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# Legion Krier

Dec 2020 – Jan 2021

Editor: Gary M Owens

**MEETING MONDAY 14 Dec  
2020 1830hrs!**

## Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires,  
The 2020 calendar year is about to be behind us and what a year it was! I am proud to say that Post 115 has fared pretty well. Our fundraising activities have been drastically cut and we are looking to other alternatives to meet the needs of the Post's various missions.

Hopefully we will soon be able to hold "normal" meetings again including our potluck dinners which have always been well received.

I pray that your Thanksgiving was good and want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

For God & Country,  
David S Hammond, Post Cmdr.



Dee & Joe Pepin with the Post 115 Christmas Tree

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Work – is a four-letter word.

Did you know the average person in America spends over 100,000 hours working? Many people have some degree of dissatisfaction in their job. The average man changes employment every 4 ½ years and the average woman every 3 yrs.

I believe if we understand the scriptural principals that apply to "work" we can find more satisfaction in what we do. When we are more satisfied with our jobs we are in a place where the Lord can bless us. Let us

look at what the Bible has to say? Look at Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Did you know God created work? Look at Genesis 2:15 "God put Adam in the garden to cultivate it and take care of it." Farming. I know farming is a lot of work! The first thing our God did with Adam was put him to work in the garden. Also "work" existed before sin. Work was created by God for Man; before the fall of man and before sin came into the world. Work was good. Exodus 20:9 says: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work." 2Thessalonians 3:10 says: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

God is involved in our work! Exodus 36:1 says: "God gives us our skills and abilities to work." Gen 39:2-5 says: "God gives success." God was with Joseph from the time he was in the "Pit". Later in the "Palace" then

to “Jail” and finally to the second in charge of all Egypt. Psalm 75:6-7 tells us: “For promotion & power come from nowhere on earth, but only from God.” That means God is in charge of our pay & our promotion.

Well what does the Bible say about how to work? Look at Proverbs 6:6-11 “Work hard like the ants. They put up in summer to eat all winter.”

Proverbs 18:9 says: “Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.” (that is the Devil) In 2 Thessalonians 3:10 Paul taught us the cost of laziness: “For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.” We also need a day of rest from our regular work each week. Exodus 34-21 says: “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest.”

Actually, this one is also a commandment. Now this is not to be taken in a legalistic fashion. Like Sundays – Jesus taught the Sabbath was made for Man, not Man for the Sabbath. Police and hospital workers and ambulance drivers do not need to be off on Sunday. As long as they are off on one day a week. God took one day a week off - so we should

do the same.

Our work is not merely a way to earn money. Work is intended to produce Godly character in each of us - every worker. Henry Bucher said: “We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give.” So what

are you working for, a living or a life?

For God and Country

Frank, The REV

## **FROM AUXILIARY** **UNIT #115**

Holiday Greetings Unit 115:

Our November General Membership meeting was held on November 4th at the VFW here in Palm Coast. Seven members attended. Special guest Gary Owens, Post 115 Adjutant, was presented a Department membership pin for his help recruiting new members for our Unit and promoting the American Legion Auxiliary this past year. Our Unit membership is currently at 75.61%. Our yearly Unit 115 membership dues are \$30.00. If you have not paid your 2020-2021 dues, please mail a check in the amount of \$30.00 made out to “American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115” and mail to P.O. Box 351147, Palm Coast, FL 32135-1147. Let’s be a 100% Unit by Christmas!!

We are hoping to conduct a Poppy Drive in 2021. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put a damper on our 2020 Spring Poppy Drive. We pray a vaccine will be available to us later this year or early 2021 abating the pandemic threat and allowing organizations such as the Legion to more openly flourish. We hope and pray 2021 is a better year for our Unit and our Poppy Drive.

Our Girls State selection team will contact the high schools in January concerning the 2021 Florida American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Session. We hope COVID-19 is behind us and 2021 session is a go. Department is in touch with Florida State University and awaiting a clearance from the University to open to summer camp programs.

We hope our Unit Vice President Brenda Thorpe is doing well after hip replacement surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members who are not able to participate in our meetings and various programs. **YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!!**

We will form a Unit Constitution and By-Laws Committee after January 1st to review, change and/or update our governing document.

Our December 2nd meeting will be a Holiday occasion. Dress in your finest Holiday attire and let’s have some fun. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank. You may order lunch from the VFW menu. It is a pay as you go luncheon. We are able to bring dessert to the meeting for all to enjoy. Get out those sweet and delicious Holiday dessert recipes and bring a culinary delight to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you December 2nd at 12:00 noon at the VFW, 47 Old Kings Road North, Palm Coast.

Happy Holidays!!

For God and Country

Karen Smith-President

P.S.- Suggestions for food bank items are canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti noodles, dried beans, etc.



POW/MIA Update

September 30, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Tushla, L.) USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Mulick, J.)

October 1, 2020: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Agard, R.)

October 2, 2020: Marine Accounted For From Korean War (Ellis, H.): USS Oklahoma Marine Accounted For From World War II (Drefahl, E.): Marine Accounted For From World War II (Cruz, J.)

October 14, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Young, M.) October 14, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Spangler, M.)

October 15, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Jones, C.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Gooch, G.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Wimmer, B.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Treadway, S.)

October 19, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Kyser, D.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Flanagan, J.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Johnson, E.), Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Perdue, C.), USS West Virginia Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Barnett, W.)

October 20, 2020: Pilot Accounted For From World War II (Smith, E.)

October 21, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Butts, R.)

October 23, 2020: USS West Virginia Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Hodges, H.)

October 28, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Boemer, P.)

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER AND PROJECT VETRELIEF**

Ophelia Beier has been appointed as the new Post Service Officer. Mrs. Beier was introduced by the Flagler County Veteran Services radio show "Veterans On Point" as the American Legion Post 115, Post Service Officer.

Post Office Training has been completed by the Department of Florida American Legion Post Service Officer School.

Ophelia Beier was involved with Adult Protective Services and DCF in an investigation alleging abuse to a veteran. DCF and Mrs. Beier have taken over the

case to ensure safety of the veteran.

Completed the VetRelief Advocacy Training. Have received commitment from Hammock Community Church to donate in FY 2020 \$1,500 to VetRelief and another \$1,500 in FY 2021.

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Embry Riddle Univ. White Table @  
Palm Coast Library

## AL RIDERS CHAPT. 115



Your Legion Riders Chapter 115 continues to support the efforts of the Post while also getting out in the community promoting a positive view of The American Legion and our Riders.

The Chapter recently presented a donation of \$300 to the Flagler County Sheriff's Employee Trust Fund – Sheriff Rick Staly receiving the donation.



l-r Sheriff Rick Staly, Chapter members Bryant Thorpe, Gary Owens, Tod Rothenberger, John Pascucci, Ron Dean

## ADOPT-A-ROAD

ALR Chapter 115 has “adopted” Belle Terre Pkwy from Cypress Point Pkwy south to Parkview Dr. (Wadsworth Elementary School)



*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.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS

Jack Boggs, Richard Grelle, David Hoyte, Glenn Martin, Eric Drost, Earl Presley, Ronald Boisvert.

## POST EVERLASTING

Salvatore Rutigliano  
6/23/45 8/22/20  
Augustine I Campbell  
6/16/38 9/20/20  
Donald M Hoskins  
1/5/37 10/20/20  
Charles E Whitney  
10/12/44 10/26/20

## SICK CALL

Mark Cremeans, Dino Perez,  
David Gregory, RJ Card, Joe  
Licata, Lenora Dean, Kathy  
Owens, Brenda Thorpe, Reid  
Lany, John Preston, Eileen  
Piekarski, Karen Smith, Vinnie  
Rafaelle

## VA BILLING RESUMES

Dear Veteran,

We are reaching out to let you know that the VA will soon resume collection of health care costs and copays incurred from April 6 through December 31, 2020. Collection was temporarily delayed in order to lessen the COVID-19 financial impacts on Veterans. If you owe copays to the VA, this week you may receive a letter from the VA informing you about this change, how much you owe, and options for payment.

We want you to know that we understand that this information may cause additional stress and hardship, but there are debt relief options available, such as setting up smaller monthly payments.

You may also reach out to your James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital social worker for assistance.

It has been a challenging year but you are not alone – your

James A. Haley health care team is here to help you.

Please see the attached Q&As and please reach out if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,  
Your James A. Haley Veterans'  
Hospital & Clinics Care Team

## 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE COMMANDER

There is a need to fill the position of Children & Youth Committee Chair. If you would be interested to spend a little time for Children & Youth, please contact Joe Leahy @ 609-820-8723

Boys State interviews will be soon beginning. Post 115 again intends to send four (4) students from our local high schools to Tallahassee for Boys State in July.

Post 115 fundraising is a huge topic. With the current public health situation curtailing our lollipop drive the Post is looking for other ideas to raise funds, such as the Texas Roadhouse Dinner night. Perhaps we can get more restaurants involved. A Post Yard Sale is another idea. If you have any ideas or thoughts on helping to raise funds for the Post's charities please reach out to a board member.

Joe Leahy, 3<sup>rd</sup> V.C.



ALR Riders @ Renegades on The St.  
Johns River

## FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD

Member Ken Wall has retired as a Color Guard member after a distinguished number of years.

The Post 115 Color Guard represented the American Legion Post 115 at the annual Veterans Day Service at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 8th.

Post 115 Rifle Squad was asked to attend a Knights of Columbus Veterans Day Service Sat. 14 NOV @ Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church in Flagler Beach. The Post's 4 M1917 US Enfield Rifles have been cleaned and serviced and ready to use for events and ceremonies thanks to members Ed Reese and Patrick Hartnett.



Post 115 Rifle Squad 14 NOV 2020

Friday, 6 NOV, the Honor Guard provided gravesite honors ceremony for burial funeral service for member Don Hoskins at the Hammock Community Church.

The ALR Chapter 115 escorted the remains to the church with Flagler County Sheriff COPS escort as well.

***13 FEB 2021 the Color Guard will be presenting the Colors at Daytona Int'l Speedway for the Xfinity Race!***

### **VA CARE UPDATE**

Below is the link for VBA's new WaitWhile. This is the virtual alternative to in-person benefit appointments in Public Contact at the VA Regional Office:

<https://v2.waitwhile.com/welcome/varegionaloffice>

The St. Petersburg Regional Office remains closed to the public and service organizations have not received word when they will be allowed to return to their workspaces. We will continue to monitor this.

Sincerely,  
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### **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.

### **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Many thanks to those who have donated and supported our mission to make Wreaths across America at Espanola Cemetery in Bunnell a success. I am pleased to announce that we will have a wreath for all 220 veterans laid to rest at Espanola Cemetery. Although the wreath count is at 100%, we will need volunteers to help us lay the wreaths and honor our veterans. Wreaths across America day is 19 December @ 12pm. If you wish to join please meet with us to Remember, Honor, and Teach at Espanola Cemetery - located at 2780 CR 205 in Bunnell.

Note: This event is held rain or shine

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya Whitaker, Chair

### **ADJUTANTS ADMISSIONS**

**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

*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.

POST 115 MEMBERSHIP is currently at a total of 455 members with 347 paid for the 2021 membership year!

I have many thanks and much respect for our Executive Committee! We work well as a team and strive to help lead the Post to new heights.

**Post 115 Member, Billy Jones In the News**  
**BY: Hank Mangels, Vice Chairman, Veterans Advisory Council**



21-year member of Post 115 and my fellow member of the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council, Billy Jones was featured on Palm Coast Connect November 5, 2020. Jones, along with the late Service Officer, Sal Rutigliano, were responsible for establishing and delivering the "Veterans in the Classroom" Program for over twenty years.

I have attended several of Billy's classroom presentations over the years and thoroughly enjoyed them, though not as much as the students.



According to the article, "Jones joined the Army on June 10, 1958 after graduating from Henderson State Teachers College. At 23, he entered his military career as a 2nd Lieutenant and distinguished military graduate. His first roles were armor officer, working with tanks, and then transportation corps officer, working in aviation.

"During this time, he was promoted to 1st lieutenant. Jones then went to flight school to learn how to fly airplanes and helicopters. In 1962, he went to Germany, assigned to the helicopter unit - 11th transportation company - and was there for more than a year. "In 1966, he was promoted from captain to major and sent into combat in Vietnam. Jones was assigned to the 282nd Aviation Company. He spent a year there supporting the maintenance unit for all helicopters as part of the company. In 1970, Jones would then serve another year-long tour in Vietnam.

"Once back in the U.S., he was assigned to the Army Material Command (AMC) Project Manager's Office for the attack helicopter program. In 1980, Jones retired from the U.S. Army. He then went on to work in the banking industry for 18 years."

Source:

<https://www.palmcoastconnect.com/s/news-news/4745/detail>

## **TEXAS ROADHOUSE CHARITY EVENT**

POST 115 netted \$160.13 in a donation from The Texas Roadhouse back to the Post for this event! Our next event is **THURSDAY, 11 FEB, 2021 @ The Texas Road House.**

## **CALENDAR**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays Metro Diner  
Veterans Breakfast 0800hrs

14 DEC 2020 POST 115 General  
Meeting @ VFW Post 8696  
1830hrs.

19 DEC 2020  
WREATHS ACROSS  
AMERICA  
ESPANOLA CEMETERY  
1200hrs

03 – 06 FEB 2020  
DEPT. OF FL. ALR SUMMIT  
AVANTI PALMS RESORT,  
ORLANDO

11 FEB 2021  
AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT  
@ TEXAS ROADHOUSE  
1700 – 2000hrs

## **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.

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1/18	1/23	Phyllis M Wright	10/20	10/22	R Sandy Ausbrooks
8/18	7/23	John & Margaret Russell	11/20	11/23	Charles & Claire Saarela
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**Krier Booster Donation Form**

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