



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

**Call to Order:** The September 11, 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 noted.

**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 14, 2013 meeting minutes was not read due to time constraints.

**Special Recognition:** Chaplain George Schmidt was presented with the "White Dogwood Leaf Pin" by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. Chaplain Schmidt was selected as American Legion Post 110's Legionnaire of the Year for 2013.

**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.
- **Membership:** Received and processed 78 2014 membership renewals and 37 online renewals. Current membership as of September 9, 2013 is 229 with a current year goal of 368 for a percentage of goal 62.060%. The Post will continually strive to increase membership through active participation and planned events.
- **Service Officer:** In the last three (3) months there have been nine (9) veterans requesting TFA assistance with only one (1) qualifying.
- **Finance:** Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski presented the 2013-2014 Budget for discussion and review. A majority vote by those members present approved Post 110's 2013-2014 Budget.

### **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.
- Service Officer Doug Uhlmann recommended that Post 110 not purchase the following two publications: "Federal Veterans Laws, Rules, and Regulations" (\$63.00) and "Veterans Benefits Manual" (\$146.00). He will be utilizing copies of these reference books found in the Public Library.
- 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".



### **“American Legion Post 110’s Legionnaire of the Year”**

*Chaplain George Schmidt (left) of American Legion Post 110, Virginia Beach, VA, has earned recognition as Post Legionnaire of the Year for 2013. During the past year, Chaplain Schmidt has contributed many hours and driven many miles in support of military veterans and Legionnaires in need. He was presented the “White Dogwood Leaf Pin” by Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr. (right) at Post 110’s monthly meeting on September 11, 2013.*

*Photo by: Doug Uhlmann, Adjutant, Post 110*

### **New Business:**

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except in December) at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20, 4896 Kempsville Greens Parkway, VA Beach VA 23462.
- Post 110 membership voted to make a \$350.00 donation to the Alzheimers Association. Efforts are being made to have a presentation of the donation to OLPH/Alzheimers Association at Post 110’s next meeting on October 9, 2013.
- A donation of \$150.00 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. Both donations will be made through Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center in VA Beach, VA.

- 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) will be accepted by Post 110 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. Efforts are being made to have a presentation of this donation to Post 110 at the October 9, 2013 meeting.

### **Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander/Past Post Commander Wally Timmons continues to battle various health problems. He is recuperating at Harbour Pointe Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 1005 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23507.

### **Correspondence Received:**

American Legion Post 110 received a "Citation of Appreciation", dated June 22, 2013, from The American Legion Boys State of Virginia, Inc. "In recognition and appreciation of youth scholarship which has contributed to the advancement of The American Legion Boys State of Virginia Program."

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

- July 30: Red Cross Blood Drive- Post 110 volunteers participated at the Red Cross Blood Donation, Pembroke Mall, VA Beach, VA. Those volunteers were Dan Ryan, Doug Uhlmann and Miriam Triscritti. This event was coordinated by dan Ryan and Mark McMillan.
- August 9-10: American Legion Leadership College was held in Richmond, VA. Post Service Officer Doug Uhlmann attended and he reported on information received at the August 14, 2013 meeting.
- August 28: Channel 3 News WTKR reporter Laurie Simmons interviewed Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., and Adjutant Doug Uhlmann at 6:30 PM in OLPH, VA Beach, VA. This was in conjunction with the IRS's attempt to cause the American Legion and its posts nationwide to have on hand a copy of each members DD-214 or proof of military service. This issue has gained national attention and we await guidance from American Legion National Headquarters.
- 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.



*A Patriot Day Ceremony was conducted by American Legion Post 110 on September 11, 2013 at Our lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Senior Care Center in Virginia Beach, VA. First Responders from Virginia Beach's Police, Fire, EMS Departments and Sheriff's Office participated in the ceremony by laying a memorial wreath. In the photo (l to r) are Post Chaplain George Schmidt, Fire Dept Battalion Chief Patrick Humphries, EMS Dept Division Chief Jason Stroud, Legionnaire Miriam Triscritti, Post Finance Officer Steve Sokolowski, Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr., Police Dept Lieutenant John Kozlowski, Sheriff's Office Captain Norman Holcomb, and Post Vice Commander Dan Ryan.*

*Photo by: Linda Dyer, OLPH, Director of Community Relations*

To see the television film-clip on this story go to:

<http://wtkr.com/2013/09/11/virginia-beach-american-legion-post-110-honors-those-lost-on-911/>

### **Upcoming 2013 Events:**

- September 20: POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at Flame of Hope Park, NAS Oceana, VA Beach, VA.
- September 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fall Conference at 1:00 PM, American Legion Post 327, 705 Lesner Ave., Norfolk, VA.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Ave. Parking available at the VA Beach Convention Center on 19<sup>th</sup> 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, VA Beach, VA. Price is \$21.00 per person. RSVP by November 4<sup>th</sup> at (757) 467-9367. Tickets will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, VA Beach, VA
- December 11: Post 110's Christmas Party will be held at Gus and Georges Restaurant, 4312 VA Beach Blvd, VA 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, October 9, 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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