



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

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

26 JUL 2021

1800 hrs.

IHOP Restaurant Meeting Room, Palm Coast

Call to Order: Cdr. Pepin - 1800hrs

Opening Prayer: Chap. Boone

Roll Call: Adjutant Owens

Excused: 3rd VC Leahy, JA Smith, Asst JA Middleton, VAC Mangels, SAL Cdr. Young

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Adjutant Owens – 28 JUN Exec. and 12 JUL General meeting minutes presented for recommendation of submission to general membership – motion, 2nd, unanimous approval to recommend membership adoption.

Committee Reports:

- Cdr. Pepin
 - Working on Adoption of Committees and those serving
 - Flagler County Special Olympics is his adopted charity
 - 9 & 10 Oct 2021 PUBLIX FL 100 Flagler Beach and A1A Hammock Dunes Lollipop Drive
 - 1st VC Thorpe leading Flagler Beach effort
 - Cdr. Pepin leading A1A Hammock effort
- 1st VC Thorpe
 - Special Thanks to Tanya Whitaker for her efforts with the Post 115 website
- 2nd VC Werner – n/r
- 3rd VC Leahy – report via email
 - Boys State recognition 13 SEPT Meeting – will invite delegates to speak
 - Rec'd letters from delegates while at Boys State
 - Fundraising Update
 - 9 & 10 OCT Special Olympics mentioned above
 - Lollipop Drive: Jim Boyd Captain
 - October 16/17: Publix Island Walk
 - October 23/24: Publix BelleTerre
 - Golf Tourney Update
 - Golf Tournament: October 11th, Grand Haven Golf Club
 - 53 Paid Golfers/ 4 Comp. Golfers per last spreadsheet
 - 8 Paid Sponsors, 2 Raffle Sponsors, Hole in One Sponsor,

- Numerous additional commitments
- Finance Officer Ophelia Beier
 - Finance update
 - Gave Finance Report update as of today – full report to be presented @ 9 AUG meeting
 - Asked for attendees of convention for reimbursement to be sent by Adj. Owens
 - (Sent 7/26/21 Adj. Owens)
- Asst. JA Middleton
 - PLEASE SEE NOTES FROM “HONOR FLIGHT” PRESENTATION ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT AS ATTACHMENT #1
- Chaplain Boone
 - Post Everlasting – Fred G Galloway passed 13 JULY 2021
 - Memorial to be held 28 AUG with Honor Guard and SALR attending @ Palm Coast Community Center
 - Sick Call
 - Perez, Preston, Ausbrooks, Gyorkos, L. Dean, O. Beier
- Service Officer Lydon
 - AUGUST IS PURPLE HEART MONTH
 - 2 AUG 2021 0900hrs @ County Admin Bldg 2 – Flagler County Commission Proclamation for Purple Heart Month and 9 Aug Purple Heart Day
- Sgt/Arms Edward Beier
 - Honor Guard attending to Fred Galloway 28 Aug memorial
 - Rifle Squad @ Santa Maria Del Mar Church Flagler Beach November for Veterans Day Service
- Historian Boyd
 - Please pass along photos, news articles, etc. to Jim Boyd for inclusion in Post 115 Scrapbook
- ALR Chapter 115 Director Dean
 - Riders staying active and attending to any services needed
- SAL
 - Sq. 115 Adj. RJ Card introduced – will get training from Adj. Owens
- Member @ Large McNamara
 - Daytona VA Clinic only open to patients and all COVID Protocol still in effect
 - Recommended that Post 115 offer and encourage masks for 9 AUG meeting, exec. members agreed
 - Adjutant needs to order “swag” for distribution @ events.
- Member @ Large Whitaker
 - WAA – 18 DEC 2021 1200hrs – 2021 Theme: Live Up to Their Legacy

- Per 5 JUN 21 email thread from last year, we have \$525 in reserve for 2021 from the 2020 effort – need to confirm with Fin. Off. – confirmed and will release funds for purchase of wreathes. Tanya will give info to Fin. Off. Beier
 - Both ESPANOLA and MASONIC CEMETERY are now sponsored and active on website
- WEBSITE
 - Please pass along photos etc. to Tanya for inclusion on Post 115 website

Old Business:

- FREEDOMFEST - 03 JULY 2021 –
 RECAP – 1st VC Thorpe, Member McNamara
 Gary McNamara recommended Post 115 get a new tent – Exec. members “dug in their pockets and raised/donated \$450 with more coming to meet an anticipated cost of \$720
- POST 115 STORAGE SHED ELECTRICITY BILLING
 Adj. Owens agreed to donate \$15 monthly to VFW Post 8696 per letter of agreement between both – mentioned as info to Post
- TUE 10 AUG – TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINNER NIGHT
 1700 – 2000hrs
- SAT 14 AUG - 17th DISTRICT TRAINING – 0900 AL Post 120 Holly Hill
 ALL OFFICERS AND EXEC. MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND
 Carpool from VFW and other hubs?

New Business:

- SAT 25 SEPT - PALM COAST TOWN CENTER EVENT
 REMEMBERING VETS Family event – Cathy Heigher contact person
 Vendors/Food/etc.
 Post 115 is reserved a spot for our tent/display even allowing ALR
- FUTURE MEETINGS –
 - Cathy Heigher, Gold Star Mom and Remembering Vets would be a good speaker
 - Tenure awards / patches / certificates discussion – Chaplain recommends 11 Oct. meeting
 Adj. to order supplies as needed
 - 13 SEPT usually Boys & Girls State - & 1st Potluck night
- VETERAN RELIEF COMMITTEE REQUEST –
 Post 115 received request for financial aid for a veteran and member. Committee is recommending Post 115 offer the requested help of \$1,000 to Boulder Rock Rock Dental on behalf of member / veteran when procedures begin. Motion made to write check for \$1,000 to Boulder Rock dental on behalf of veteran member, 2nd, discussion, unanimous approval using fund from our Project Vet Relief line item of \$1,500.

- SONNY'S BBQ – Now offering 10% nights – Adj. Owens has us signed up and we will look at possible Monday 16 Aug for the first night – more to come

For the Good of The Order:

- Past Cdr. Hammond has passed out a calendar of events thru 15 NOV 2021 – see attachment #2.
- DEPT. of FL includes and email contact list of its website – www.FloridaLegion.org
- Post must submit Program / Committee Chair info to Dept. by 1 SEP 2021
- Post Admin. Manual in process of updates.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Boone

Adjournment @ 0700hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adjutant Post 115

ATTACHMENT #1

Notes From Honor Flight Network Meeting

VFW Post 3282, Port Orange, FL

15 July 2021 at 1700 hours

Attended by: Post 115 Assistant Judge Advocate Guy Middleton

There are ten (10) Honor Flight Hubs in Florida. Three chapter representatives made presentations at the meeting:

Space Coast Honor Flight (Rockledge)- www.spacecoasthonorflight.org

Honor Flight Central Florida (Orlando)- www.honorflightcentralflorida.org

First Coast Honor Flight (St. Johns)- www.firstcoasthonorflight.org (established March 2020)

Honor Flights is a nationwide 501(c) 3 charitable organization, which operates by using volunteers and collecting charitable contributions. Their mission is to transport critically ill and senior military veterans to Washington, DC at no cost to the vet. Since 2005, more than 245,000 vets have been transported to Washington, DC on Honor Flights. Funding is contributed by individuals and various veterans' organizations. The veterans are prioritized for these flights in the following order: World War II vets, Korean War vets, Viet Nam War vets. Veterans from other conflicts will be included in future Honor Flights. Each Honor Flight transports 25 vets and 25 guardians. There are approximately 167,000 military veterans in Northeast Florida. The Honor Flights all take place on one day. First Coast Flights depart from Jacksonville, while the Space Coast and Central Florida Flights depart from Orlando. All First Coast flights arrive at, and return, from Baltimore Washington International (BWI) airport and are escorted by U.S. Park Police to the DC area, where stops will be made at the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Viet Nam War Memorial, the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial, the Women Veteran's Memorial, the Air Force Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The costs for each flight total approximately thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). Each Honor Flight Chapter has individually unique fundraising events and anonymous individual donors to raise funds for these flights.

During the flight, each veteran is escorted by a Guardian, who must be age 18-70 and be physically fit. A friend or family member may volunteer to be a Guardian, but a donation of \$400-500 is requested to help defray the cost of air travel and meals. All vets and Guardians are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner on the day of the Honor Flight. The only thing the vet needs to travel is a driver's license or passport (for TSA) and 2-3 days of prescribed medications.

Honor Flight wants to locate and encourage as many war veterans as possible to sign up for these flights. They reiterated that sick, infirm and elderly veterans are given priority for the flights. They are also seeking donations to support these flights.

ATTACHMENT #2



Attachment #2.pdf