



**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FLAGLER POST 115
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
22 MAR 2021
1800 hrs.
VFW Warrior Room with ZOOM on-line access**

Call to Order: Cdr. Hammond - 1800hrs

Opening Prayer: Svc. Off. Beier

Welcome Guests: SAL & Fundraising member RJ Card,
Ron Domres, Administrator, Executive Comm. Post 410 Whitestown, IN.

Roll Call: Adjutant Owens

Excused: Boone, Boyd, Whitaker

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Adjutant Owens – 22 FEB Exec. and 8 MAR General meeting minutes presented for recommendation of submission to general membership. Motion, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous passage.

Committee Reports:

- Cdr. Hammond
 - Post Elections are coming up – ALR Dir. Dean is Chair of Nominating Committee
 - Be sure to sign up for Lollipop Drive schedules – only a 2-hour commitment
 - 1st VC Pepin will chair 12 APR meeting in absence of Cdr.
 - District 17 Constitutional Conference (DCC) to be held 22 MAY 2020 @ Post 6
 - Deland – please plan to attend if possible
 - Dept. of FL. Convention – Orlando – July 1-4, 2021 – we have a total of 7 delegates – please plan to attend – book your rooms soon
- Adjutant Owens
 - Asking Exec. Members to be KRIER Boosters - \$10/year
 - Buddy Check updates-
 - Reports rec'd from Pepin, Boone, Thorpe
 - PLEASE PASS ALONG UPDATES, EVEN IF NOT COMPLETED
 - Membership update –
 - A.L. membership is 421 for 2021 vs 410 prior 2020 same time – quota is 415 – we are at 100+% A.L.
 - AUX. Unit 115 is 100%, SAL Squadron 115 is 59%
- 1st VC Pepin – no report

- 2nd VC Thorpe
 - 12 APR 2021 meeting – Speaker – Bunnell PD Chief Tom Foster
 - 10 MAY 2021 meeting – possible new Flagler Beach Mayor
 - Made motion and there was a 2nd to reopen meetings to Potluck Dinner effective 13 SEP 2021 General Membership Meeting – return to 1800hrs start time
Will follow current CDC Guidelines effective for Sept. 2021 and on.
No discussion, passage unanimous.
- 3rd VC Leahy
 - Boys State update
 - Awaiting applications completion – registration and docs.
 - Need to schedule orientation – Post 115 / VFW 8696 has been offered as a venue depending on scheduling – Adj. will liaison
 - Working on busing
 - J.A. Smith advised that Boys State is a GO as of today with FSU – with some changes in meeting venues
 - Advised on-line training to be required for all counselors – see Boys State website for info
 - Fundraising Ideas
 - LOLLIPOP DRIVES
 - Locations are all set and on a schedule with Captains assigned to certain locations and dates
 - Will need help with set-up and take-down @ Hammock beach location 17/18 APR
 - Looking at possible 3rd Qtr. 2021 Golf Tourney – 11 OCT 2021
 - Golf Tourney added to Budget
 - Formation of Golf Tourney Committee needed – please offer your skills
 - Need to meet with Grand Haven Golf Club for more info
 - Flag & Emblems Sales – Post 115 can accumulate credits to shop @ Emblem Sales for every US Flag sold
- Finance Officer Mangels
 - Finance Report
 - Fin. Off. Mangels offered current Finance Update – motion and 2nd to accept, unanimous approval
 - Finance update
 - Budget Committee has met and approved a proposed 2021/2022 budget to present to the Exec. Committee – copy of proposed budget sent to Exec. members with addition of Post 115 Golf Tourney - copy of proposed Golf Tourney

Budget was sent to Exec. members for review. Request for motion to approve the Proposed 2021/2022 Budget to General membership for approval and adoption. Motion made and 2nd to accept, unanimous approval to forward to General Membership

- Judge Advocate Smith – see Boys State update items
- Service Officer Beier – no report
- Sgt/Arms Beier –
 - Has lost 3 members due to health and retirement and 1 more will be gone for vacation. Will work with the available numbers for events.
 - Discussion regarding April meeting scheduling / timing
- ALR Chapter 115 Director Dean
 - Results of Bike Week fundraising to date - \$500 raised for AL, ALR, and AUX!
 - Entire Month of April is Dept. of FL. ALR Round-Robin fundraising event for Project VetRelief
 - Chapter 115 will be visiting various Posts within and outside of the District thereby gathering donations and points
 - In-state Unity Ride late April – ALR Chapter 115 looking to join the ride to Kissimmee for the State Rally @ Post 10
 - Will do Adopt-A-Road Effort again APR 2021 – quarterly schedule
 - THURSDAYS @ Beach Front Grille is VETERANS DAY - \$8 dinner specials
 - Great sponsor of AL, ALR, & AUX.
 - Hope to hold a Gold Star Ceremony
- Member @ Large Whitaker – (presented in absentia)
 - ESPANOLA CEMETERY Flag Placement Sat. 29 MAY 0930hrs.
 - WAA – 18 DEC 2021 1200hrs – 2021 Theme: Live Up to Their Legacy
 - Approx. 60 wreaths left over from 2020
 - MASONIC CEMETERY - Last year we discussed adding the Masonic Cemetery. Dave Lydon has given me the contact for that cemetery, and I was able to speak with that representative. I do, however, need to clarify what type of ceremony will be taking place at this location. Commander Hammond made the statement that if we are to do it, we should do it right. There are options: 1. We can create a Masonic Cemetery page on the WAA website and ask for donations as we are doing with Espanola and do a full ceremony as we do with Espanola, 2. We can create the page and donate as previously said, but without the full ceremony - we just do a wreath laying after the Espanola ceremony is over, or 3. We do not create the donation page, but instead, ask for more wreaths on the Espanola page and do a wreath laying at the Masonic cemetery after the Espanola ceremony is over.

- Something to consider is if we do a full ceremony at the Masonic Cemetery, we would have to either have 2 separate groups attending to do them at the same time or we change the time and/or date so that we may do 2 full ceremonies without taking from the other. The veteran count as last checked is 34, but there have been several burials since then and so a recount will need to be done.
- Motion made to Table Masonic Cemetery scheduling until further research – all agreed
- VAC / Webpage Mangels
 - Memorial Day Ceremonies
 - Flagler County – 1000hrs – 1st Sgt Melvin Morris – Keynote
 - Medal of Honor recipient
 - American Legion Colors are needed to be present
 - City of Palm Coast info – 0800hrs – Heroes Park, Palm Coast Pkwy NW – no Post services needed.
 - VFW Post 8696 has a Luncheon hosting 1st Sgt Melvin Morris - \$10pp – tickets available @ the Post bar and member Tom Piekarski

Unfinished Business:

Dist. 17 Picnic – ALR Chapter 115 put together a couple a of liquor baskets as raffle item donations to the picnic – Dist. 17 netted \$2100 for the event to help with Boys State Bus transport

Nominating Committee report – ALR Director Dean

Has all materials needed to progress with Nominations and gathering candidates

Grace Community Church March Food Drive - 22 FEB. Exec. meeting approved the transfer using 50/50 proceeds from 8 MAR meeting with a match from Commanders Discretionary Fund – Cdr. approval is still needed?

Cdr. APPROVED - \$44 collected from 8 MAR 50/50 drawing = \$88 Donation to Grace Community Church March Food Drive

New Business:

POST 323 Golf Tourney asking for \$\$ - Children & Youth Charity Event

Will Post 115 offer donation for POST 323 24 APRIL Golf Tourney supporting Children & Youth? Idea is help for our future events.

- Cdr. Hammond to donate \$50 from Discretionary Fund

3 APR 2021 - DEPT. Children & Youth Picnic — 1200-1800hrs.

Post 1 – Titusville - Please try to attend

10 APR 2021 – District 17 CHILI COOK-OFF – Post 259 DeBary
Benefits Boys/Girls State Transport – excess to Emory Bennett Activity Fund

ROTC Awards –

3 May FPCHS & 5 May Matanzas HS

medals have been ordered and received from Dept.

Adjutant has names for awards and \$250 scholarship checks and will supply to
Fin. Off.

Potential Sponsorship for a SAL member – Gabriel Breckenridge and son of a Post
member opportunity to travel FL for statewide 16-U baseball team. 4.6 GPA
FPCHS student, .390 batting avg., .400 OBP. Great opportunity for college scouts
to see potential recruits. Donation would be to Florida Baseball Association on
Gabriel's behalf.

- Cdr. Hammond will donate \$200 from Commanders Discretionary Fund

DEPT. CONVENTION – 30 JUN – 3 JUL 2021 – World Center Marriott

Registration @ www.FloridaLegion.org has opened

Adj. Owens has registered

\$10/Delegate Registration - \$60

Post 115 is allowed 6 votes based on membership count PLUS 1 for Omer
Smith as PDC as long as he attends

Closing Prayer: Svc. Off. Beier

Adjournment @ 1945hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adjutant Post 115