

**American Legion Flagler Post 115**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**8 NOV OCT 2021**

**Cdr. Pepin:** - Opens Meeting 1800 HRS

**Presentation of Colors:** – Honor Guard

**Prayer:** - Chaplain Boone

**Special Guest Introduction:** - Sgt @ Arms Beier

 Dist. 17 Adj Colleen Smith & Cdr. Jim Bowers

 Northern Area Cdr. Troy Horsley

 Dept. of FL. Cdr. Jerry Brandt – comments: Great Year so far, mentioned Omer Smith working Dept. Constitution & By-laws, Cdr. Charity this year Project Vet Relief – helping veterans and families with financial relief, suicide prevention – homeless veterans and a database build for our area.

 Also mentioned MENTORING – helping future Post leaders to learn

 and grow within The Legion. “Remember that as a member passes a library is closed”.

 Post 115 Cdr. Pepin presented Cdr. Brandt a check for $150 toward Project Vet Relief

 On behalf of Post 115.

**Prayer by Chaplain Boone and Dinner Break:**

**Meeting Call to Order Following Dinner:** - Cdr. Pepin

**Post 115 and SAL 115 Membership Tenure Awards:** - Adj. Owens

 SAL and AL Certificates stating membership longevity and year stars were presented to members.

**Officer Roll Call: –** Adj. Owens

 Excused: Whitaker, Mangels

**Minutes of previous meetings:** – Adj. Owens

 Minutes of the 11 OCT 2021 General meeting and the 25 OCT Executive meeting have been posted on-line @ www.flaglerpost115.org and printed and available @ this general meeting per By-Laws, request for acceptance by membership.

 Motion to accept, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval.

**Cdr. Joseph Pepin:**

Read Letter of Thanks from Florida Special Olympics recognizing the $2587

 donated by Post 115.

 Mark Your Calendars!

 10 NOV 2021 – Flagler County Library Palm Coast (P/C Pkwy & Belle Terre)

 1200hrs – WHITE TABLE CEREMONY – Honoring Veterans Day, sponsored by Embry Riddle Univ. Color Guard – Please Attend!

 Be sure to visit “Festival of Trees” @ the Palm Coast Library

 11 NOV Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home residents will enjoy a STEAK DINNER

 Provided again by Post 115. Home also houses AL Post 380.

 Presentation to the Floor – Cdr. Pepin requests distribution of funds from the 11 OCT

 Golf Tournament as follows: $1500 to Aux. Unit 115, $2500 to ALR Chap. 115

 and balance to Post General Fund to be dispersed per tourney brochure.

 Motion to approve, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval.

 Cdr. Also noted huge efforts put forth by SAL & ALR Member RJ Card & spouse

 Donna.

**1st VC Thorpe Report:**

Post membership to date for 2022 – 293 = 66.7% of quota – REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ARE RECRUITERS! Please talk up Post 115 and what we do.

 Many thanks to Aux. Unit 115 for their support!

**3rd VC Leahy Report:**

 **FUNDRAISING:**

Oct. Lollipop Drive netted $2600+ - overall fundraising $26k this year!

**Chaplain Boone:**

 **Sick Call:** Ophelia Beier, Paul Werner, Dino Perez, Sandy Ausbrooks, Thomas Edmunds, Joe Licata, Tom Piekarski recovering.

 Read letter of thanks from Lenora Dean – appreciated Post 115 support

 **4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE:**

Saturday 19 FEB 2022, VFW Post 8696 1430hrs (2:30pm)

 - need help with set-up 1300hrs and tear-down 1445hrs

**Finance Officer Ophelia Beier Report**:

 Updated Finance Report – End of month OCT 2021 report presented to approval for

 Audit giving balances, activity, etc. Motion, 2nd to approve for audit submission, no discussion, unanimous approval.

**Service Officer Lydon Report**:

 0930hrs every Sunday – VETERANS ON POINT Radio Show – 94.9FM WNZF

 11 NOV Veterans Day Ceremony @ Flagler County Admin. Building – 1000hrs.

 City of Palm Coast Veterans Day Picnic / BBQ Town Center Park - 1130hrs

 Also noted that Covid Booster Shots available @ VA facilities.

**Sgt. At Arms Ed Beier Report**:

 13 NOV 2021 – Rifle Squad @ Santa Maria Del Mar Church – Flagler Beach – 1030hrs

 14 NOV 2021 – Christ Lutheran Church Veterans Day Service, Bunnell

 19 NOV 2021 – Funeral Service Hammock Community Church – ALR M/C escort

 4 DEC 2021 – Flagler Beach Christmas Parade – Color Guard, Cdr., ALR to lead

 18 DEC 2021 – WAA Espanola Cemetery and Masonic Cemetery

**Judge Advocate Smith Report**:

 Dept. of FL now beginning rewrite of By-Laws and Constitution – Omer Smith is Chair

 Glad to have updates on fundraising rules put to rest.

**Historian Boyd Report**:

 Post 115 history books on display at meetings, constantly updating current year’s book and appreciates all photos and articles.

**ALR Chap. 115 Report:**

ALR Riders next meeting 13 NOV 1000hrs – VFW 8696

 Visiting Post 187 Grand Re-Opening Deland 10 NOV

 11 NOV - Veterans Day activities Flagler County and Texas Road House, possibly

 Flagler Beach event 1300hrs

 14 NOV – Combat Vets M/C Parts Swap Meet – we will have a booth promoting

 Post 115, SAL Squadron 115, ALR Chapter 115, and our Post raffles

 19 NOV – M/C Funeral Escort to Hammock Community Church Cemetery

**Member @ Large McNamara:**

Still no activities @ Daytona VA Clinic – Post is accumulating Walmart donations

 to be used at a later time.

 Mentioned various Veterans Day Restaurant discounts in the area.

**SAL Squadron 115 Report:** - Adj. Card reporting

SAL together with ALR 115 is holding various raffles to support Post Building Fund.

 SAL Membership is increasing.

 Will personally be promoting SAL 14 NOV @ Rossmeyer’s Harley for Combat Vets event.

**AUXILIARY Report:** - Pres. Thorpe

 Thanks to Post 115 for the $1500 donation from golf tourney

 Unit will be @ Town Center 11 NOV offering Poppies as a fundraiser

 Having a raffle for a COACH gift certificate - $5 suggested donation

**New Business:**

BUDGET ITEM – Adj Owens presenting

 Post 115 Officers have approved amending and increasing budget line item “ACCOUNTING” to read “ACCOUNTING / ATTORNEY” and INCREASING amount from current $100 to $500.

 Motion, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval.

**For Good of the Order:**

Tom Piekarski – 10 NOV - this Wed. – 1430hrs @ BROOKDALE ASSISTED LIVING

 on Clubhouse Drive hosting a Veterans Get Together with DAV & VFW

 Note: COVID Testing on-site at entry and masks mandatory

Dist. 17 Cdr. Jim Bowers –

 - 11 DEC 2021 – 17th Dist. Christmas Dinner @ Post 120 Tickets are $15

 - Post 187 Deland Grand Re-opening 10 NOV 2021 1000 – 1400hrs

 Past Cdr. David Hammond –

 - 3 members got food handlers certification @ Fall Conference

 - ALL Members need to recruit! Be proud of Post 115 and talk us up!

 - Dept. of FL. is holding a raffle sharing with Posts

 $5 ticket - $2 to Post, $2 to Dept., $1 to jackpot

**Closing Ceremony / Retirement of Colors
Commander’s Charge**

**Chaplain’s Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned - 1948hrs**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adj.**