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Flagler American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 115

Flagler American Legion Post 115
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**MEETING MONDAY 12 OCT
2020 1830hrs!**

Commander's Column

Greetings fellow Legionnaires. After having to cancel our Sept. meeting, I am pleased to announce that we will meet again Monday 12 Oct. 1830hrs.

Our Executive Committee has been meeting regularly via Zoom.com with much success. We have discussed this option for our General Membership meetings if closures again are required. If you would be interested in attending a meeting via Zoom.com please let Adjutant Owens know.

We have been looking at various fundraising opportunities due to the fact that our past endeavors have been put on hold due to restrictions in place. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser to support our efforts please let an Exec. member hear from you as this is your Post.

I wish you all a safe couple of months until the next issue.

May your Thanksgiving events this year be blessed and safe.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY,
David S Hammond
Commander

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

In 1957 two scientists at John Hopkins University in Maryland discovered

they could track the orbit of "Sputnik" the first Russian satellite, by monitoring its radio signals. This was the beginning of what we know today as the Global Positioning System or GPS. I have a GPS and I must admit when I make a wrong turn it is a bit annoying to hear it say: "Please make a legal 'U' turn". My old one was better it just said: "Recalculating".

Scripture is a bit like God's GPS – trying to keep us on the right track - giving us good directions. Listen to what Dr. Luke has to say in Acts 2:37 – 47. Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your

sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals

with great joy and generosity—
47 all the while praising God and
enjoying the goodwill of all the
people. And each day the Lord
added to their fellowship those
who were being saved.

In v:37 we hear the people's
response to Peter's message:
"What can we do?" First, we
must recognize our sinfulness and
seek God's forgiveness –
repentance. Satan says to us:
"You're ok – look at those
people. They are really bad,
you're not that bad". But when
God's word cuts us to the heart
like those in today's scripture, we
too desire forgiveness. We know
God can & will forgive us. Luke
says: "then we will receive the
Holy Spirit". Supernatural
power! Some churches teach this
is the 2nd baptism.

The Bible makes it very clear
the Holy Spirit is a gift to us from
God. Jesus tells us "He will send
the Comforter", Jn 16:7. The
Holy Spirit convicts us. The Holy
Spirit teaches us all things, Jn
14:25. The Holy Spirit is our
Helper. I must admit sometimes
I feel like giving up too. Could
God ever forgive me? However,
we should never give up! The
promise of Forgiveness and
Salvation is for everyone, it
leaves no one out. God never
gives up on us therefore we
cannot give up on ourselves or
others. Yes, the rest of the story
is we need to forgive others.
(Sorry!)

Salvation is not an accident. It
requires us to make a conscious
'choice'. I believe this choice has
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three parts: (1) Acknowledgment
– This is inside our head. (2)
Repent - Asking God out loud for
forgiveness – This is outside to
others. (3) Trusting (knowing)
God forgives & forgets – This is
in our heart. Then we decide each
day to live the change – be
different. Following their
transformation, the followers:

devoted themselves to:
Teaching, Fellowship,
Communion, and Prayer. They
saw results. Doesn't everyone
want to see results? They were
filled with awe. They saw
miraculous signs! The believers
were like family. They shared a
common purpose, to be Christ
like. They were willing to share,
not selfish or greedy. Instead
they were selfless and giving.

I believe if we ask ourselves:
"What can we do?" Then listen
to our Spiritual GPS, God will
amaze us! We will be filled with
"awe". We will see miraculous
signs. We will be one big family,
not just a collection of friends &
acquaintances. We will share a
common purpose. We will be
willing to share because we serve
a selfless giving God! As we
practice the principles of our
faith, we will revitalize our
Christian 'experience' then our
faith will grow, and God will
bless us.

For God and Country –
Frank, The Rev.

FROM AUXILIARY **UNIT #115**

Greetings to all our Auxiliary:

Fall is here—says the calendar. The
weather is a little cooler and the
hurricanes less threatening!!!

Our regular business meeting was
held on September 2, 2020 at the
VFW. Mary Beck gave the monthly
Treasurer's report. Filed for audit.
Next meeting is October 7, 2020 at
12:00 AM, VFW.

Our 2021 membership drive has
begun. Annual dues remain at
\$30.00. Please make checks
payable to "American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 115" and mail to P. O.
Box 351147, Palm Coast, FL 32135-
1147.

Mary Beck has graciously taken the
position of Chaplain in addition to
being Treasurer. Thank you,
Mary!!!

The Unit was able to have an
installation for our incoming Vice
President, Brenda Thorpe. I am
sure she will be a valuable asset to
Unit 115. Brenda and other
attending members were
presented Auxiliary pins with a bow
detail.

We send our blessings to Sal
Rutigliano's family. He was a loyal
Legion member and always helpful
to our Auxiliary.

Best Wishes to our members who
are not able to attend meetings for
health reasons. Please take extra
care of yourselves during the
pandemic. We hope and pray it will
be under control in the near future.

In God's great garden of our lives
some rain is sure to fall. But after
that He sends the sun to triumph
over all!!!!

For God and Country

Karen Smith

President

Flagler Auxiliary Unit 115



POW/MIA Update

August 6, 2020: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Reeser, G.)

August 10, 2020: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Stryker, J.)

August 12, 2020: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Miller, C.)

August 19, 2020: Airman Accounted For From World War II (McMackin, C.)

August 26, 2020: USS West Virginia Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Johnson, C.) August 26, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Gilbert, G.)

USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Nicoles, F.)

August 27, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Banks, L.) August 31, 2020: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Johnson, T.)

September 8, 2020: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Athon, F.) September 10, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Flaherty, F.) September 10, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Chess, P.)

September 11, 2020: USS Colorado Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Dick, H.) September 11,

2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Hoffman, J.) September 15, 2020: USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Parker, I.) September 15, 2020: Soldier Accounted For From World War II (DeVault, W.)

September 22, 2020: Pilot Accounted For From World War II (Eggud, G.), Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Jeffers, O.), Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Daniels, B.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Owsley, A.)

September 28, 2020: Soldier Accounted For From Korean War (Hill, J.)

September 29, 2020: Marine Accounted For From World War II (Langan, J.), USS Oklahoma Sailor Accounted For From World War II (Whitson, A.)

11 NOV 2020 FLAGLER COUNTY VETERANS DAY EVENTS

The actual ceremony will take place in the Flagler Auditorium 10am with appropriate social distancing / mask wearing etc. The ground floor seating is 1000, but will be limited to 180. The balcony can accommodate 160 under same guidelines.

Pre-registration for the ceremony is the goal. So please start get the word out to your organizations and have our regulars start calling Veterans Services at my number below to reserve a seat.

We will comport the ceremony to as close to our usual script.

State Representative Paul Renner will be the guest speaker.

Following the ceremony at 11am the city will host a free picnic for veterans at the Town Center area, but no one will be turned away for the free meal.

Last year they served approx. 700-800 meals.

They are considering using an inflatable big screen to project a live feed of the Veterans Day ceremony at the park.

A One Blood drive sponsored by the VAC and service organizations will be at the city center area too.

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*“After all is said and done,
More is said than done”*

Anonymous

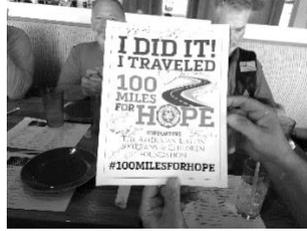
AL RIDERS CHAPT. 115

Your American Legion Riders Chapter 115 has been active over the last couple of months. We have taken rides all over the Central Florida area enjoying our great country roads, enjoying the various culinary offerings, and raising money and awareness in support of The 4 Pillars of The American Legion.



We were honored to escort the remains of fellow Legionnaire

Sal Rutigliano from the funeral home to the church where his service occurred and he was interred, we also participated in a Flag Line in Sal's honor.



5 Sept. Chapter 115 members accomplished the #100MilesForHope – www.legion.org/100miles. Dept. of FL. received \$30 per rider going towards The Veterans & Children Foundation.



5 Sept. 2020 @ “Culinary Outfitters” in St. Augustine.

Your Chapter 115 will also be representing the Flagler Post 115 at the **18 OCT 2020 Flagler Gun & Archery Club Open House benefitting local law enforcement agencies – 1100hrs – 1700hrs.**

Post 115 and AL Riders Chapter 115 will man a recruiting table. Post 115 will raffle a US Flag Kit w/pole & house mount bracketry - *donated by Command Hammond!* The proceeds will benefit the FSCO and various law enforcement agencies.

ALR Chapter 115 will also raffle off several items as a Chapter fundraiser during the day.

WELCOME NEW RIDER – MIQUEL QUINONES!

Chapter 115 is now @ 20 members including Legion Members, S.A.L. members, & Aux. members!

Our Chapter has been meeting regularly the 2nd Saturday each month at the VFW either inside or outside under the covered picnic area. Many thanks to the VFW Post 8696 for allowing us to use their facilities!!

Lastly, we recently dipped into our own pockets raising \$265 for a disabled veteran in need. Veterans Serving Veterans!

FOR GOD & COUNTRY,

Ron Dean, ALR 115 Director



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

IMPORTANT PILOT INFO

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.

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 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 right in Palm Coast!

Please contact Adjutant Owens @ 386-585-5302 or adjutant@flaglerpost115.org if you are able to help out, or are in need of a ride.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS

Ronald Smith, Gary Mackey, Lawrence Vear, Wilbur Velarde, Leslie Hamlin, Gregory Embry, Joseph Kovalyak, Preston Poole, James Brown, Thomas Kavan,

Walter Mason, Denver Messer, Miquel Quinones, Gary Hall, Frank Allen, Harry Gilman, Kenneth Tornvall, Lewis Guerin

Post 115 is currently @ 293 paid members for 2021, vs. 256 same time last year. We are at 70.6% of our annual quota.

POST EVERLASTING

Salvatore Rutigliano
6/23/45 -8/22/20
Augustine I Campbell
6/16/38-9/20/20



15 Aug 2020 Metro Diner

SICK CALL

Ray Salas – heart attack recovery
Joe Pepin – hip replacement recovery
Lenora Dean – ankle surgery recovery
Helena Boone – surgery recovery
Vinnie Raffaele – colon surgery recovery
Catherine Hammond – continuing treatment
Kathy Owens – continuing chronic pain
Gene Parisen – surgery recovery
Past Commander Barry Preston – continuing issues
June Stockley – dementia

THE AMERICAN'S CREED
*By William Tyler Page
Written 1917, accepted by the
US House of Representatives on
3 April 1918*

“I believe in The United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, and one inseparable, established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefor believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its law; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.”

3rd VICE COMMANDER

Fundraising:

Our Lollipop fundraising efforts for the Post in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 were a huge success with total funds raised in excess of \$9,000 not including the funds raised to support Special Olympics which exceeded \$3,000. In fact due to the need to stop our efforts early for safety of our members we cancelled 2 of our most prolific venues. FY 2020/2021 is presenting unique challenges as we have not been able to schedule fall Lollipop fundraising due to the continuing concern of the Coronavirus. The Funding Team is currently evaluating alternatives to make up lost revenue including: raffles, social media fundraising, golf outing, local merchant donations and inclusion in on-line fundraising such as Amazon Smile.

Boys State:

Unfortunately, Boys State annual conference in Tallahassee was cancelled due to Coronavirus precaution. None the less the Post had selected 4 extraordinary young men to participate and in recognition of their selection we presented Certificate of Accomplishment and a \$250 scholarship check to each. Preparation for the 2021 Boys State year will start in October with notice going to the high schools from which we will make our selections this year to attend Boys State in June 2021. We have again budgeted for 4 young men to participate and look forward to a very successful year.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY,
Joe Leahy

FROM YOUR COLOR GUARD

Welcome George Sipes and the newest member of the color guard.

On Sunday 8 NOV. Color Guard members Patrick Hartnett and Pete Seidel will carry the Colors representing Post 115 at the Veterans Day Memorial Service to be held at Christ Lutheran Church, US1 in Bunnell. Note that this service is open to all members and guests.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY,
Ed Beier, Sgt. @ Arms

POST HISTORIAN

Your Post 115 has a Historian that tries to record all actions of your post. This is done through a scrap book format with

pictures and picture descriptions that records names of projects those pictured in the photos and date of event and an explanation of the event. This is important to show the accomplishments of your Post and recognizes those who make things happen in your Post. It also let's Post members know what has gone in the past and possibly encourage them to participate in the future. We have scrap books recording events from past years that we don't do today but were successful in the past and gives a starting point for reviving the event. Currently our recent new activity is the formation of an American Legion Riders unit which is part of our Post 115. You need not own a motorcycle to join in on the fun. Some members just ride with others and some ride their own three wheeled slingshot produced by Polaris which has two seats and is fun to ride in. Also, if you have a smart phone (that is what I use) or a camera and want to attend events to record the happenings of your Post you will be more then welcomed to help create a more professional recording of the history of American Legion Post 115. I can be contacted at 682-203-0238 cell or text and jimboyd2175@att.net email or 23 N Village Dr, Palm Coast Fl 32135 mail.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY,
Jim Boyd, Post 115 Historian

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Sat. 19 DEC 2020, NOON, Post 115 is sponsoring this event at Espanola Cemetery by laying

wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreath Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Please consider helping us reach 100% of our goal by sponsoring a wreath. There are 2 ways to sponsor:

Pay online at
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/fl0824
or
Mail in a check to Wreaths Across America (Reference FL0824 on the memo line)
P.O. Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Thank you for your continued support!
Tanya Whitaker, Member @ Large

TFA REPORT

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program continues to provide for the basic needs of minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. As of August 26th, TFA has assisted 78 minor children of 34 veterans throughout the United States maintain shelter, utilities, food, and clothing with over \$43,379 in cash grants during 2020. TFA grants are made possible by the support and financial generosity of Legion Family contributions, the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation and a grant provided by the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On Friday, September 19, Senator Tom A. Wright's (R – New Smyrna Beach) Senate Bill 1074: Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (Passed as House Bill 879) was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis.

Veterans residing in Florida are able to receive a specific reduction in ad valorem taxes based on their level of permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The reduction of ad valorem tax otherwise owed on the homestead property must match the percentage of service-connected disability for the individual.

“With the passage of this bill, we are ensuring veterans’ surviving spouses can remain living in the same home without fear of paying additional taxes solely because their lifelong partner passes away,” said Sen. Wright. “I’m thankful to my colleagues who approved this bill that strengthens Florida’s reputation of being the most veteran-friendly state.”

HB 879 allows for this ad valorem discount to carry over to the surviving spouse. This permits the surviving spouse the ability to stay in the home they may have been living in for decades instead of having to move somewhere new and unfamiliar, without their loved one. If the surviving spouse is to remarry or otherwise part from the home, that discount will cease.

The bill’s enactment is subsequent to approval of Florida Amendment VI, which is

set to be voted on by Floridians on this year’s 2020 General Election ballot.

BE SURE TO VOTE “YES” ON
AMENDMENT 6

ADJUTANTS ADMISSIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS to
POST 115, S.A.L. Squadron
115, AUX. Unit 115 in
achieving the 100%
American Legion Family
Awards and ribbons.**

**Please renew your membership
@ 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. for the – “To
Strengthen a Nation Series.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR STORM VICTIMS!

The NEF – National Emergency Fund – offers up to \$3,000 for Legion and SAL active members displaced due to damages to primary residences, and up to \$10,000 for Posts. IF YOU KNOW OF FELLOW LEGION MEMBERS IN OTHER AREAS IN NEED – Please pass along!!
www.Leg.org/emergency

FYI

Will glass coffins be a success?
Remains to be seen.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE CHARITY EVENT

We are very pleased to announce a new event – AMERICAN LEGION POST 115 DINNER NIGHT @ THE TEXAS ROADHOUSE RESTAURANT!

On Tuesday 10 NOV 1800-2000hrs - Legion members, family, and friends are invited to dine at the Texas Roadhouse – 1298 Palm Coast Pkwy SW (Bealls/Harbor Freight shopping center)

We will have tickets or coupons available and Post 115 receives 10% of the night’s proceeds. Enjoy a great dinner and help your Post!

CALENDAR

12 OCT – General Meeting
1830hrs – VFW Hall
guest speaker Elaine Studnicki,
Flagler Historical Society

18 OCT – Flagler Gun &
Archery Club Open House 1100
– 1700hrs Bunnell

1st & 3rd Saturdays Metro Diner
Veterans Breakfast 0800hrs

26 OCT Exec. Mtg

3 NOV – VOTING DAY

9 NOV – General Meeting –
VFW Hall

10 NOV – inaugural POST 115
Dinner Night @ TEXAS
ROADHOUSE
1800-2000hrs

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Krier Booster Donation Form

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