



**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
FLAGLER POST 115  
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting  
28 DEC 2020  
7 PM  
(via ZOOM virtual meeting)**

**Call to Order:** Commander Hammond - 1900hrs

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Boone

**Welcome Guests:** none

**Roll Call:** Adjutant Owens

Absent/Excused: Leahy, McNamara

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Adjutant Owens –27 NOV., 3 DEC., 13 DEC. 2020 Exec. minutes for approval and submission to membership – motion 1<sup>st</sup> VC Pepin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dir. Dean, no discussion, call for vote unanimous approval for submission to membership.

**Committee Reports:**

- Comdr. Hammond
  - Ideas for speaker – Beverly Beach mayor, Bunnell mayor, and Marineland reps.
  - Wants to get VSO's involved in a Food Drive
- Adjutant Owens
  - Thanks for \$1,500 donation rec'd from Hammock Community Church, Service Officer Beier and Sgt. @ Arms Beier.
    - Officer Beier confirmed the donation will also come in 2021 budget year.
  - Reminder - KRIER INPUT needed by 15 JAN 2021
  - FPC ROTC MILITARY EXCELLENCE award presented to Cadet Ashley Baccus 22 DEC by Adj. Owens @ her home with family.
  - Renewal contract with VFW Post 8696 rec'd for the 2021 calendar year – same as previous years - \$60/mo.
    - Question arose regarding the months we did not use the building due to COVID – should we ask for a credit for those months? Or – as a “brother” Veterans' Service Post that has suffered worse than we have do we just write off? Consensus was to write off the expense.
    - Adjutant will sign contract for Post 115 and will deliver with \$720.

- Membership update –
  - A.L. membership is 374 PAID for 2021 vs 370 prior 2020 same time
  - Adj. has list of 83 members paid 2020 – NOT 2021
  - 100 names for DMS letters/labels available Post 0400 members in local zip codes paid for 2020 – recruitment letter will be included with Feb/Mar 2021 KRIER.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VC Pepin
  - WHITE TABLE CEREMONY @ LIBRARY WAS WELL-RECEIVED.
  - FESTIVAL OF TREES @ LIBRARY –
    - Thanks to Leahy, Thorpe, and Pepin families
  - Beachfront Grille – Flagler Beach – owner Jamie is open to hosting fundraisers on premise
    - Perhaps motorcycle weekends
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Thorpe
  - 11 JAN 2021 meeting discussion
    - Speaker? Perhaps prior Palm Coast rep. or other
    - Will have PSA on radio
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Leahy – in absentia
  - Boys State update
    - Application packets have been distributed to both schools with email notice as well – additional St. Johns Co. Parochial School candidate will be considered as he is a Palm Coast resident
  - Fundraising Ideas?
- Finance Officer Mangels
  - Finance Report
  - Possible grant from NAT'L. for rent – members voted to not pursue this.
  - “Giving Tuesday” netted \$610 in donations to Post.
- Judge Advocate Smith – no report
- Chaplain Boone
  - 4 Chaplains Flagler County Proclamation – 0900hrs Monday 11 JAN 2021  
County Council Chambers
  - 4 Chaplains 7 FEB 21 Ceremony @ VFW CANCELLED
  - Sick Call – members John Clark, Harry Burchell, ALR friend Mickey Snow.
  - 30 DEC 2020 Memorial Svc. For member Charles “Chuck” Whitney @ Lohman Funeral Home, Palm Coast, 1430hrs.
- Service Officer Beier – no report
- Sgt/Arms Beier
  - Memorial Service 30 DEC 2020 1500hrs
    - Member Charles “Chuck” Whitney – LOHMAN Funeral Home

- Color Guard and ALR Flag Line will be attending
  - “Daytona Speedway” update – transport arranged. \$\$ needed for entry tickets.
  - Discussed need for jackets for Color Guard – consensus was for members to purchase individually.
- Historian Boyd – still collecting data and photos
- ALR Chapter 115 Director Dean
  - ALR Summit – 3-6 FEB, 2021 – Avanti Palms Resort Orlando
  - Flag Line 30 DEC 2020 for Chuck Whitney
  - ALR has “Adopted-A-Road” – Belle Terre Pkwy, Palm Coast.
- Member @ Large McNamara - absent
- Member @ Large Whitaker
  - WAA recap – many thanks to all that participated!
  - Looking @ Masonic Cemetery – Old Kings Rd – for 2021?
- VAC / Webpage Mangel
  - WAA event was noticed and mentioned @ meeting! Many Thanks!
  - Next mtg. 4 JAN 2021.
  - 2021 Veterans Day @ Flagler Auditorium.
  - April – H.S. Honor Cord Ceremony
  - May – Memorial Day

**Unfinished Business:**

Director & Officers Insurance discussion – Exec. Committee has collected \$320 of \$508 so far for this policy period, awaiting a few checks. Both Commander Hammond and Chaplain Boone have offered to make up the difference for this year.  
D & O Budget Line needs to be added to 2021/2022 and future Post budgets.

**New Business:**

BUDGET – Membership income low – need to boost renewals.  
Adj. Owens recommends another “Buddy Check” by Exec. Members.  
Mailing to DMS (100) – To be included in next KRIER mailing.  
Exec. Committee to place calls to non-renewals for 2021 (83).

**Closing Prayer:** Chaplain Boone  
**Adjournment @** 1955hrs

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Gary M Owens, Adjutant, Post 115**