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Auxiliary Unit 115



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



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Editor: Gary M Owens

NEXT POST
MEETINGS MONDAY
14 AUG AND
MONDAY 11 SEP
1800hrs
But come early!
COMMANDER'S
COLUMN

I am very excited and humbled to accept the baton from Cdr. Joe Pepin. He has been a brilliant Commander, and I hope to build on his many accomplishments and successes, by continuing his and previous Commanders' great legacies.

It is my hope to make you, my Legion family, even more proud to be members of our post. But as we all know, "hope" alone isn't a good basis for a strategy or a plan. I am therefore building, with our team, basic but strategic initiatives with concrete goals and objectives for what we want, in the future, for our post.

Because this is an inclusive endeavor, please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas for future

activities, events, co-ops, and other focuses and directions for the post that may have been on your mind.

Yes, I do want your input!
Please e-mail your wish-list
and ideas this month to the 3rd
Vice Commander, David

Campbell, at
dncampbell_ret@yahoo.com and
they will be considered by a
planning team that is presently
being formed.

Also, if you are interested in
serving on this new planning
team, please let me know.

As we all know, membership is the lifeblood of our post, and participation, inclusion, and camaraderie keep it pumping. When the Legion delivers a message on Capitol Hill, it does so on behalf of nearly 3.5 million members of The American Legion family. So, if you see a Veteran, speak to him or her about us, including all we have been accomplishing and still plan to. Bring them to our next event or meeting. I look forward to seeing many new or transfer members for Post 115.

Personally, I want to see this post grow and evolve stronger and stronger, for generations to come. Therefore, I plan to focus on recruiting younger members, while also inspiring existing members to be more active in areas of their choice.

We have a wealth of talent among our members that can be used for the greater good. Please join in - step forward and help make a difference! Every small step matters as we march together to help veterans and support the tenants of the American Legion.

Speaking of members, among my personal rules of success (#1, in fact) is: Just show up. For example, just show up at a post-meeting. Granted, it's a meeting, and who likes to go to meetings? But come for the potluck and tell a joke or sea/war story or two with friends.

We would greatly appreciate your dropping in and saying "hi." Time is precious, and camaraderie is priceless. Stick around and enjoy some laughs with your Legion family. You may even learn a bit more about programs and plans that might be just what you've been looking for.

Serving the greater good is in our blood.

So, in three words, "Just show up." It could change your life while enriching the lives of those you touch. You might even have a little fun.

Come on in and let's chat.

"AND BE THE ONE"!!

Paul Werner
COMMANDER Flagler Post
115 2023-2024
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"The nation which forgets its
defenders will be itself
forgotten." - Popeye



Cdr. Paul Werner

**Be sure to listen to VETERANS
ON POINT radio broadcasts on
WNZF 94.9 FM aired on
Sundays 0930**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

But when you give to the needy,
do not let your left hand know
what your right hand is doing, so
that your giving may be in
secret. Then your Father, who
sees what is done in secret will
reward you. Matthew 6: 3-4

Well, the dog days of
summer are upon us, and I hope
that everyone is staying cool.
I would like to take a moment to
reflect on the last year. I was

asked to join the American
Legion and then to be the
Chaplain of Post 115. I met so
many of you and I began to
enjoy the friendships and
camaraderie within the post. I
met Commander Joe Pepin and
quickly developed a great respect
for him as a post Commander
and a person. Commander
Pepin's love for our post was
very evident. Mrs. Delores is
very dedicated to our post and
has worked tirelessly as she
shored Joe up from time to time.
She has as much energy as Joe
does.

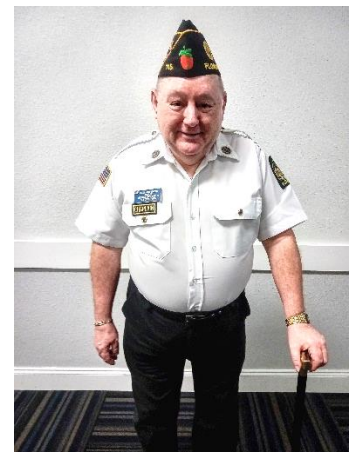
I guess I just wanted to
take this moment to "Thank"
Commander Pepin and Delores
for all of their hard work.
Now we have the privilege of
having Paul Warner as our
Commander and he has a lot of
wonderful projects lined up. I
think that all of us could work on
different projects. There is
always something that each of us
could do to bring our post into
the community and get the name
"American Legion-Post 115-
Bunnell Florida" on more and
more tongues around our county.
We have an abundance of people
with different skills, and I know
that we can step up and give our
new Commander our very best
work.

If any of you are in need
of my skills as a Pastor, please
do not hesitate to get in touch
with me. I am here for each and
every one of you. Remember-
Nothing is too small or too
private, As the Office of the
Keys dictates in the Lutheran
Faith I am bound to secrecy.
There may be some of you who

are feeling depressed because of
any number of reasons. Please, I
ask you, if this is the case, please
contact me. You are loved by
many and there is nothing that
we can't overcome. David
Lydon and Eric Flores are
working very hard for all of us
and any one of us can be of
assistance.

As we await the coming
of autumn let us reach out, roll
up our sleeves and work with our
new Commander to get things
done. God's Peace and Blessings
to you all. Pastor/ Chaplain John
Johnson.

p.s. I thank you all very much for
your kindness and friendships.



Chaplain Johnson

1st VICE COMMANDER RON DEAN

Greetings to all members. It's
the start of another new year for
the American Legion.
Our slogan this year is BE THE
ONE. This is your time to step
up and be the one to go ahead
and renew your membership. Be
the one to bring in a new
member, be the one that steps up
and volunteers to help the post
and our community. Do you

want to visit your neighbors?
 Invite him to a meeting let them
 know that you're proud to be an
 American Legion member. We
 missed out this past year having
 100% membership so let's work
 a little harder this year and get
 over 100%. Please won't you BE
 THE ONE!

We're looking to have a
 successful year and watch our

Post grow.

Ron Dean

(SeaDawg)

1st Vice Cdr. Post 115

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1st VC Ron Dean

2nd VICE

COMMANDER

JOE LEAHY NOTES

2023 BOYS STATE

18-24 June 2023

Tallahassee, FL

Delegates

Benjamin Caleb Skinner – FPC

Dashawn Clay – FPC

2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARK THE DATE

Monday 2 OCT 2023 – Grand

Haven Golf Club Palm Coast

Please consider playing,
 volunteering, or just donating for
 the event.

IF YOU OWN A TIME-SHARE,
 perhaps think about offering a
 week as a Live Auction
 donation. The past 2 years we
 had a donor offer a “Casa” for a
 week in Mexico which raised a
 couple thousand \$!



Joseph Leahy 2nd VC

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 receive your certificate and pin!*

2023-2024

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10 JULY 2020

Post 115 Officer Installation



2023-2024 Post 115 Officers

l-r – Sgt @ Arms Beier, Adj. Owens.
 3rd VC Campbell, Fin. Beier, Historian
 Holt, 1st VC Dean, Chaplain Johnson,
 Cdr. Werner – not present 2nd VC
 Leahy and Judge Advocate Middleton

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Welcome from your 2023-2024
SONS Cdr. Richard "RJ" Card
and Adj. David Campbell.

**Post 115 members – remember
that your sons and grandsons are
eligible for SAL membership!**

It is our goal that our SAL
Squadron 115 will be able to
grow and become an active and
contributing part of our Legion
Family and we need members to
participate.

Look for more to come from
your Squadron 115!
For God & Country,
RJ Card, Sq. 115 Cdr.



SONS SQUADRON 115 CDR
RICHARD "RJ" CARD



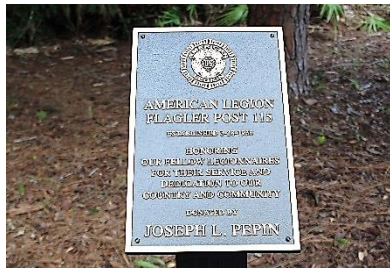
SONS Squadron 115 Adj
David Campbell

THE 4 PILLARS of The American Legion

Veterans Affairs &
Rehabilitation; National
Security; Americanism; and
Children & Youth. See
www.legion.org/training for the
basic training course.

HEROES MEMORIAL PARK

BUY-A-BRICK @ Palm Coast
Heroes Park - \$35ea.



POST 115 PLAQUE @ HEROES
MEMORIAL PARK, PALM COAST
Dedicated 21 SEP 2022
Donated by Cdr. Joe Pepin

POST EVERLASTING

Karl M Mack
08/24/42 03/28/23
Gary E Billick
08/27/42 06/02/23
Robert G Carlson
03/29/32 07/21/23

SICK CALL

Jeremy Holt, Alicia Clay, Robert
Eber, Armand Dupuis, Helen
Johnson, Kathy Owens, Bill
Haseltine, Pastor Johnson

Please keep these folks in your
prayers.

FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD

Welcome new member George
Kazmerski to the Color Guard.

The Color Guard needs members
to join our ranks. We just lost a
very dedicated member in Mike
Gyorkos' passing and our needs
have not decreased.

I truly believe you'd feel a great
amount of pride and respect in
representing Post 115!
Please contact Ed Beier at
386-445-0831
Ed Beier
SGT-at-Arms



Sgt @ Arms Beier, Adj Owens, JA
Middleton
2023 Flagler Beach July 4th Parade

POST HISTORIAN

Please be sure to forward any
articles or photos regarding our
Post and its members to our
Historian Joe Holt to add to our
Post Scrapbook.

Contact Joe @
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Post 115 Historian Joe Holt

AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY

June 2, 1922: The New York
Times reports that an average of
two veteran suicides are taking
place per day. The article
references C.J. Harris, a claims
specialist at The American
Legion's national headquarters.
The Times reports that "almost
without exception, the men were
in the battle lines in France.

These soldiers, the Legion official contends, were discharged by Army doctors as normal. Since the war, however, the men, struggling for a living, have undergone mental anguish that their war-racked nerves could not withstand.” The article states that the Legion looks for newly passed legislation committing \$17 million for new hospital construction to strengthen psychiatric care for veterans.

THIS WAS in 1922 and we are still fighting Veteran Suicide 101 years later in 2023! NEVER GIVE UP!

BE THE ONE!!



POST 115 POW/MIA CEREMONIAL CHAIR



POW/MIA REPORT

May 25, 2023

Airman Accounted for from World War II (Howie, J.)

May 24, 2023

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from World War II (Allen, S.)

May 22, 2023

Sailor Accounted for from World War II (Mitts, W.)

Pilot Accounted for from World War II (Litherland, J.)

May 31, 2023

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (DeBord, B.)

May 30, 2023

Soldier Accounted for from World War II (Gruwell, R.)

Soldier Accounted for from World War II (Adams, L.)

June 6, 2023

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted for from World War II (Lawrence, E.)

Airman Accounted for from World War II (Reitz, L.)

June 27, 2023

Pilot Accounted for from World War II (Schmidt, P.)

Soldier Accounted for from World War II (Thomas, G.)

June 26, 2023

Soldier Accounted for from World War II (Brooks, J.C.)

June 23, 2023

Airman Accounted for from Vietnam War (Hall, F.)

Pilot Accounted for from Vietnam War (De Soto, E.) June 22, 2023

Soldier Accounted for from World War II (Koloski, C.)

June 20, 2023

Soldier Accounted for from Korean War (Malcolm, H.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated 74 service members this year.

www.MyLegion.org

Register yourself on the MyLegion.org website!

You can renew your membership, print a replacement membership card, update your profile, contact info, and military history.

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 AND TRANSFER MEMBERS

Ira H Brown PHD, Will Renner USA, Allen Poff USMC, Phil Cestaro, Nelson Philip USMC, George “Kaz” Kazmerski Jr USA, Jerry Turner USAF, Victor Goforth USMC, Stephen Bolding USMC, Stephen Gallagher USA, Nelson E Sastoque USN

PRE-NEED BURIAL DETERMINATION AT A NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETERY?

VA Form 40-10007 -Post 115 Adj. Owens also has copies available for your use.

ALR Chapter 115



ALR Chapter 115 @ Flagler Beach
July 4th Parade

ALR Chapter 115 was proud to participate in and represent American Legion Post 115 at the Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade!



l-r Kevin Chase & Dir. Tod
Rothenberger 4 July 2023

ALR Chapter 115 will be participating in an escorted motorcycle ride on 18 Aug. from Craig Flagler Palm Coast Funeral Home to the Veterans National Cemetery near Titusville.

ALR Chapter 115, VFW Chapter 8696, Amvets Chapter 113, and Combat Vets will join in the procession.

Chapter 115 participates in funeral and memorial services for local veterans when called upon offering a Flag Line, escort, or other services.



ALR Chapter 115

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

I can't stress this enough. If you are a veteran, eligible for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, I encourage you to enroll and remain active in the VA system, if you have not already done so. By doing so, you don't have to give up any other health insurance or doctors you're already seeing and comfortable with. The VA can be there as another resource when you need it. At Flagler County Veterans Services, we have seen countless examples of veterans or their family members coming into the office seeking information about enrolling, often at a time when the veteran's health is at a critical stage and can no longer travel to the clinic to get fully enrolled.

Once you try the VA, you could find you like it better than where you get health care now. Studies show that the VA is outperforming other government and private-sector health care systems. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eric Flores or myself at (386) 313-4014.

Always here to serve,
David P Lydon, Service
Officer



David P Lydon, Jr
Post 115 Service Officer

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

JULY 1, 2023, is the start of the 2024 membership year!

You should have received your renewal notice – even if you paid in May – the FISCAL MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS 07/01 – 06/30 EVERY YEAR – Not Dec. 31!

June 30th ended the 2023 year. July 1st STARTED the 2024 year so please send in your 2024 dues today!

As always, please ask a veteran to join Post 115! You see a vehicle with a veteran license plate, veteran bumper sticker, wearing a veteran cap, etc. – ask them to come to a meeting the 2nd Monday monthly 1800hrs (6pm) at the VFW Post 8696 47 Old Kings Rd P/C!!

New members are always welcome!

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Post 115 Adj Gary M Owens

POST 115 CALENDAR

AUG 2023

SAT 12 AUG - ALR
CHAPTER 115 @ POST 120
HOLLY HILL 0900

SAT 12 AUG – DIST 17
MEETING POST 120 HOLLY
HILL
ALR 1000 – AL/AUX 1100

MON 14 AUG – POST 115
MEETING & POTLUCK 1800

MON 28 AUG – POST 115
EXEC. MEETING IHOP
FOOD 1700 – MEETING
1800

SEP 2023

SAT 9 SEP – ALR CHAPTER
115 @ VFW 8696 PAVILION
MON 11 SEPT – POST 115
GENERAL MEETING &
POTLUCK DINNER – 1800hrs
SHARP @ VFW POST 8696
MON 25 SEPT – POST 115
EXEC. MEETING IHOP FOOD
1700 – MEETING 1800

SAT 30 SEP 2023
REMEMBERING HEROES
EVENT 1000-1600
PALM COAST TOWN
CENTER



Palm Coast Town Center Central
Park

Post 115 as well as ALR 115
will again be there with our
display that we are very proud
of. Please offer to help man the
display and recruit new members
and donors on Sat. 20 Sept. 1000
– 1500hrs.

Contact Adj Owens 386-585-
5302 or
adjutant@flaglerpost115.org

PACT ACT UPDATE

VA may widen PACT The
American Legion
JUL 25, 2023

The Department of Veterans
Affairs (VA) will be conducting a
scientific review to determine
whether there is a relationship
between three conditions and
toxic exposures for
servicemembers who deployed to
Iraq, Afghanistan and several
other nations.

The three conditions are acute
leukemias, chronic leukemias,
and multiple myeloma outside of
the head and neck. In addition to
Iraq and Afghanistan, other
nations that would be included
would be Somalia, Afghanistan,
Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan,
Lebanon, Syria, Yemen,
Uzbekistan, and the entire
Southwest Asia theater of
operations.

his review will help VA
determine whether these ailments
become presumptive conditions
for veterans. When a condition is
considered presumptive, eligible
veterans do not need to prove that
their service caused their disease
to receive benefits for it. Instead,
VA automatically assumes

service-connection for the disease
and provides benefits.

As part of the PACT Act, the
Biden administration is aiming to
expand benefits and services for
toxic-exposed veterans and their
families. These three conditions
will go through VA's process for
establishing presumptive
conditions, which was codified
by President Biden's signing of
the PACT Act last August.

“We won't rest until we
understand whether there's a
connection between these deadly
conditions and the service of our
nation's heroes,” VA Secretary
Denis McDonough said. “But
make no mistake: Veterans
shouldn't wait for this review
process to conclude to apply for
the support they deserve. If
you're a veteran living with acute
leukemia, chronic leukemia or
multiple myeloma, don't wait —
apply for your VA care and
benefits today.”

These conditions were chosen
for review based on existing
scientific data and consultations
with veterans, veteran service
organizations, Congress, and
other key stakeholders. While
these are the first conditions to be
announced for scientific review
since the PACT Act passed into
law, VA will review additional
conditions moving forward.

For more information about the
PACT Act and a full list of
presumptive conditions covered
under the law, visit
VA.gov/PACTAct coverage.

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10/19	10/24	John C Clark
10/21	10/23	Ron & Lenora Dean
02/20	02/25	Joe & Bina Leahy
04/22	04/24	Mary Beck
11/20	11/23	Charles & Claire Saarela

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06/21	06/26	Bryant & Brenda Thorpe
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10/21	10/26	Carl & Era Bertoch
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06/23	06/25	Ken & Do Wall

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