



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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Apr 2019 – May 2019

Editor: Gary M Owens

## **Commander's Column**

This year is going by quickly. We had a successful Four Chaplains Ceremony and were pleased to have both a County Commissioner and the Palm Coast Mayor read Proclamations to commemorate the event.

Everyone that came enjoyed the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We had it early this year because the Post is hosting the American Legion District 17 District meeting on April 13th. All members are welcome to attend and enjoy the meal a gain some knowledge on how the District conducts business.

Speaking of the District, our Finance Officer, Hank Mangels, is running for the position of District Commander next year. Hank has done very well as a District Vice Commander this year and we expect he will be a success as a Commander next year.

The Post has almost achieved our membership goal for this year. If you have not yet paid your dues now is the time to

The Bill Hennenlotter Memorial Lollipop Drive is in full swing with some Very successful weekend collections. Thanks to all who have already volunteered.

The time is coming to elect officers for next year. Please contact Joe Pepin if you wish to be nominated for any position.

The Department Convention will be held in Orlando in June. Please plan on attending as it is a great way to meet other Legionnaires and learn more about how the Legion supports the 4 Pillars.

Part of the American Legion Family are the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). Please have your wife contact President Karen Smith to join the Auxiliary. They are in a rebuilding period and can use the support of more ladies willing to share their talents.

The SAL would like to be able to accomplish more than they can currently. If you have a

Son or a Grandson please contact the Adjutant, Gary Owens, for a membership application so that they can join this very worthwhile organization.

We welcome the new members that have either transferred into the Post or joined. We also thank all the members that have already renewed for this year.

If you have an idea for a change or improvement please contact me.

Thank you for your support.  
**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**

David S Hammond, Commander

## **Adjutant's Corner**

I want to extend a big hello to you all and am glad to be back as Adjutant for POST 115.

The Post has updated  
CONTACT INFO:

Post Phone (386) 585-5302

Post Email:

Post@FlaglerPost115.org

POST 115 is oh-so close to our 100% membership goal

– if you are waiting – PLEASE RENEW NOW at our website – [www.FlaglerPost115.org](http://www.FlaglerPost115.org)!

A special Thank You to 1st VC Joe Licata for donating a new banner for the Color Guard.

We had a great general meeting Feb. 11th where we recognized and awarded certificates to students from Flagler Technical Institute for their dedication to the US Flag and a special thanks to the Palm Coast Chick Fil A for supplying a tray of their chicken nuggets!

Our March 11th meeting featured an informative and enjoyable presentation from Jay Gardner, Flagler County Appraiser.

#### CHILI COOK-OFF:

POST 115 was well represented with 5 Chili entries on 23 February 2019 @ Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home Daytona Beach. *Post 115 Judge Advocate Omer Smith placed 1st* in the “HOT” Category and *Finance Officer / Dist. 17 VC Hank Mangels received 2nd* in the “MILD” category. The event raised well over \$660 for the Emory Bennet Activity Fund which allows these vets access to outside functions.



*Light Blue POST 115 Polo Shirts will again be available soon for purchase, more to come!*

#### SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY April 13, 2019  
Post 115 is hosting the next DISTRICT 17 meeting @ the VFW Hall. Lunch @ 11:30 AM to be provided by Metro Diner & Chick Fil A. Business Meeting to begin @ NOON with a special presentation regarding the American Legion Youth Law Cadet Program. Dist. 17 members, Dept. of FL members, FCSO personnel, and Post 115 members encouraged to attend!

#### **For God & Country,**

Gary M Owens, Adjutant

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Please attend our meetings. ALSO please attend *Community Events* wearing your Post 115 polo shirt and/or American Legion Cap. Let's all let the community know who we are!

*We are looking for someone to fill a new position – Post Quartermaster – basically responsible for meeting preparedness.*

Speakers needed for radio show “Veterans On Point” which airs

weekly on WNZF 9:30 AM Sundays – contact David Lydon / Eric Flores-Febles

We need new Auxiliary AND S.A.L. members! *Think about enrolling your spouse in the Ladies Auxiliary, your children and grandchildren in S.A.L!* They all get to learn more about what we do, who we are, and why.

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Or call (386) 585-5302



Auxiliary News

Spring greetings to all our Unit ladies!

I hope you are enjoying our fabulous weather! Perhaps now that the weather has turned warmer, more of you ladies will join us at our monthly meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Post Home on Old Kings Road North in Palm Coast beginning at Noon. For new members, as well as long time members who we have not seen for some time, we welcome you both to attend and hear what our Unit is doing for veterans, our community and the children and youth of the county.

I am happy to report a very special lady and Unit Chaplain, Gloria Scandariato is now home from re-hab. She would enjoy hearing from you. Please call her at (386) 446-9647. Also, another very special lady, Past Unit President and Life Member, Alice Brixius would enjoy

hearing from members. Her telephone number is (386) 283-6556.

The Post is hosting their 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 30th beginning at 5:00PM held at the VFW Post 8696, 47 Old Kings Road N, Palm Coast. You should have received ticket information in the mail. The cost is \$10.00. Hope to see you there.

Girls State delegates have been selected for the June session in Tallahassee. Our Flagler County representatives will join more than 300 up and coming high school seniors from around Florida for a week of academics and creating a mock State government—Girls State. We have one delegate and alternate from each high school. All the young ladies interviewed were outstanding expressing their ideas and thoughts on so many current events topics. My heartfelt thanks to our Unit Girls State Committee, Mary Beck, Rosemarie DelBene, Judy Hennenlotter, and Bina Leahy for doing an excellent job interviewing and selecting the delegates and alternates.

Unit membership is at 79.49%. Ladies, if you have not paid your 2018 – 2019 dues, please mail a check for \$30.00 made payable to Flagler ALA Unit 115. Mail dues to Flagler ALA Unit 115, P. O. Box 351147, Palm Coast, FL 32135-1147.

For hardship consideration, contact Unit President Karen Smith at (386) 445-5346.

Poppies have arrived for our annual Poppy Drive. I will get

with the Legion Post's Joe Pepin and together we will set a date for Poppy distribution drive. Volunteers for the distribution drive are needed. If you can spare an hour or so, please call me, Karen, at (386) 445-5346. I should have the date, times and locations soon.

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community”, author Anthony d'Angelo

For God and Country!

Karen Smith  
Unit 115 President

### **Chaplain's Corner**

Well, first of all, I need to take a few minutes to say a very special Thank YOU – to two wonderful men that I follow as your Chaplain. Sandy Ausbrooks and Ken Wall are totally AMAZING! I am in AWE of all their hard work and exceptional service to the Post and Community. I also thank them for all the advice, assistance and help (behind the scenes) they donated to make the Four Chaplains service a wonderful success. Perhaps you have not heard - we contributed \$150 to the Four Chaplains chapel. A very special Thank You to them both, Ken and Sandy!

God is Great, now this is not a huge admission for a retired minister. However, have you ever thought of just how great He is? I think it is amazing the more we know about God the more we want to know. In

Genesis we read in the English “God created” however in Hebrew the same word means both “created” and “spoke”. So it could read God spoke creation into being – God spoke ‘mankind’ into being – think about it, God spoke you into being. Isn't that AWESOME! God is so powerful, so unbelievable all He has to do is ‘speak’ and it happens. God is so GREAT!

Well our words have power too. They have the power to lift others up and they have the power to tear others down. Our words are powerful. Not only the words we speak but the tone and body language we use when we say them. Some language experts say that 80% of ‘what’ we say is understood by ‘how’ we say it. So perhaps we all should think first of the tone we use and then what our body language is saying when we speak. I know how important this is. My wife and I have had 47 years of practicing this. Sometimes it is not ‘what’ I say that is important. It is ‘how’ she hears what I say and I know 80% of that is tone and body language.

So, as we grow closer to Easter, the time of year when we remember what God gave for each of us, let us watch not only what we say but how we say it. Especially to those we love and care about the most.

For God and Country!  
Frank Boone

**NOTE:** POST 115 recently donated \$300 to Project Vet

relief on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard Shutdown Fund

**DEPT. DISTRICT 17 column**

POST 115 is on the move! We have contributed in 2019 to the success of several District events and programs with a spirit of selflessness and the idea that we all benefit when we work together.

Travelling throughout District 17 these last few months as District 17 Vice Commander I have been in a position to compare Post 115 in terms of:

- 4 Pillars Programs
- Membership
- Leadership
- Communication

This is what I learned:

4 Pillars – A post earns its role as a leader in the community by determining what programs embodied in the 4 Pillars can fill a local need. Post 115 is in constant contact with Flagler County and Palm Coast leaders asking, “How can we help?”

Membership – In the district we are currently ranked 4th. Overall the Department is at 90.3%. We are in excess of 93% but still need a push to contact un-renewed members to attain 100%.

Leadership – For the first time in recent memory we have enough candidates to fill all the officer positions listed in our Post Bylaws.

Communication - We are one of only a few posts with a

website, Facebook Page, and a vigorous email program. Our meetings are large than any post I’ve visited so far.

Job well done 1-1-5!

**For God & Country  
Hank Mangels**



11 FEB 2019 General Mtg photo

**NOTICE TO VETS:**

US Census Bureau recruiting  
vets for 2020 census - \$14.50 /  
hr. part-time

[www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs)

Bob Sullivan 352-396-9099

**THANKS Boosters Paid to:**

- 3/19 Anthony & Joan Libasci
- 4/19 Ken & Dorothy Wall
- 5/19 David Bull
- 5/19 Patrick Conboy
- 5/19 Stuart Thorpe, Jr
- 5/19 Hans Lekien
- 5/19 Gary & Kathy Owens
- 5/19 Ron & Bev Keckes
- 7/19 Carl & Lucy Bertoch
- 9/19 Rev. Ross A Licata
- 9/19 Mary Beck
- 11/19 Jim Bradley &  
Beverly McGowan
- 12/19 Charles & Claire Saarela
- 1/20 Nancy R Stacey
- 5/20 James Canfield
- 7/20 Gregory & Linda Hansen
- 9/20 Leonard & Jeanette  
Sampson

- 12/20 David & Catherine  
Hammond
- 5/22 John & Chris Mendez
- 12/22 Deidre Jean Wright
- 1/23 Phyllis M Wright
- 7/23 John & Margaret Russell
- 9/23 Joe & Di Pepin

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Joe Pepin (386) 225-4182

**Finance Officer**

Henry Mangels (516) 509-7520

**Service Officer**

David Lydon (386) 315-4628

**Chaplain**

Rev Frank Boone (770) 510-3943

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Edward Beier (386) 445-0831

**Historian**

Jim Boyd (682) 203-0238

**Judge Advocate**

Omer Smith (386) 931-2700

**Executive Committees:**

**Fund Raising & Boys State**

Joseph Leahy (609) 820-8723

**Veterans Support & Member  
at Large**

Gary McNamara (386) 446-4843

**Flagler County Veterans  
Advisory Council Delegate &  
Chairperson**

Hank Mangels (516) 509-7520

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**WELCOME NEW and  
TRANSFER MEMBERS**

Robert Thousand  
Allen Allshouse  
Tanya Whitaker  
Lamont Breckenridge  
Edward Daniels  
Charles Luther  
Eric Flores-Febles  
Fred "Griff" Detrick  
Carlos Barnfield  
Paul Kunz

**POST EVERLASTING:**

**2018 – 2019**

James K Bechtel	01/14/19
Thomas J Kendrick	02/06/19
Roy Barfield	07/28/18
Douglas Gregg	02/20/19
Harold Bleakley	08/24/18
Michael Owens	07/19/18

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POST 115 MEMBERS and Dept  
Commander Dianne Boland 15  
FEB 2019

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are eligible for Flagler County  
Tax Credits – contact V.S.O.  
Office

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Deliver To:

DEPT. OF FL CONVENTION  
JUNE 27 – 30 2019

POST 115 will reimburse a  
member per diem for either  
travel or lodging as long as you  
attend sessions. Call (386) 585-  
5302 for details – see

[www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org) for  
June 2019 Dept. Convention  
Information