

American Legion Flagler Post 115 General Meeting Minutes 12 July 2021

Cdr. Hammond - Opens Meeting 1830 HRS

Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard

Prayer – Chaplain Boone

POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony – Sgt. At Arms Beier

Pledge – Commander Hammond

Cdr. Hammond turns gavel to 17th Dist. Cdr. Jim Bowers –

Introduction of 17th District Officers in attendance,

Cdr. Jim Bowers. Adj. Colleen Smith, J.A. Willie Branch, Fin. Off. David Hammond, Bruce Howe

SAL Squadron 115 Officer installation

Cdr. Pete Young, Adj. Richard J (RJ) Card

ALR Chapter 115 Officer Installation

Dir. Ronnie Dean, Asst. Dir. Gary Owens, Fin. Off. John Pascucci, Chaplain Frank Boone, Sgt. @ Arms Stuart B (Bryant) Thorpe

Post 115 Officer and Exec. Member installation

Cdr. Joseph L Pepin, 1st VC Stuart B (Bryant) Thorpe, 2nd VC Paul (Lurch) Werner, 3rd VC Joseph P Leahy III, Fin. Off. Ophelia Beier, Chaplain Frank Boone, Sgt. @ Arms Edward Beier, Adj. Gary Owens, J.A. Omer Smith, Asst. J.A. Guy RX Middleton, Service Off. David Lydon, Jr

Officer Roll Call – Adj. Owens

Excused – Boyd, Mangels

2021-2022 Cdr. Joseph Pepin comments –

Presented Plaque to Past Commander Hammond as thanks for 4 years' leadership and a Job Well Done!

Minutes of previous meetings – Adjutant Owens:

Minutes of last general meeting and the last Executive Meeting have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ general meeting per By-Laws.

1st VC Thorpe Report: n/r 2nd VC Werner Report: n/r

3rd VC Leahy Report:

Boys State a success – Post 115 sponsored 4 delegates, and 2 Post 115 alternate delegates were chosen and sponsored by other posts in the 17th District. Recently received letters of thanks from the delegates while in attendance in Tallahassee.

Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report:

Updated Finance Report – Gave up-to date reports for all accounts and balances, motion and 2nd to approve for audit, unanimous approval

Chaplain Boone Report:

Sick Call / Prayer Call –

Mike Gyorkos, Lenora Dean, Jim Muskopf, Thomas Edmonds, Sandy Ausbrooks, Edward Reese, RJ Card, Ted Listing, Donna Card, Hank Mangels,

Service Officer Lydon Report:

Flagler County Veterans Service Office is always open to help veterans with any and all questions. Need help applying for benefits? Contact the office.

Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report:

Short-staffed due to health concerns – can really use help and is asking for volunteers to serve on the Post 115 Honor Guard – even as a temporary member

Judge Advocate Smith Report:

Will be By-Laws / Constitution Review Chairman for Dept. of FL – report for changes expected in 2022 – currently ten (10) members on the Dept. of FL committee – will advise Post 115 of progress

Asst. J.A. Guy Middleton Report: n/r

Member @ Large McNamara Report:

VA may restart full services @ Daytona Clinic in Sept.

Next Saturday Breakfast 7/17/21 @ IHOP Palm Coast 0800hrs

Member @ Large Whitaker Report:

Post 115 now sponsoring both Espanola Cemetery and The Masonic Cemetery on Old Kings Rd for WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) – members and public able to purchase wreaths via the link on the Post 115 website and Facebook page or WAA page and search for AL Post 115, Bunnell, FL.

Fundraising Leahy Report:

Flagler County Special Olympics Fund Drive scheduled for 9 & 10 OCT 2021 – Please be sure to volunteer for a 2-Hour shift

Post 115 will resume the Lollipop Drive in late October or November – PLEASE VOLUNTEER 2 Hours to help raise \$\$!!

Post 115 Golf Tournament 11 OCT 2021 @ GRAND HAVEN GC

Players and Sponsor Opportunities available – see Post 115 website and FB page VOLUNTEERS will be needed that day for on-course help – please let us know if you are willing to help

New Business:

For The Good of The Order:

New Order of Business at Officer Induction Ceremony Passing of the Officer's Pin to Incoming Officer

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

WWII WAVE Mary German, John P Kairis, Dennis J Lydon, Philip D Jones, David W Di Vito Jr.

Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors Commander's Charge Chaplain's Prayer Meeting Adjourned 1945hrs Respectfully Submitted, Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adjutant