



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

Call to Order: The October 9, 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: Guest speakers were Rich Post, Caseworker, and Bre Kingsbury, Military Liaison, who are in the Office of Military Veterans Affairs for Congressman Scott Rigell of the Second District of Virginia. They spoke on how the current government shutdown and the Affordable Care Act will affect military veterans around the United States.



Guest speakers, Richard Post and Bre Kingsbury from Virginia Second District Congressman Scott Rigell's Military Liasion Office, were presented with American Legion Post 110 coffee mugs at the Post's monthly meeting on October 9, 2013. Post and Kinsbury lead a discussion, with Legionnaires from Post 110, on the effects of the recent government shutdown and the Affordable Care Act on military veterans. In the photo (l to r) Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Richard Post, Bre Kinsbury and Vice Commander Dan Ryan.

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 September 11, 2013 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

Special Recognition: Guest speakers Richard Post and Bre Kingsbury were presented with an American Legion Post 110 Coffee Mug for their presentation to Post members. Also, Brian Abbott, Historian for American Legion Post 110 and a member of the Hampton Roads Association of Naval Aviation (HRANA), presented a donation of \$500.00 from HRANA to Post 110 to be used in sponsoring delegates to the 2014 Virginia Boys State Program.

Major Topic Discussed:

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 or Adjutant Doug Uhlmann at (757) 831-0733 or email: 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:

- **Post 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. On December 31, 2013 he will file with the IRS a 2013 form.

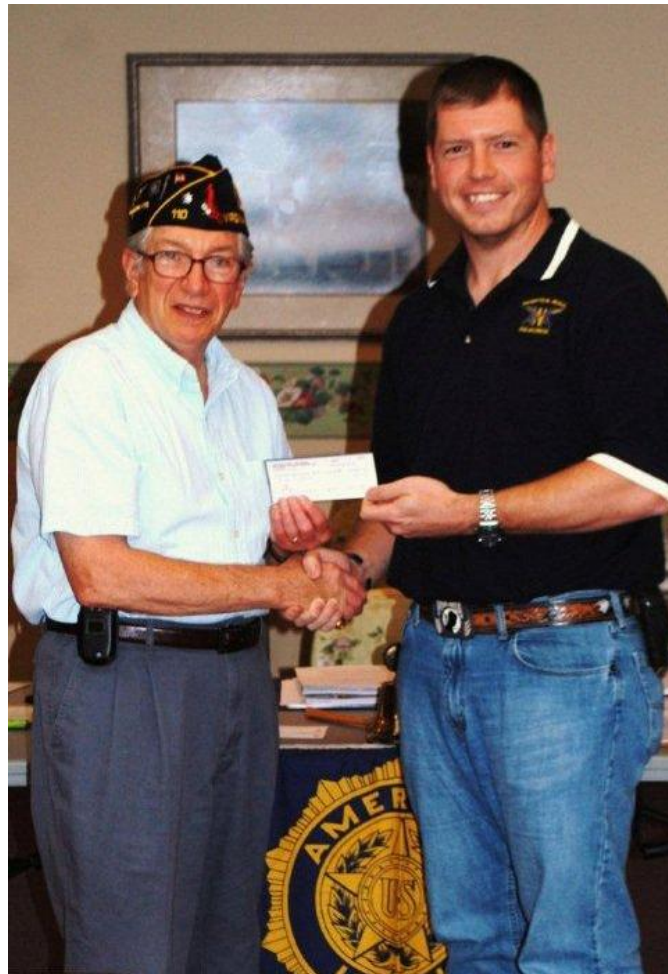
Post 110's Adjutant needs to received from each Post member, by the end of each month, the volunteer hours and miles driven in support of American Legion business and volunteer activities. Post 110's volunteer hours to date are: 691.

- **Membership:** Received and processed 26- 2014 membership renewals. Current membership as of October 9, 2013 is 240 with a current year goal of 368 for a percent of goal 65.041%. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.
- **Service Officer:** Recently there have been two (2) veterans requesting Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) with only one (1) qualifying.
- **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 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). 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 2nd 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, at the end 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 4th 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.



On October 9, 2013 American Legion Post 110 Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. (left) was presented with a \$500.00 donation from the Hampton Roads Association of Naval Aviation (HRANA) to assist in sponsoring 2014 Virginia Boys State Delegates from the Virginia Beach area. Making the presentation (right) was Brian Abbott a member of the HRANA. Abbott is also Historian for American Legion Post 110.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:

As of October 9, 2013, 2nd Vice Commander/Past Post Commander Earl “Wally” Timmons continued to battle various health problems. **Late entry to minutes:** He passed away on Oct 13, 2013 at 10:30 AM. His funeral/memorial service will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 3:00 PM at Saint Adians Episcopal Church, 3201 Edinburgh Drive, Virginia Beach, VA.

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.

New Business: None noted.

Recently Completed 2013 Events:

- September 11: Patriot Day Ceremony was held at 10:00 AM in OLPH, VA Beach, VA. First Responders from Virginia Beach Police, Fire, EMS Departments and Sheriff’s Office participated. This event was covered by Channel 3 WTKR News Team and the segment was aired during their evening news program.
- September 20: POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony was held at the Flame of Hope Park, NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA. Representing Post 110 was Chaplain George Schmidt.
- September 29: 2nd District fall Conference was held at 1:00 PM, at American Legion Post 327, 705 Lesner Ave., Norfolk, VA. Membership was the big topic and the DD-214 situation with the IRS was discussed.

Upcoming 2013 Events:

- October 25-27: 2013 Virginia Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg, VA. Room cost \$105.00 per night.
- November 5: Election Day
- November 11: Veterans Day Parade at 9:00 AM in VA Beach, VA. American Legion Marching Unit will muster 8:30 AM at 14th Street and Atlantic Ave. Parking available at the VA Beach Convention Center on 19th Street. Veterans Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations, will be at 12:00 PM at the Double Tree Hotel, 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. Price is \$21.00 per person. RSVP by November 4th at (757) 467-9367. Tickets will be available from 2nd District Historian Robert Randall at (757) 485-1245 or (757) 717-3603. Tickets must be presented at the door.
- November 12: Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM at OLPH, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 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.

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

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, Wednesday, November 13, 2013 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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