



**THE AMERICAN LEGION – October 2018 Meeting
SSgt Robert C. Melberg Virginia Beach Post 110
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Call to Order: The October 10, 2018 meeting of American Legion Post 110 was called to order by Commander Fred Kinkin.

Introduction of Guests, Prospective and New Members:

New members: Jon Asher

Guests: Willard C. Smith (Smitty), Director, Vet's House

Post Everlasting: None

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None

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: Vacant position

Adjutant Rick Jones: So far we have had 216 renewals vs our 2019 goal of 347 members. The post has met the August, Sept and October milestone targets for membership. Rick was approached by a veteran who needs help with painting his home. He will investigate details and discuss action plan for a paint party at the next Executive Board Meeting. Also, the post received a \$100 dollar donation from Mrs. Paige Brage in the memory of her Uncle Mr. David A. Fernandes.

Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski: Financial status previous month: \$17,769 in Building Fund and \$2,466 in Post Checking account. 2019 budget was reviewed and approved by the membership. Post financial audit was completed in August.

Chaplain George Schmidt: Absent.

Sgt. At Arms Jeff Kocab: Absent.

Web Master Craig Huber: Absent. Website is up to date.

Vice Commander/Historian Bert Wendell: Absent. Reported that \$288 was raised at the Oceana NAS airshow last month. Also received seven leads for new members.

Commander Fred Kinkin: Stressed the importance of finding new members. Volunteer activity September ytd: 655 hours and 3,655 miles. Veteran's Day parade this year will be Monday, November 12th; we will also have a Veteran's Day commemoration at OLPH on Friday, November 9th.

The Post is also planning a membership table at the Virginia Beach Gun Show on October 20-21st. Veteran's are greatly impacted by Hepatitis C virus – one in 20 vets in the VA healthcare system have it. Recommend getting checked especially if you received blood transfusion prior to 1992.

Reading of Minutes: The August meeting minutes are posted on the vapost110.org website. There was no meeting conducted in September due to Hurricane Florence.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition:

Willard Smith, Director of Vet's House described the operations of Vet's House which assists homeless veterans get back in the workforce and provides housing for up to 26 veterans for up to one year. The post presented a check for \$100 to Willard Smith to help fund operations. All veterans are invited to a cookout at 200 N. Oceana Blvd on Nov 11th from 1130 – 1600.

Major Topics Discussed

1. We have been invited back to the VFW 392 post for our meetings starting in February, 2019.
2. The post will hold an Oratorical Contest for four high school students at our November 14th meeting.
3. The Virginia Beach Veteran's Day parade will be held on Monday, November 12th at the Oceanfront. Post 110 will have a truck driven by Dave Smith in the parade and members are encouraged to march in the parade as well.
4. The post donated \$100 to A.B. Brown who is running for Virginia Department Commander for 2020.

Long Range Goals:

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

Recently Completed Events:

14 June – Flag Day Observance ceremony at OLPH
17-23 June – Boys State held at Radford University
11 Aug – Tidewater Tides game membership drive
11 Sep -- Patriots Day ceremony at OLPH
21 Sep -- POW/MIA ceremony at Oceana NAS POW/MIA park
22-23 Sep – Oceana NAS Airshow membership table
23 Sep – 2nd District Fall Conference

Upcoming Events:

October 20-21 – Virginia Beach Gun Show membership table
October 26-28 -- Department Fall Conference at Double Tree Hotel, Williamsburg
November 7 – Executive Board Meeting at 6pm at place TBD
November 9 -- Veteran's Day ceremony at OLPH
November 12 – Virginia Beach Veteran's Day parade at oceanfront
November 14 -- American Legion Post 110 monthly meeting; Oratorical Contest
November 17 – Renewals Call Party at CDR Kinkin's house

December 12 – Christmas Dinner at 6pm at place TBD

Good of the Legion: None

50/50 Raffle: Steve Sokolowski won the raffle and donated proceeds to Post Building Fund

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at OLPH at 7:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Submitted by:
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Post Commander
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