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Auxiliary Unit 115



Flagler American Legion Post 115  
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102 years of  
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Flagler Sons of the  
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# Legion Krier

Apr - May 2021  
Editor: Gary M Owens

## **COMMANDER'S COLUMN**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires!

It is getting to be that time of year where elections for next year's officers become a hot topic. As mentioned at the last meeting Ronnie Dean has stepped up as the chairman of the nomination committee. As per our By-Laws the proposed slate of officers will be announced at the April meeting along with the opportunity to nominate additional candidates. The same thing will happen at the May but followed by elections at the same meeting. Swearing in of the new officers for 2022 occurs in July after the Department Convention. If you would like to be a candidate for any position, please let Ronnie know.

While staying socially distanced the seating plan was modified at the last meeting. We will keep this change until such time as we can return to a normal configuration.

The Executive Committee will be discussing when we might be able to once again have a Potluck to start our meetings. We will notify you of any suggestions. The District 17 picnic was a success at raising money for Boys and Girls State transportation. However, the District 17 Chili Cook Off competition had to be cancelled for Emery L. Bennett nursing home.

It will instead be held at Post 259 in DeBary on April 10 at Noon. Our Post has been a great supporter of the activity in the past and I would like to see us be a winner again this year.

The Funding Committee met to discuss different ideas for raising money and have come up with several great ideas. 3rd Vice Commander Leahy, the Chair, will be providing additional information at the next meeting. However, we are starting our fund raising at Publix locations. Please contact Joe L. to find date when you can volunteer. We need help raising funds to support Post activities.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as there is still time to set a record for this year.

The Department Convention is scheduled for 1 - 4 July in Orlando. Please make plans to attend as it is a great opportunity to learn more about the Legion and to participate in Legion activities. Please go on the Department website to make reservation for your hotel stay. It doesn't cost anything to attend any of the Legion meetings, only to attend some special meals.

As I said in other editions, and will say again, may this Krier find you and yours healthy and prepared to stay well during this continuing period of social unrest and pandemic sheltering.

**FOR GOD & COUNTRY**

David S. Hammond  
Commander

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

As we enter into spring most of us experience something we do not even have to think about “Hope”. We feel the days growing warmer, the spring flowers are starting to bloom, we have ‘sprung’ forward, and for many Christians we have ended the period of Lent and experienced the hope of Easter. All three of the major faiths share in the concept of a living hope. No matter what our circumstances we all hope for a better tomorrow. We all pray our children will experience a better life than we have. We all know where we will go when our time here on earth is over – a better place.

Some of us have experienced 2020 as one of the most difficult fearful years of our lives.

We all are looking forward to saying goodbye to the ‘virus’. We are looking forward with hope to a better 2021. Hopefully, we can end the daily CDC recommendations to wash our hands (always a great idea), wear a mask, and stay at least six feet apart. We look forward to going out to eat with friends, visiting relatives, hugging our GRAND children. We have been asked to give up so much for so long – we all should have a lot of hope.

The disciples however had forgotten what Jesus had taught them. The scripture tells us after He was killed, they went back to living in fear. However, some of the women went to take care of Jesus’ dead body. They were surprised when they encountered an Angel. Possibly the first Angel they had ever met. Then in Matthew 28 we read the women saw the resurrected Jesus! He has arisen, He is alive, for all Christians our hope is forever restored. This event was the proof the disciples needed that Jesus really was the Son of God. Now we see this event is the hope that motivates Jesus’ disciples for almost 2000 years. This one event showed us we should live in hope – not fear.

My prayer for you as you experience this special time of year as you see springtime blooming all around to be people of hope - not fear. We will get through this together. I am a person who lives in hope. I believe tomorrow will be better!

For God and Country

Frank

Rev William F Boone, II

Chaplain, Post 115



new member Paul Werner Initiation 3-8-21 General Meeting

## **FROM AUXILIARY UNIT #115**

Hello Auxiliary Members, Happy Spring!!!

All is well with our Auxiliary Unit—meetings are very well attended. Thanks to all who come out on the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall on Old Kings Road North in Palm Coast. We conduct our Auxiliary business meeting, enjoy a pay-as-you-go lunch and visit together. We are a small Unit, yet we are strong in spirit and service.

Currently, I am asking Auxiliary members to bring non-perishable food items to our meetings to distribute to those in need in our county. The pandemic has created so much disruption in our daily lives. Many are out of work consequently rents or mortgages are delinquent, food for the family is in short supply and visits with family members not living in the house are on hold. I think I see the light at the end of the tunnel for all of this to improve.

Until then, I ask for your donation to help those experiencing difficult times.

Our Bakeless Bake Sale mailout is going very well.

We really appreciate all of you who have been so generous to make our Girls State fund raising a success. Thank you so much!! The two delegates and two alternated selected to attend from Flagler County are outstanding. Our interviews in February renew our faith in our leaders of tomorrow.

I extend a “thank you” on behalf of the Unit to Gary Owens who has been a tremendous help for our “Poppies for Veterans” project. I, also, send a great big “thank you” to Bina who has worked tirelessly setting up the businesses for our Poppy Drive. There are many veterans in need of financial assistance today.

I am very pleased the Unit’s membership is 90.24 percent. I have received several more in recent days that have not been yet processed. Thank you for renewing and if you have not please submit your

membership renewal today by sending a check make payable to Flagler American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115 in the amount of \$30.00. Your membership helps maintain The American Legion's strong voice to Congress on veteran's healthcare and other veteran priorities.

We have ordered patriotic illustrated comic books for elementary students. These comic books inform our selected age group the history and proper respect of the Flag of the United States of America. The comic books will be distributed to Old Kings Elementary School. Thanks to Judy H. for her generous donation for the project.

The Palm Coast VFW 8696 Auxiliary is hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, May 1st. Our Unit is renting a table and will participate in the event.

Donated items are solicited for our table. For additional information and where to donate, please contact member Mary Beck at 446-8253.

Election of Unit 115 officers for the year 2021-2022 is rapidly drawing near. I am retiring my President's position at the end of June. It has been a great ride serving our veterans and the American Legion

Auxiliary over the years. I appreciate all the friendships made and the many veterans and their families I was able to touch and perhaps make a positive change in their lives. All of you are great and I hope and pray you will continue to serve our

Unit, the American Legion Auxiliary and the veterans and their families. If you are interested in serving as a Unit Officer or chair a Standing Committee, please contact Brenda Thorpe, (386) 263-7971. Our fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th of each year.



1<sup>st</sup> Poppy Fundraiser March 2021 at The Beach Front Grille Flagler Beach with ALR Chapter 115

Our meetings are held at the VFW Hall on Old Kings Road North the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon. We have a business meeting and conclude with a delicious pay-as-you-go lunch and social visiting. We look forward to meeting new ladies, renewing friendships from the past and sharing greetings with those we care. Our goal is to make all feel welcomed.

“Kindness in words creates confidence,  
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness,  
Kindness in giving creates LOVE”

Lao-Tse

For God and Country!

Karen Smith, Unit 115 President



### POW/MIA Update

February 5, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Mitchell, W.) February 9, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Blanchard, W.) February 10, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Clark, D.) February 10, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Goodwin, R.) February 10, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Davenport, J.) February 11, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Wilkins, P.) February 17, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Turbeville, M.) February 17, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Mitchem, P.) February 17, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Tucker, W.) February 24,

2021: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Hancock, J.L.)  
 February 25, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Booe, J.)  
 March 1, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Milano, D.)  
 March 1, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Boughman, R.)  
 March 3, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Gutierrez, J.)  
 March 4, 2021: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Hart, J.)  
 March 5, 2021: Chaplain Accounted For From Korean War (Kapaun, E.)  
 March 10, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Hesler, A)  
 March 10, 2021: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Malek, M.)

### **3rd VICE COMMANDER**

By JOE LEAHY  
**BOYS STATE**

We have a total of 6 excellent candidates chosen – 4 delegates and 2 alternates. We are awaiting final paperwork completion, confirmation from FSU and Dept. of FL. Local orientation meeting will be planned for Post 115 location – date to be determined.

### **FUNDRAISING**

Many events are planned and some are already in process!  
 The ALR Chapter 115 started our Lollipop Drive supporting both the ALR and Post 115 and a Poppy Drive supporting the AUX. Unit 115 at the Beach Front Grille during Bike Week.

LOLLIPOP DRIVES are on for 3/27 & 3/28  
PUBLIX Island Walk and PUBLIX Belle Terre / Palm Coast Pkwy stores.  
2/3 APR - Dunkin Donuts locations on Palm Coast Pkwy and also N Old Kings Rd.

17/18 APR PUBLIX Hammock Beach

**BE SURE TO AGREE TO SPEND 2 HOURS  
 RAISING \$\$ FOR POST 115 EFFORTS WHEN  
 CALLED!**

### **POST 115 GARAGE SALE MAY 2021**

The Post, ALR, and AUX will have tables at the VFW Garage Sale coming Sat. 1 MAY 2021.  
*If you have items to donate please contact the Auxiliary, or Adjutant Owens.*

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### **AL RIDERS CHAPT. 115**



ALR Chapter Members at the 17<sup>th</sup> District Picnic – 13 MAR 2021



Your Chapter 115 Riders have been active these last months. BIKEWEEK 2021 we were out raising money for the Post and the AUX! Over \$500 was raised in our efforts at The Beach Front Grille on Flagler Beach where owner Jamie is very supportive. Remember VETERANS THURSDAYS @ THE BEACH FRONT GRILLE - \$8 Dinner Specials for Veterans every Thursday.



Happy ALR Couples @ Daytona Flea Market



***Be sure to listen to VETERANS ON POINT radio broadcasts on WNZF 94.9 FM aired Sunday mornings 0930hrs.***

### **ONLINE BASIC TRAINING COURSE**

If you have not yet taken The American Legion's free online Basic Training Course, it is highly encouraged you do so. The course covers five topics: history and organization; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth. See [www.legion.org/training](http://www.legion.org/training) for the course.

### **FELLOW VETERANS NEED TRANSPORT**

***There are Post 115 members that are unable to drive at night as well as those in residence at home or various assisted living facilities here in Flagler County that are in need of transport to/from***

***meetings.*** Hopefully you would be able to stop by and pick up a member on your way to a meeting? It would definitely be appreciated!

There are members in the Bunnell area and western parts of the county that are in need as well as right in Palm Coast!

***Please contact Adjutant Owens @ 386-585-5302 or [adjutant@flaglerpost115.org](mailto:adjutant@flaglerpost115.org) if you are able to help out, or are in need of a ride.***

### **SICK CALL**

Ted Listing, Peter Seidel, John Preston, Kathy Owens, Sandy Ausbrooks, Dino Perez, Vinnie Raffaele, Donna Gregory, John Edsel - KOC

### **FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD**



Post 115 Color Guard presented The Colors 2 MAR 2021 at Dunkin Donuts Palm Coast for Korean War Veteran's Memorial

***Color Guard is in need to 2 or 3 new members***  
Please contact Sgt. @ Arms Ed Beier if you are interested in joining.

Color Guard is available for veteran's funeral and memorial services as well as the ALR Flag Line and motorcycle escort.

### **POST HISTORIAN**

Post Historian Jim Boyd is continuing collection of memorabilia for this year's Post Scrapbook to be submitted to dept. in July. Please be sure to share any photos or articles pertaining to our Post and local veterans with Jim.

### **POST 115 MEDIA**

Post 115 is in need of a "MEDIA PERSON" to run the Post's Facebook, website, and email blasts. If you have some experience in these areas please contact Adjutant Owens @ [adjutant@flaglerpost115.org](mailto:adjutant@flaglerpost115.org)

Hank Mangels has done an exceptional job for the last few years and he is retiring from his duties. Many Thanks to Hank!!

### **LEGION INFO**

The new [www.MyLegion.org](http://www.MyLegion.org) website goes active 1 APR 2021. All accounts will be member accounts including A.L. and S.A.L. members. Current members will be asked to re-register their member account in order to make changes to contact information, print membership card, war era, branch of service, and communication preferences.

### **2021 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**

The deadline to submit an American Legion legacy Scholarship application is 15 APR 2021. The scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those that have a combined VA disability rating of 50% or greater. [www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy](http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy). During the global pandemic the American Legion Riders led an effort to raise more than \$550,000 for the legacy Scholarship Fund. See [www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders).

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*Here's info regarding American Legion History and Story!*

Please look to:

[www.youtube.com/americanlegionhq](http://www.youtube.com/americanlegionhq) for the –  
"To Strengthen a Nation Series."

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### **MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS 7/1 – 6/30 EACH YEAR**

No matter what time of year you remit your dues, **JULY 1<sup>st</sup>** starts the new membership year. Whether you pay in July 2020 or in February 2021 it is for year 7/1/20 – 6/30/21. Hope this helps.

**Please renew your membership @**

**[www.flaglerpost115.org](http://www.flaglerpost115.org)**

This link goes directly to our Post saving much time and effort. Many Thanks!

Adj. Owens

**Our next *Post Dinner Night Out* event is 11 May 2021 @ The Texas Road House.  
Get your coupon!**

### **CALENDAR**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays Bob Evans Veterans Breakfast  
0800hrs

SAT. 3 APR 2021

DEPT. OF FL  
CHILDREN & YOUTH  
PICNIC

Post 1 Titusville  
1200 – 1800hrs

10 APR 2021

CHAPTER 115 MEETING 1000hrs VFW  
17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CHILI COOK-OFF  
POST 259 – DEBARY  
1200-1800hrs

12 APR 2021

POST 115 GENERAL MEETING  
BUNNEL PD CHIEF FOSTER

HIGH SCHOOLS HONOR CORD CEREMONY  
Tentatively April 2021

3 MAY 2021

FPCHS ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY  
VFW Post 8696

5 MAY 2021

MATANZAS HS ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY  
Matanzas HS Auditorium

8 MAY 2021

CHAPTER 115 MEETING 1000hrs VFW

10 MAY 2021

POST 115 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAT 29 MAY 0930hrs

ESPANOLA CEMETERY FLAG PLACEMENT

CITY OF PALM COAST MEMORIAL DAY  
31 MAY 2021

CEREMONY@ HEROES PARK P/C 0800hrs  
1000hrs FLAGLER COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY  
CEREMONY County Admin. Bldg. 2  
1<sup>st</sup> SGT. MELVIN MORRIS SPEAKER

14 JUNE 2021  
POST 115 MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
POST ELECTIONS

DEPT. OF FL CONVETION  
1-4 JULY 2021  
ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT

3 JULY 2021 FLAGLER COUNTY  
FREEDOMFEST

@ Flagler Executive Airport.

Post 115 will have a tent and display set up and we will need help manning the booth. Please spend a couple hours 3 July and enjoy the festivities. Contact Adjutant Owens @ [adjutant@flaglerpost115.org](mailto:adjutant@flaglerpost115.org)

### OUR WWII STORY

A collection of OUR WWII STORY articles and photos about The American Legion's place in the Second World War can be found at [www.legion.org/](http://www.legion.org/) /centennial. They are available to share or reprint in post, district or department media.

### The American Legion PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purpose:

- To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America;
  - To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
  - To make right the master of might;
  - To promote peace and goodwill on earth;
  - To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS

Henry Yacek, Kevin Gilligan, Alfred Ruiz, Cornell Neitzel, Paul Hulse, Lorrene Castelhana, George Sheats, Charles Harris, Charles Giles, Kenneth Knapp, James Gilmore, Alfred Persi, Sheila Thompson, Clifford Hosking, Mark Whisenant, Paul Werner, Scott Gardner, Jeffrey McKay, Philip Milani, Andrew Graff  
SAL Members – Tom Torre, Gabe Breckenridge



Post 115 Color Guard

### NEED A U.S. FLAG?

Go to [www.AmericanLegionFlags.com](http://www.AmericanLegionFlags.com), or call 888-453-4466 and specify Post 115, Bunnell, FL

### FREEDOMFEST 2021

FLAGLER COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
3 JULY 2021

Post 115 Will have a booth at the FLAGLER COUNTY FREEDOM FEST 2021 and needs you to help in volunteering to man our booth.

We were there for a cold 2019 event and had great results!

Please be sure to offer to spend a couple hours July 3rd in support of Post 115!



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 added to the email list*

**KRIER BOOSTERS**

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|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| 6/20  | 6/25  | James Canfield            |
| 12/20 | 12/25 | David & Catherine Hammond |
| 2/19  | 2/21  | Ruby Saffell              |
| 6/19  | 6/21  | Bryant & Brenda Thorpe    |
| 6/17  | 5/22  | John & Chris Mendez       |
| 8/19  | 8/21  | Gary & Kathy Owens        |
| 10/19 | 10/21 | Ron & Beverly Kecskes     |
| 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            |
| 10/19 | 10/24 | John C Clark              |
| 10/19 | 10/21 | Ron & Lenora Dean         |
| 02/20 | 02/21 | Anthony & Joan Libaci     |
| 02/20 | 02/22 | Ronald & Bevery Kecskes   |
| 02/20 | 02/25 | Joe & Bina Leahy          |

**KRIER BOOSTERS cont'd**

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|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 02/20 | 02/21 | Rev. Ross A Licata       |
| 04/20 | 04/22 | Mary Beck                |
| 08/20 | 08/22 | Glenn French             |
| 08/20 | 08/22 | Michael Sikora           |
| 10/20 | 10/22 | R Sandy Ausbrooks        |
| 11/20 | 11/23 | Charles & Claire Saarela |
| 12/20 | 12/22 | Ken & Dorothy Wall       |
| 12/20 | 12/22 | Lois Andrs               |
| 02/21 | 02/31 | Frank & Helena Boone     |

**Krier Booster Donation Form**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Start Date of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Period Covered (1 or more years) \_\_\_\_\_

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