



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

Call to Order: The September 10, 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, and Items of Interest:

* **“Post Everlasting”**: MSGT Robert Moore, USAF (Retired), 77, passed away on August 25, 2014. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 110 in good standing for 2014. The Post Bell was rung to honor the passing of Robert Moore. Attending his Memorial Service was Post 110 Chaplain George Schmidt and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

* Home Depot (on Princess Anne Road) staff members Liz Havelka, Aisha Fells, and Steffi Kauer will be in contact with deceased Post member Earl “Wally” Timmons’ family (Wife- Nancy and Daughter- Jennifer) to see what assistance is needed in maintaining their home. Home Depot conducts this service to veterans and/or surviving spouses each year.

* 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 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 on your computer and click on Last Meeting Minutes.

Guest Speaker/Special Recognition: Post Adjutant/Service Officer Doug Uhlmann (a Virginia Beach Deputy Sheriff) spoke on a program that is utilized at the Virginia Beach Sheriff’s Office in connection with the city’s Department of Human Services to integrate human services and public safety. This counsel brings together law enforcement, local human services, Community Service Boards, Workforce Investment Boards, non-profit and faith-based groups, business community, along with probation office and others to coordinate pre and post-release services to previously incarcerated persons. At the jail, Doug Uhlmann, was asked if he could bring his expertise as the Post 110 Adjutant/Service Officer to this group to counsel inmates that are also military veterans. He agreed, and as Veterans Representative Counselor, he now meets with these veterans twice a month for an hour or two to give them advice and counsel on Veterans’ issues that they may be experiencing.

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 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.

* It was discussed that Post 110 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.

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 stated, that he needs to receive from each Post 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 September 10, 2014, is 219 with a current year Goal of 345 for a 63.478% of goal. 126 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 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.

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

Chaplain: George Schmidt reported that he had receive a donation of a 5 X 8 foot funeral , 50 Stars, United States Flag from Ellen Westbrook of Virginia Beach, VA in the memory of her uncle Elmer Wilbur (Will) Steinmeyer (07/2/1905 – 05/26/1979). Will was a World War II Army veteran who resided in Cleveland, Ohio. Post 110 is most honored to receive this donation and will use the flag appropriately.

American Legion Boy's State of Virginia: Wendell Parker, Post 110's committee Chairman for Boy's State, is preparing 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.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment: None.

Correspondence Received:

* American Legion Post 110 was notified on August 18th and 19th 2014 by National Headquarters that Legionnaires Kevin L. Coers, a Persian Gulf War Veteran, and Lawrence L. Brady, Panama Veteran, applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. Both are 2014 members in good standing and the Post will not challenge these applications.

* American Legion Post 110 received a Resolution For Virginia Department Commander from Northampton Post 56 in Cheriton, VA that "Post 56 does unanimously and enthusiastically endorse James R. Chapman for the high office of Commander, Department of Virginia for the term of 2015-2016.

* American Legion Post 110 received a memorandum from the Virginia Department Adjutant Dale D. Chapman about an opinion offered by the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP at the request of our National Organization. Attached to the memorandum is guidance to American Legion Posts on appropriate documentation for an IRS Audit of Post membership. If you need more information about this guidance please contact Post Adjutant Doug Uhlmann or Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.

New Business:

- Continued from last meeting: Terry Howard recommended that Post 110 members get together for an evening of bowling at NAS Oceana in VA Beach, VA. This activity will be coordinated and scheduled in the near future.

Recently Completed 2014 Events:

- Patriot Day Ceremony, September 11, 2014, 10:00AM, at OLPH, 4560 Princess Anne, Virginia Beach, VA. Virginia Beach First Responders were in attendance.



Pictured in the photo (left to right) are: Dan Ryan, Post 110, Vice Commander; George Schmidt, Post Chaplain; James Ramsey, District Chief, VA Beach Fire Department; Tim Riley, Battalion Chief, VA Beach Fire Department; Bert Wendell, Jr., Commander, American Legion Post 110; Miriam Triscritti, Post Legionaire; Pat Gallagher, Captain, Commander 4th Precinct, VA Beach Police Department; Norman Holcomb, Captain, VA Beach Sheriff's Office; and Doug Uhlmann, Post Adjutant and Service Officer.

- 2014 National Convention, August 22-28, 2014 in Charlotte, NC.
- 2nd District Planning Conference to be held at Attucks Post 5 in Norfolk, VA on August 17, 2014 from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony, September 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM. The ceremony will be held at the Flame of Hope Memorial on Oceana Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA near NAS Oceana. **Note:** This a date/time change due to preparations for NAS Oceana Air Show. Attending will be Post Chaplain George Schmidt and Post Commander Bert Wendell, Jr.
- September 20-21, 2014: American Legion Post 110 Membership Booth (Tent #97) at NAS Oceana Air Show from 8:00AM to 5:00PM each day. Those volunteering to work the air show are: Dan Ryan, Ted Van Horn, Robert Melberg, Craig Huber and Bert Wendell, Jr.
- 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, location is at Rib City, 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, October 8, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Care Center, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Quest Speaker will be: TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Submitted by:

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