



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

Legion Krier

June – July 2019

Editor: Gary M Owens

Commander's Column

Fellow Legionnaires:

Many thanks to all of those that showed up on Memorial Day for the various events. It was uplifting to see all of the American Legion caps and uniforms in attendance. Our membership is now close to 400 and our impact in the community is growing.

As we close this year on a successful note, I am looking forward to another remarkable year in 2019/2020. I am confident that with the creation of our own Legion Riders Chapter we will experience even more growth and a continue to be a positive presence in our Flagler County community.

Our post membership is increasing with new members. We need both ongoing and new members to come to our meetings and volunteer for our activities and programs! Thanks again and looking forward to seeing you all in this coming year.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY

David S Hammond, Commander

Adjutant's Admissions

POST 115 IS AT 100%!

Many thanks to all who recruited and to those that joined.

We had a very busy last couple months. At our April meeting nominations for 2019–2020 Post officers was opened with elections held in May. Seven (7) members were initiated during the April meeting. Please remember, if you have not been initiated and wish to take the Oath of the American Legion, please let me know and we can schedule that into a meeting date.



Initiation Ceremony 4/8/19

l-r Armand Dupuis, Tanya Whitaker, Ronnie Dean, John O'Meally, Mike Greene, John Diaz, Thomas Mahan, Cmdr. Hammond

On April 13th Post 115 hosted the 17th District business meeting with our color guard presenting the flags – lunch was catered courtesy of the Metro Diner! May 11th a delegation from Post 115 attended the District 17 District Constitutional Conference where our own Hank Mangels was elected to the office of District 17 Commander. Kudos to Hank who has a big task ahead and as always already has a plan of action! Hank has also asked our Chaplain Frank Boone to act as District 17 Chaplain, congratulations Frank!

Our budget committee met for an audit of the accounts which was completed without a hitch – thanks to great work and record-keeping from Finance Officer Mangels.

The members that had been initiated in April received a card of congratulations from Sheriff Rick Staly recognizing the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion.

Our color guard attended a special service May 5th at the Hammock Community Church and then also a presentation at the FPC Jr. AFROTC dinner event held at VFW Post 8696 – many

thanks to our color guard for getting out in the community!



At our May meeting a certificate of appreciation was presented to the Metro Diner for their catering of the Dist. 17 meeting in April. We also had a special guest and new member join us – WWII Navy Veteran George Taggart, 99 years young.

Month's end had Memorial Day where Post 115 was well represented at both the Palm Coast event @ Heroes' Park and the Flagler County event @ the county services building. Thanks to all that attended showing your colors! Also many thanks to Randy Morris and those that attended and placed the flags @ Espanola Cemetery Sat. May 25th.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting or out and about the town – and as always please contact me with any and all questions – Post 115 phone (386) 585-5302

For God & Country,
Gary M Owens

Chaplain's Corner

Did you ever hear someone say 'I love' a car, a motorcycle, a home, spaghetti, chocolate cake, or even a pet? Well, I am sure they think the item discussed is great! Perhaps even the best they have ever seen. However, when we look at scripture it discusses the meaning for the word 'love' a little differently. I

think 'Love' is both an overused and often misused word today.

You see in Hebrew the word 'love' is translated as: 'A-Hava'. The word A-Hava is both a noun and a verb, it has action. The root word in Hebrew for love means – I give. Remember what the Bible says in John 3:16 "*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" You see – God loved us so much He gave. Love is not a feeling. Love is not an emotion. True love is giving of ourselves - it is an action. We cannot fall in love, we decide to love and then we act on our decision.

So how does that actually work? Good question! First – we demonstrate our love to God by obeying His commandments. John 14:15 tell is "*If you love me, you will obey what I command.*"

So we show our love to the Lord by obeying what He has told us. Then to our neighbor (mankind). Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-39 "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*" Then He goes on to add that indeed the Law and all the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

So why do we have so many divorces today even among Christians? I think the answer to that question is easy. First, we thought we were in love and later found out we were not. Unfortunately, that is because we never understood the meaning of love or A-Hava. We never understood that it was verb meaning: I give. You see God's love says I love you even when you don't love me. Our love for others should be the same. I hope some of

this made sense to you. My prayer is that you will love the Lord with all your heart (obeying His orders) and then your neighbor (mankind) as yourself – especially your spouse!

For God & Country,
Rev W F Boone, II

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POST?**

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www.flaglerpost115.org

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American Legion Riders



Chapter 115 may soon be a reality!!

We now have fifteen (15) folks interested in creating a Post 115 Chapter of the American Legion Riders. At our June meeting we will be asking the membership to affirm its desire to form a chapter. We are currently working on the by-laws and S.O.P. with discussion of potential officers. If you are interested in being a "Charter Member" – you do not even have to own a bike / trike – 4 wheels are needed as well. Contact Gary Owens (386) 585-5302 or adjutant@flaglerpost115.org.

Suicide Prevention Training

Sat. Jun 8th 9 am-noon

VFW Post 8696

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VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM



Billy Jones, retired US Army, addressed the 2nd, 4th and 5th grade students of Rymfire Elementary Monday, May 20. Billy has been addressing Flagler County students for over 20 years in public and parochial schools all over Flagler County. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council and Post 115 takes credit on our annual Consolidated Post Report for over 100 classroom hours of Veterans in the Classroom Program that are delivered by Billy and his team annually. Today he was substituting for USA Retired Lt. Col Harry Gilman who was performing duties as chaplain at a local funeral.

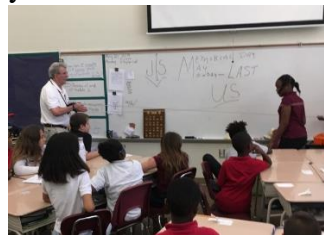
Billy invited me to observe and I jumped at the chance. What he did NOT do is recite stories of his experiences, though he did share

one very touching story from Vietnam. Instead he led the students in a discussion about the U.S. Flag and Memorial Day. In November he speaks about Veterans Day. He ended each discussion with a magic trick involving the class members.

These kids were not just being polite when they applauded his presentation. It is plain to any observer that they REALLY enjoyed themselves and learned a thing or two.

At the recent Honor Cords Ceremony last month I overheard Billy telling someone about one of the honorees approaching him to say he remembered Billy from a classroom gig a long time ago.

Billy is performing a much-needed service for the community and the students at Flagler County Schools. Thank you Billy for all you do!



Comradery via Cuisine

Thanks to Legionnaires and Auxiliary members contributing to our potluck meal at each meeting!

Please contribute to this monthly meal: It can be warm or cold, homemade or store-bought. It will be much appreciated. – *The Editor*

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Lollipop Drive

The lollipop drive was a huge success this year and many thanks to Joe Leahy and Joe Pepin for their tireless efforts! We had a record year with plans for a few spots @ Publix in the fall. Those of you that gave of your hours greeting people - the success was because of you.



FPC AFJROTC Grog Bowl

Post 115 Polo Shirts

We have the light blue polo shirts once again available for sale with the Post 115 embroidered logo.
 S-XL - \$26 / 2XL/3XL \$28
 See Adjutant Owens to get yours.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our own Service Officer David Lydon Jr will be deploying for six (6) months to Southwest Asia in July in his AFR capacity.

Lt. Col. Lydon hopes to meet with his sons who are in or near theater while he is serving his tour of duty.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to David and his family. Safe journey and return.

The Legion Riders will be ready for you as well!

May God Bless you David!!



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Booster membership supports our Post! Please join or renew for \$10 per year, by mailing the Krier Donation form in this newsletter with your check to:

American Legion Post 115, P.O. Box 1731, Bunnell, FL 32110

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From the 2nd Vice Commander

The lollipop drive has wound down after a very successful season, but we do plan on four (4) more weekend in the fall at specific Publix locations that were very profitable earlier. An activity that I really enjoy is visiting with fellow veterans for coffee and fruit at the Daytona VA clinic 3rd Tuesday each month. Also on the monthly calendar is coffee and conversation with veterans at The Windsor the 2nd Sat. and Las Palmas the 3rd Sat.

Please join us for any or all of those days! (386) 225-4182
 For God & Country,
 Joe Pepin

District 17

We are at year end for District 17 with a great look toward the future. The year started out with Post 270 in Port Orange suffering a devastating fire ending in a total loss. Post 270 is rebuilding and looking ahead. A great effort was made District-wide to fund the 2019 Boys' State Transportation budget which helped out individual posts in their own costs for tuition for their sponsored cadets.

May's District Constitutional Conference (DCC) was held in New Smyrna @ Post 17 where current 17th Dist. VC Hank Mangels (Post 115) was elected to the position of Dist. 17 Commander for the 2019-2020 year.

Commander-Elect Mangels' plan is to "harness the synergy we create by approaching District 17 management as a Family (Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and ALR) with a spirit of "mutual helpfulness".

"Post 115 looks forward to working with District 17 and Commander-Elect Mangels in the coming year" said Post 115 Cmdr. Hammond recently in congratulating our friend and comrade Hank Mangels.

American Legion **Auxiliary Unit 115**

Good day, Ladies. How time does go by! I hope you are all doing well and staying cool in our hot summer like weather.

Members of our Legion Post and “yours truly” placed Flags on the graves of our departed veterans at the Espanola Cemetery for Memorial Day. Local veterans from the Civil War period through the Vietnam era have their final resting place at Espanola.

On Monday, May 27th, member Mary Beck, my husband and I attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the County Government Services Building in Bunnell. Flagler County turned out in numbers to hear guest speaker Congressman Michael Waltz, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army (ret) remember those with whom he served as a Green Beret and perished in combat. A special honor was given Private Joseph Brady Wadsworth for his military service and the sacrifices given his country. Joseph Brady Wadsworth came home from battle and became a supporter of Flagler American Legion Post 115. Mary Beck’s husband was honored along with other military veterans who have answered the final call over the past year. Thanks to County Service Officer, David Lydon, the members of the Veterans Advisory Council and the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners for putting together such a great Memorial Day remembrance ceremony.

On Wednesday, June 5th, our wonderful Girls State representatives from Flagler High Schools are leaving for a week and a half at Florida State University Campus and participating in Florida American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. The delegates attending this year’s session are Michele Bereznyak, FPCHS; Mia Brook, Matanzas HS, and Serena Krarantka, Matanzas HS.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all our Auxiliary members that are not feeling well and are not able to attend our monthly meetings. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 115 monthly meetings are held at VFW Post 8696 on Old Kings Road North in Palm Coast at 12:00 Noon the First Wednesday of each month. Pay-as-you-go lunch is available following the meeting. For more information, please call Karen, at (386) 445-5346.

Department Convention is fast approaching. The dates are June 27 through June 30, 2019. Several members will attend, to include myself.

“God respects me when I work, but, he loves me when I sing.”

Rabindranath Tagor

For God and Country!

Karen Smith, President

Flagler Unit 115

POST EVERLASTING

James Lawlor 04/10/19

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WELCOME NEW and **TRANSFER MEMBERS**

Alfred Jensen
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Joseph E Tully Jr
George Taggart

Sick Call

Joe Licata – back issues
Sandy Ausbrooks – cancer treatment
Harry Driscoll – injury
Catherine Hammond
Dick Ackerman – brain surgery

Coming Events

June 8th Suicide Prevent training@ VFW 8696
June 10 General Meeting 6pm @ VFW 8696
June 27-30 Dept. of Florida Convention Orlando
July 4th Flagler Beach Parade
July 8 General Meeting @ VFW 8696 Officer Installation
July 20th – Dist. 17 Installation @ Post 6 Deland
Aug 12 General Meeting @VFW – Awards

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New member David Gregory & Donna