified. He also talked with 9 veterans who needed information on veteran's benefits.

Finance: Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented a 2014-2015 monthly budget report showing that the Post 110 is in good standing.

Chaplain: Nothing at this time.

Historian: Continually updating Post 110's Facebook page.

Webmaster: Craig Huber stated that he is updating the website with additional information on the American Legion History page by adding a short Post 110 history, list of Past Post Commanders and photographs of pasted events.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee Chairman for Boy's State, continues to prepare for the selection of 2015 Boy's State Delegates.

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

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received:

- Letter from Mr. Howard Herst, October 6, 2014, a book titled "Child of the Greatest Generation". This book is on the American Legion's website book list.
- Virginia State Corporation Registration Assessment (as October 1, 2014) of \$25.00 to be paid by December 31, 2014.
- Letter from The American Legion National Headquarters, October 23, 2014, about their launching a national campaign to raise funds to help our organization assist veterans, their families, young people and communities. The first installment of the campaign will focus on mental health needs: PTSD and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

New Business: None.

Recently Completed 2014 Events:

- October 24-26, 2014: Virginia Department Fall Conference at the Crowne Plaza/ Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA.
- November 7, 2014: Veterans Recognition Night "Share Your Story" at Stratford University, 555 South Independence Blvd, VA Beach, VA 23452. Stratford's Military Outreach Coordinator, Ricky Allen, contacted Post 110 via website. Attending were military veterans that are attending courses at the university. Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. and Post Chaplain George Schmidt presented the American Legion, a Military Service Organization.



Veterans Recognition Night "Share Your Story" was held at Stratford University in Virginia Beach, VA on November 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM. American Legion Post 110 was invited to participate in the ceremony by Ricky Allen (center), Stratford's Military Outreach Coordinator. Post 110 legionnaires attending were Post Chaplain George Schmidt (left), and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. (right).

- November 11, 2014: Veteran's Day Parade was held at 9:00 AM. A Memorial Ceremony was conducted, 11:00 AM, at the Tidewater War Memorial in VA Beach, VA on 19th Street. A luncheon, sponsored by the HRVOA, was held at the VA Beach Convention Center. Attending were American Legion Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Post Chaplain George Schmidt, and 2nd Vice Commander Robert Melberg.
- November 12, 2014 Veteran's Day Ceremony was held at OLPH Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1100 AM. Attending for American Legion Post 110 were Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Chaplain George Schmidt, Sgt-at-Arms Steven Wild and Legionnaires Miriam Triscritti and Craig Huber. A bugler, Legionnaire Anthony Van Campen, from "Buglers Across America", played "Call to Colors" and "TAPS".



American Legion Post 110 of Virginia Beach, VA held a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Our lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Senior Care Center at 11:00 AM on November 12, 2014. Honoring the veterans were (left to right back row) Steven Wild, George Schmidt, Dan Ryan, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Miriam Triscritti, and Craig Huber. In the front row are four military veterans residing at OLPH.

- Veterans Claims Clinics for Legion Year 2014-2015 was held at Post 327 in Norfolk, VA on November 8, 2014.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- November 22, 2014, 6:00 PM, “Light Up The Town Parade” at Virginia Beach Town Center.
- December 10, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party, 6:30-9:00 PM, at the Rib City Restaurant, 4688 Princess Anne Road, VA Beach, VA 23462. Rib City is located in the Wood Tide Shopping Center between Kempsville Road and South Plaza Trail. A drawing for Door Prizes will be held. Vice Commander Dan Ryan is the coordinator for this activity.

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

Next Monthly Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2014 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 January 14, 2015 will be Lisa Burkett from the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Group. She will speak about their services and arrangements for military veterans and their families.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Submitted by:

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