



**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
FLAGLER POST 115**

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

26 APR 2021

1800 hrs.

VFW Warrior Room with on-line ZOOM access

Call to Order: CDR Hammond via ZOOM - 1800hrs

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Boone

Welcome Guests: members Guy Middleton (Asst. JA candidate) and Paul “Lurch” Werner (2nd VC candidate)

Roll Call: Adjutant Owens

Absent/Excused: Leahy, Mangels, Whitaker

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Adjutant Owens – 22 MAR Exec. and 12 APR General meeting minutes presented for recommendation of submission to general membership. Motion, 2nd, approved for submission

Committee Reports:

- Cdr. Hammond – on-line
 - Encouraging ALL members to attend the 17th District DCC (District Constitutional Conference) to be held @ Post 6 DeLand 22 MAY 1200hrs – we have 6 delegates and should have all attend – please place on your schedule – and Adjutant will also broadcast to membership
 - We can also set up a carpool to Post 6
- Adjutant Owens
 - Buddy Check updates-
 - Contacted by spouse Helen Guilfoyle (Raymond Guilfoyle)
 - Needs help 1 MAY for a family get together
- 1st VC Pepin
 - Read a thank you note from relatives of member Don Hoskins regarding our memorial service for Don
 - RING A BELL?
 - Idea – if there is a Post Everlasting notice at a monthly meeting we will ring the bell on the podium for that member just prior to POW/MIA closing and Taps – all agreed
 - Note – Adjutant will check procedures manual as well
- 2nd VC Thorpe
 - 10 MAY 2021 meeting

- Flagler Beach incoming mayor Suzie Johnston
 - 14 JUNE 2021 meeting
 - Cdr. Hammond requested a City of Palm Coast rep. to talk about development, oncoming, and on-going changes to the City of Palm Coast
 - 2nd VC Thorpe will pursue
- 3rd VC Leahy – (in absence)
 - Boys State update
 - Orientation 1 MAY @ Post 120 Holly Hill
 - Those candidates that cannot attend will be contacted by VC Leahy directly
 - Fundraising Update
 - Lollipop Drive Results
 - This past weekend netted \$960 – total to come – drive completed until Fall 2021
 - 2021 Golf Tourney report
 - 11 OCT 2021 @ Grand Haven Club
 - Budgeting for \$15,000 possible net income
 - Flag & Emblems Sales – Post 115 can accumulate credits to shop for every US Flag sold
 - Texas Roadhouse Peanut Sales
 - Post gets \$2 for every sale of 2 bags w/coupon
 - Net \$15 so far
 - 11 MAY (Tue) next Texas Roadhouse Dinner Night
 - MEMORIAL DAY@ BEACH FRONT GRILLE – Fri/Sat/Sun good days for Lollipop Drive – ALR Chapter 115 will hopefully respond and represent us
- Finance Officer Mangels – no report
- Judge Advocate Smith
 - Discussion of supporting Whispering Meadows Ranch – a veteran oriented equine therapy facility in business for 13+ years – hearing at Flagler County Council Chambers 1730hrs 17 MAY 2021 – please attend in uniform showing support of the ranch – STRONGLY ENDORSED BY OUR JA OMER SMITH
- Chaplain Boone
 - Post Everlasting – member Robert Sgroi – service TBD
 - Sick Call – Mahan, Parisen, Listing, Seidel, Gyorkos, Rafaele, Edmunds, Guilfoyle
- Service Officer Beier
 - Referred member to Flagler County Veterans Office
- Sgt/Arms Beier

- Would like to find help immediately for member Mike Gyorkos with travel to/from Mayo Clinic
- Historian Boyd
 - Working on Post 115 Yearbook
- ALR Chapter 115 Director Dean
 - 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 18-24 April – ALR Chapter 115 members joining the ride to Kissimmee for the State Rally @ Post 10 - \$141,000 raised as of 24 APR 2021 for Dept. of Florida Project Vet Relief
 - Chapter 115 proudly represented Post @ 17th District Chili Cook-Off – 6 bikes, 2 slingshots, one cage – and ALR Chapter 115 members Frank & Helena Boone took home the Chili Trophy!!
- Member @ Large McNamara
 - VA may reopen in summer
- Member @ Large Whitaker – messaged to Adjutant
 - ESPANOLA CEMETERY Flag Placement Sat. 29 MAY 0830hrs – Ceremony to Follow
 - WAA – 18 DEC 2021 1200hrs – 2021 Theme: Live Up to Their Legacy
 - Approx. 60 wreaths left over from 2020
 - MASONIC CEMETERY – awaiting further info
- VAC / Webpage Mangles – no report

Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee report – ALR Director Dean

Post 115 Chaplain nominee Lorrene Castelhana has formerly removed her offer to serve as Post 115 Chaplain for Post 115 due to family issues.

Nominations are on schedule for next meeting 10 MAY 2021

New Business:

We are in need of more Membership Application Pamphlets from

Vinny The Printer – (best price we found)

We have membership supplies \$\$ in the budget available – just advisory

Interlachen Post 293 asking for a \$100 donation for roof replacement project -

On behalf of Post 115 - Chapter 115 will donate \$100 and ALR members Jim Boyd and RJ / Donna Card also matched with an additional \$100 each to Chapter 115 -

Total donation to Interlachen Post 293 to come from Post 115 is \$300.

Flagler High School Marching Bulldogs Fundraising

Asking for \$\$ the Marching Band Program

Motion and 2nd for \$150 donation to the program – adjutant will pass along

Info to Fin. Off. Mangles

ROTC Awards –

3 May FPCHS & 5 May Matanzas HS - medals have been ordered and received from Dept., Adjutant has names for awards and the \$250 scholarship checks
1st VC Pepin and 2nd VC Thorpe will present the awards with Historian Boyd for photos

Initiation Ceremony mentions awarding a US Flag and Flag Etiquette booklet

- 20 Booklets ordered by Adjutant - \$1/ea.
- \$4.95 or \$9.95/cheap flag – needs budget entry if we adopt
- Discussion led to deleting mention of flag presentation in ceremony and still include the Flag Etiquette Booklet offer

POST 115 STORAGE SHED ELECTRICITY

Elec. Cost actually \$26/month – at first thought \$11/month

Note that the VFW likes having the light – discussion?

Adjutant will try LED light to reduce cost, or unplug the motion light

Altogether if no savings

DEPT. CONVENTION – 1 – 4 JUL 2021 – World Center Marriott

Registration @ FloridaLegion.org has opened

\$10/Delegate Registration - \$60

Post 115 is allowed 6 votes PLUS 1 for Omer Smith as PDC if attending

Delegates to be - Owens, Pepin, Werner, Middleton, Beier, Leahy

FREEDOMFEST 2021

FreedomFest is 3 July 2021 @ Flagler Executive Airport

Adjutant will reserve a spot for Post 115 – we have a canopy, tables,

printed materials, possible raffle items – Ron Dean and Gary McNamara

have volunteered – will get more members to help.

Special Notes from Commander Hammond-

A sincere thanks to all for all you have done! Raising \$\$, getting our name out more, proudly representing the Post!

3 JULY 2021 – CATHERINE HAMMOND MEMORIAL SERVICE

4 JULY 2021 – CATHERINE HAMMOND MEMORIAL PICNIC/GET-TOGETHER

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Boone

Adjournment @ 1905hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Post 115 Adjutant