



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

**Call to Order:** The October 8, 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:** None.

**Items of Interest:**

1. American Legion Post 110 held a Membership Booth at the NAS Oceana Air Show on September 20-21, 2014. Working the event was Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Vice Commander Dan Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Robert Melberg, Legionnaire Craig Huber, and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Vice Commander Ted Van Horn (American Legion Riders) and his motorcycle.

During the two day event we talked with many people about the American Legion. 22 veterans signed up on the membership call list. Some discussed changing their membership from Post 141 to Post 110; moving their membership from an out-of-state Post to Post 110 after their relocation to Virginia Beach, VA, and several others wanting to join the American Legion and Post 110. A follow-on email was sent or a phone call made inviting them to a future meeting.

U.S. Flag stickers, 4X6 U.S. and Virginia State Flags were passed out to those showing an interest in the American Legion, and 13 American Legion Post 110 coffee mugs were sold.

Ted Van Horn's 2010 Harley-Davidson light blue and white soft tail motorcycle was a people magnet (see photo below). Parents took photos of their children setting on the motorcycle and some big kids had photos taken too. Next year, we will need more Post 110 volunteers and several more American Legion Riders and their motorcycles. The NAS Oceana Air Show is a Public Relations opportunity.



2. A 2012 wheelchair with a joy stick, in like new condition, is available for donation. Does anyone know of a person or veteran that may be in need of a wheelchair? If so, contact Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., as soon as possible, at [stonemanbc@cox.net](mailto:stonemanbc@cox.net) for donator's contact information.

**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 August 13, 2014 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints. To read the August minutes please go to [vapost110.org](http://vapost110.org) on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

**Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:**

Rodney Drummond, Commander of Virginia's 2<sup>nd</sup> District of the American Legion, talked about his plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District during 2014-2015. Increasing membership was the major point of his remarks. Accompanying him was Vice Commander Ted Van Horn; Tasha Williams, Vice Commander for Americanism; and Historian Robert Randall.

**Major Topics Discussed:**

- 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](mailto:duhlmann1964@gmail.com) or Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. at [stonemanbc@cox.net](mailto: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.
- It was discussed that Post 110 should invite other Virginia Beach Post Commanders and their members to attend our monthly meetings. The Post 110 Commander will be contacting Posts 81, 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.

**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.

A Permanent Post Home Committee was formed 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.

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

**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: 865 hours and driven 1389 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 October 1, 2014, is 224 with a current year goal of 345 for a 64.928% of goal. 121 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:** The 2015 membership drive is well underway and membership cards are available from the Post Adjutant, once your \$35.00 dues are paid.

**Service Officer:** Doug Uhlmann reported that he has not received any request from veterans for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). Steven Wild completed the online Service Officer Training Course on September 9, 2014. Legionnaire Wild, Post SGT-At-Arms, will be assisting the Post Service Office with his duties. Steven Wild is attending the Veterans Claims Clinic for Legion Year 2014-2015 on November 8, 2014 at Post 327, Norfolk, VA.

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

**Chaplain:** Nothing at this time.

**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. The American Legion Posts located in Virginia Beach are Posts: 81, 110, 113, and 1992.

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

**Correspondence Received:** None.

**New Business:** None.

### **Recently Completed 2014 Events:**

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony was held on September 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM. The ceremony was held at the Flame of Hope Memorial on Oceana Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA near NAS Oceana. Attending was Post Chaplain George Schmidt, Service Officer Doug Uhlmann, and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.



- September 20-21, 2014: American Legion Post 110 held a Membership Booth (Tent #97) at NAS Oceana Air Show from 8:00AM to 5:00PM each day. Those volunteering to work the air show were: Bert Wendell, Jr., Dan Ryan, Ted Van Horn, Craig Huber, and **Robert Melberg** (pictured at right).



### **Upcoming 2014 Events:**

- 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 Veterans Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA on November 11, 2014.
- Veterans Day Ceremony, November 12, 2013, 10:30 AM, at OLPH Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA. Volunteering for the ceremony were George Schmidt, Miriam Triscritti, Steven Wild, Craig Huber and Bert Wendell, Jr.
- American Legion Post 110 Christmas Party, December 10, 2014, 6:30-9:00 PM. The location is at the **Rib City Restaurant**, 4688 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA. 23462. Rib City is located in the Wood Tide Shopping Center between Kempsville Road and South Plaza Trail. More information to follow from Vice Commander Dan Ryan.

**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.

**November Guest Speaker:** Guest speaker for next regular meeting on November 12, 2014 will be: T.K. Marion, a local author of military historical fiction, who will discuss a pilot TV program on military veterans. He has interviewed with Cox Channel 11 about airing this program. He is seeking assistance from American Legion Post 110 and other military service organizations.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2130.**

**Submitted by:**

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