



Flagler American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 115



Flagler American Legion Post 115
Serving Flagler's Veterans since 1937



Flagler Sons of the
American Legion Squadron 115

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Post 115 leads July 4th Flagler Beach parade

FROM THE COMMANDER

Here we are starting another year July 1, 2019. I am proud to report that the Post has grown in both membership and our continued support of the 4 Pillars of the American Legion – Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. We are in a sound financial position and our Officers and Executive Committee are working together as a team with one goal in mind – follow proper procedure while focusing on continued Service to our Veterans and Community.

Our 2018/2019 year saw a huge growth in membership, a record year of contributions received during our Lollipop

of the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council and it's varied support services, and much more. We are an active and viable Post continuing to serve thanks to the support of all members.

Some goals for the coming 2019/2020 year:

- Support and growth of Aux. and SAL Squadron
- Creation of ALR Chapter 115
- Review of 4 Pillars Programs, prioritize and fill Chair positions
- Staying true to correct procedures and guidelines as spelled out by Dept. and Nat'l
- Helping 2nd VC to maintain programs and speakers relevant to our Post's and member's needs.

I look forward to working with and serving you in the coming year.

For God & Country,
David S. Hammond,
Commander



l to r: David Gregory, Ron Dean, Bob Carlesimo, Joe Pepin, Gary Owens at VA Wellness Center BBQ & Birthday lunch July 17, 2019

LOLLIPOP FUNDRAISERS

The next fundraising weekend is coming up Labor Day weekend Aug 31 & Sept 1 at Publix Town Center and SR100 Flagler Beach specifically benefitting our Children & Youth program. We will also be at the Publix Island Walk on Sept 14 & 15. Please sign up for a 2hour shift for one of these events.

Many thanks to Joe Leahy and Joe Pepin for their tireless efforts in helping the Post with the fundraising.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED POST 115 WEBSITE



www.FlaglerPost115.org

We have migrated to Phase 5, a much improved and updated website platform. New Features include:

- Better graphics
- Improved Photo Gallery with larger images
- Easier to navigate from any page
- A banner slider feature

If you are not yet familiar with our website, it is THE place to go for all the latest news and events, veterans' information and resources and general information about The American Legion and Post 115.

Just a few examples of what is available at FlaglerPost115.org:

- Access the Basic Training Course on the Home page
- Upcoming meetings and events including detailed agendas and minutes
- Renew your membership
- Order a Legion Cap or Post 115 polo
- View Photo Gallery
- Instructions for displaying the American Flag

Using the new website is easier and more user friendly so feel free! If you are interested in helping to maintain our website,

contact Hank Mangels at Finance@FlaglerPost115.org.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Have you ever thought about what it would mean if we were responsible for others 'spiritually'? Scripture speaks to this problem in Genesis. God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice but not with Cain's. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:6-7). But Cain would not heed God's words and jealousy got the best of him and he murdered his brother Abel. Then the LORD said to him, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9)? Cain's sarcastic and uncaring words symbolize our unwillingness to accept responsibility for the welfare of other's. Who is our 'brother or sister'? In the extended sense of the term everyone in contact with us is our 'brother' or 'sister'.

However, scripture teaches us we do have responsibility for our brother or sister. This lesson is taught by Jesus when He teaches us to "Love our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39). Also, we see in 1 Corinthians 12:26 "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it..." Therefore, if we allow physical

selfishness, mental carelessness, moral insensitivity, or spiritual weakness to influence our actions those around us will spiritually suffer.

We are expected to live lives so that others are lifted-up. In Acts 1:8 Jesus teaches us "You shall be witnesses to Me..." What does God mean when He says our lives should be 'witnesses' to Him? I think it is like being in a witness in a court proceeding. We need to live our lives, so others (brothers and sisters) understand what it means to be Christ like.

So, Frank why are we left here on earth? I believe it is to be in service to our Lord. Our lives of service to God is the way we say, "Thank you". Thank you, Lord for Your inexpressibly wonderful salvation. You see - we cannot ever deserve it.

For God and Country,
Frank Boone

POST EVERLASTING

Harry "Hans" Leiken 7/27/19

Glenrick Elliott 7/19/19

SICK CALL

Sandy Ausbrooks

Joe Sepe

Michael Goodyear

Dino Perez

Joe Licata

John Clark

Please keep these members in your prayers.

BLUE WATER NAVY

Flagler County Veteran's Service Office announced the recent passage of the "Blue Water Navy" legislation that extends benefits to those

veterans that served during the Vietnam War that never touched foot “in-country” but just off-shore and suffered the effects of things such as Agent Orange. The office will begin helping those veterans file their claims. For more information contact Eric Flores or John Sowell @ 386-313-4014 or visit their website www.FlaglerCounty.org

AUXILLIARY NEWS

Hello, Ladies:

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. We did not have a meeting in July. We will have a regular American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115 membership meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at 12 noon at the VFW Post home on Old Kings Road North. A short meeting is planned followed by a pay as you go lunch. The VFW offers a delicious lunch at a reasonable price. Mark your calendar and hope to see you there.

I want to thank Unit 115 members that attended our Department Convention in Orlando at the end of June. Great convention with lots of good information disseminated to those in attendance. Congratulations to Ann King-Smith, our elected Department President for 2019-2020. We wish her well as she leads our organization in the coming year. As more information on the President's theme is made available to me, I will pass it on to the membership. It is always enjoyable for me to visit with our members who are able to attend. Thanks to

Catherine Hammond and Cheryl Mangels for joining me and representing Unit 115 at this year's convention.

Our Unit assisted by Post Legionnaires put on a great birthday party/cookout for the veterans at the outpatient VA Wellness Recovery Center in Post Orange. This is a day treatment facility offering different programs every day. They include group and individual sessions with resident staff, occupational task learning, learning to play various musical instruments, enhancing computer skills and other beneficial programs. The facility has a great outdoor area with covered pavilion and grill area. The Post Legionnaires used this area to cook hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs for the birthday party. Our Unit furnished the meat products, coleslaw, potato salad, a beautiful birthday cake, and soda and water for about 40 veterans, their wives and Center Director Annie Barriero and her staff. The Unit gave the three birthday honorees a gift card to a local merchant. The camaraderie was great. I want to extend a huge “Thank You” to Post 115 Legionnaires who helped make the day a super success.

Our Girls State representatives are back from Tallahassee where they say the experience was very meaningful and enjoyable. They will attend the September Legion meeting at the VFW and you can meet Flagler County's representatives and listen to them

tell their story about a week in Tallahassee creating a hands-on mock State Government. More than 300 young ladies from around Florida attend the Florida American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. The experience bonds many for a lifetime.

Our Unit membership drive will kickoff in August for the coming Auxiliary 2019-2020 year. It is a bit confusing, I know. Your 2019 membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is good until December 31, 2019. However, our new fiscal financial/membership drive year runs from July 1st of this year until June 30th of 2020.

Our Unit's Poppy Drive has been put on hold until later in the Fall when it is a bit cooler. More information will follow soon.

I received a lovely note from member Alice Brixius who currently lives in South Florida. She would love for you to keep in contact. Please text Alice at (386) 283-6556. Alice was very active in our Unit and served as Unit President for number of years. Her hard work and love for this Unit kept it in the forefront in the community and the Department. She still supports the Unit in membership and spirit from South Florida. Please text Alice and let her know you appreciate her continued support of our Unit. If you are not into texting, call the number and I am sure she will welcome hearing your voice.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those of our Unit that are housebound. Please let me know

of anyone sick or in distress. My telephone number is (386) 445-5346.

For God and Country
Karen Smith
Unit 115 President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next general meeting Aug. 12
ALR Chapter 115 will be meeting @ 5PM, general membership meeting @ 6PM. Potluck dinner, Patrick Juliano from City of Palm Coast will be our guest speaker, regular Post business.

Join other veterans the 1st & 3rd Saturdays every month 8am @ Metro Diner in Island Walk for breakfast and sharing.

Veterans Day events Nov 11, 2019 both Palm Coast & Flagler County – Post 115 was also invited to attend Veterans Day Services at Christ Lutheran Church, US1 Bunnell Nov. 10th

Dept. of Florida Fall Conference Nov. 1-3 – all members are invited to attend.

Sept. 9 General Meeting highlighting our Children & Youth programs

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 115



Creation of ALR Chapter 115 is well under way. The general

membership has voted to approve creation and adoption of the ALR program which is a program under the auspices of Post 115. S.O.P. has been created and submitted to Dept. of Florida for approval and request for the Chapter's Charter has been made. We are now just awaiting the approval from Dept. Our first meeting will be Monday Aug. 12 at 5PM – preceding the Post's general meeting.

Potential officers have been discussed in previous informal meetings and should be solidified at this meeting.

ALR Chapter 115 membership is open to all Post 115 members, Post 115 SAL Squadron members, and Unit 115 Auxiliary members. Those of you that have a motorcycle please join us – a minimum displacement of 400ccs is required. Those of you that have more that 3 wheels are also encouraged to join as support members.

Those that join in the first year are eligible for "Charter Member" status. ALR 115 membership will be \$25 annually. Those that wish to be PUFL with the Chapter can pay \$200 in the first year, of course membership in the "Legion Family" must always be maintained.

Some of the goals for ALR Chapter 115 are raising money for local organizations and services in support of The American Legion's 4 Pillars. The Chapter will also be sponsoring

or participating in motorcycle "Runs" to benefit numerous charities, participation in safety programs, memorial ceremonies, community parades, and other events. We look forward to presenting a positive image in the community as representatives of the American Legion Family.

2019 Boys' State Cadets



l-r Joe Leahy Post 115, cadets Dylan Ott, Nicholas Anane, David Wilcox, Hunter Perez, Omer Smith Post 115

DAVID LYDON ON DEPLOYMENT

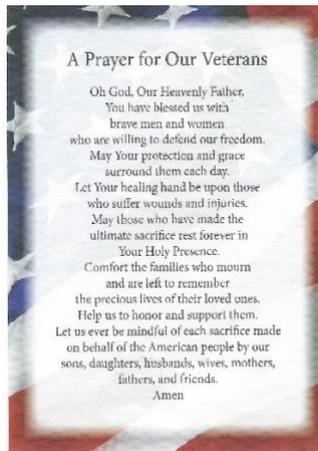


Here's a photo from our own member David Lydon (l) on deployment at Al Asad Air Base Iraq

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO MEETINGS? WILLING TO OFFER A LIFT?

We are creating a list of those members that need a ride to/from meetings as well as those members willing offer transport.

If you are in one of these groups please contact Adjutant Gary Owens @ 386-585-5302 or adjutant@flaglerpost115.org. We need as many members as possible in various areas of Flagler County and Palm Coast willing to offer transport to/from meetings to meet the needs of our fellow veterans, please consider making the effort.



Are you a member with sons and grandsons? Sign them up with the SAL Squadron 115 for \$10 annual dues. Contact Adjutant Owens at above info.

Please continue with remitting your 2019/2020 membership dues. Without your membership we cannot maintain the many programs that we sponsor. The Post Officers strive to keep organizational expenses to a bare minimum in order to meet the Post's continued commitment to the American Legion's 4 Pillars. Dept. of FL has requested that Post 115 contribute to the current Dept. Hurricane Relief Fund. Prior year's funds were depleted due to storms including Hurricane Michael in the Florida panhandle.

Many thanks to Dept. of Florida District 17 Commander Hank Mangels and Dist. 17 Officers for attending our July 8th general meeting and conducting the Installation of Post 115 Officers. Are you interested in a certain topic for discussion at a meeting? Know of a program that benefits or serves the Post and can recommend a speaker? Please pass along to Adjutant Gary Owens @ 386-585-5302 or adjutant@FlaglerPost115.org The same goes for the radio broadcast Veterans On Point – contact Eric Flores-Febles @ 386-313-4014 or efebles@flaglercounty.org Eric needs speakers for topics pertaining to veterans – the program airs every Sunday morning on WNZF 1550AM and 94.9FM

Many thanks to our KRIER

Boosters

10/18	9/19	Rev. Ross A Licata
10/18	9/19	Mary Beck
12/17	11/19	Jim Bradley & Beverly McGowan
1/17	12/19	Charles & Claire Saarela
2/17	1/20	Nancy R Stacey
6/17	5/20	James Canfield
8/15	7/20	Gregory & Linda Hansen
10/17	9/20	Leonard&Jeanette Sampson
1/16	12/20	David& Catherine Hammond
6/19	6/21	Bryant & Brenda Thorpe
6/17	5/22	John & Chris Mendez
8/19	8/20	Ken & Dorothy Wall
8/19	8/20	Lois M Andrs
8/19	8/21	Gary & Kathy Owens
1/16	12/22	Deidre Jean Wright
1/18	1/23	Phyllis M Wright
8/18	7/23	John & Margaret Russell
10/18	9/23	Joe & Di Pepin

Krier Booster Donation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Start Date of Donation _____

Period Covered (1 or more years) _____

Amount Contributed (min \$10/yr) \$ _____

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Many thanks to all members for an outstanding 2018/2019 membership year. As a Post we grown and also been Blessed to serve our fellow veterans and community, and as Adjutant I thank you all for your continued support of the efforts of Post 115.

But we need more!

Auxiliary Unit 115 can use **NEW MEMBERS**. Our Post 115 members can easily have their spouses join the Auxiliary Unit 115 for \$30 annual dues. Any and all input and help would be appreciated! We have application available at our meetings and on-line.

SAL Squadron 115 is also in need of help. Those members that are local please reach out to us – contact Squadron Adjutant Gary Owens @ 386-585-5302 or adjutant@FlaglerPost115.org. We are not asking for a lot, but some help or input would be appreciated. So many Posts in Florida have a very active and successful SAL Squadron that supports the Posts' efforts – again in support of the Posts' 4 Programs. Please think about giving an few hours a year.

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2019-2020 Post 115 Officers



**WELCOME NEW AND
TRANSFER MEMBERS**

Craig Lorey
Jerry Letterman
Michael Gyorks
Robert Carlesimo
Allison Southall
Leo Kubiet
Vincent Tramontana
Lawrence Pulos
Jerry Barson
Loren Anderson
Richard Bancroft

**2019 POST 115
LEGIONAIRE OF THE
YEAR**



Hank Mangels (r)