



**American Legion Flagler Post 115
General Meeting Minutes
9 Nov 2020**

Commander Hammond Opens Meeting 1830 HRS

Presentation of Colors – Honor Guard

Prayer – Chaplain Boone

POW / MIA Empty Chair Ceremony – Sgt. At Arms Beier

Pledge – Commander Hammond

Speaker – Jane Mealy, Chief Commissioner, City of Flagler Beach

Creation and history of Flagler Beach, Form of Gov't. explanation, current and
And future issues regarding Flagler Beach were presented.

Officer Roll Call – Adjutant Owens

Excused – 2nd VC Thorpe, Fin. Off. Ausbrooks
32 in attendance

Minutes of previous meetings – Adjutant Owens

Minutes of 26 Oct Executive Meeting and 12 Oct General Meeting have been posted on-
line @ www.flaglerpost115.org, also printed and available @ this general meeting per
By-Laws. Request acceptance by membership. Motion, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous
approval adopting minutes as presented.

Reminder -

TEXAS ROADHOUSE AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT 10 NOV 1700 – 2000hrs.
GET YOUR COUPON!

Commander Hammond Report: none

1st VC Pepin Report:

Wreaths Across America –

Advised that Donald O'Brien (County Councilman) and various reps. from Edward
Jones have donated a total of \$525 in sponsorship of the Post 115 WAA Espanola
Cemetery Event 19 DEC 2020 1200hrs – Espanola Cemetery, Bunnell

White Table ceremony update

“Virtual” Ceremony has begun today through this Friday.

The White Table Ceremony honors those MIA and KIA and is presented by the
Embry Riddle University ROTC unit. Visit this service at the Palm Coast Branch
of the Flagler County Library system – NW corner of Palm Coast Pkwy N &
Belle Terre.

Post 115 Christmas Tree update

12 NOV 2020 Post 115 will place our entry for the 2020 Ceremony of the Trees
@ the Palm Coast Branch of the Flagler County Library system. Set-up help is
needed.

Beachfront Grille A1A S Flagler Beach – honored vets with free food Sat 7 NOV.

Owner Jamie is a veteran himself and supports our efforts.

2nd VC Thorpe Report: excused absence

3rd VC Leahy Report:

Boys State:

Selection Committee has been formed. Awaiting materials from Dept. of FL in order to contact schools

Will fund four (4) delegates with an addition one (1) depending on funding and need.

Programs:

Chair Position is OPEN for Children & Youth

Fundraising:

PUBLIX is still on hold – have not researched other venues due returns being Lower than PUBLIX locations.

Fundraising Committee again formed and meeting –

Instead of “raffle” we will offer “Opportunity” tickets

Thinking of Harley Davidson drawing, Golf Tournament, various restaurant offerings – Such as Tuesday Night’s TEXAS Roadhouse event. And??

Finance Officer Ausbrooks Report:

Updated Finance Report - report offered in absence by Adj. Owens

Motion, 2nd, no discussion, unanimous approval for audit submission.

Chaplain Boone Report:

Sick Call – Joe Licata, Lenora Dean, Brenda Thorpe, Vinnie Rafaele, Reed Laney, RJ Card, Bill Haseltine, Barry Preston, Eileen Piekarski, Ray Salas, Karen Smith, Kathy Owens, Sandy Ausbrooks, Mark Cremeans

VAC Mangels Report:

Flagler County Proclaimed Veteran Appreciation Week

11 NOV 2020 VETERANS DAY EVENTS –

1000hrs – FPC Auditorium – FPC High School

1100 – 1300hrs+ City of Palm Coast Picnic BBQ – Palm Coast Towne Center

1100 – 1300hrs+ VSO ONE Blood drive – Palm Coast Towne Center

VAC Board for 2021

Hank Mangels elected as VAC Chair – congrats Hank!

Next VAC meeting 7 DEC 2020

EMORY BENNETT NURSING HOME update

We delivered steaks for a Veterans Day Lunch this past Saturday 7 NOV.

Due to COVID – VA did not allow us to attend this year so we just

supplied the beef and rec’d many thanks! (Last year we BBQ’d them as well!

And were able to mingle while the vets enjoyed their meals.)

Service Officer Beier Report:

Has completed Dept. of FL Post Service Officer Training as well as training for Project:VetRelief

Appeared on Veterans on Point aired on WNZF for a welcome interview.

Has helped with one local veteran in getting care he needed.

Sgt. At Arms Beier Report:

Recognized and thanked member Ken Wall who is retiring from the Color Guard for his long time of service to the unit.

Post 115 Color Guard will be in attendance at the WAA Espanola Cemetery Event.

Color Guard and ALR Chap. 115 participated in a funeral service for member Donald Hoskins 6 Nov 2020. Remains were escorted by our ALR and the FSCO COPS to the church and internment site along A1A. Family monetary donation made to Post 115 in Don's remembrance.

Post 115 Color Guard has received a request to Present The Colors for the Daytona 500. More to come regarding funding, transport, etc.

Post 115 is forming a Rifle Squad in an effort to support current and future needs for Rifle squad services. We have rec'd many requests with no resources but now are ready.

Judge Advocate Smith Report:

Extends a thank you to Ophelia Beier for stepping up and becoming the Post Service Officer!

J.A. Smith reminds members that the American Legion is apolitical. If you are wearing the uniform (i.e. Legion Cap) or display Legion logo or uniform photo - Do NOT express politics, please.

As an individual – out of “uniform” – you are free to express via 1st Amendment. Please – In Uniform you are neutral

Historian Boyd Report:

Really appreciated the funeral service for Donald Hoskins and the Post's performance.

Now an AL Riders member and have been along for rides – thanks Riders.

ALR Director Dean Report:

Traveling trophy was displayed during tonight's meeting. Trophy spent many years @ Post 267 and we decided to grab it which was accomplished!

ALR will work towards winning the Round Robin for this coming year

Registration process is underway and Post 115 help may be needed – More to come.

Chapter 115 just celebrated our 1-year anniversary!

Now currently @ 20 members

Working now on Chapter 115 registration for MIAP Escorts (Missing In America Project)

Next meeting Sat. 14 Nov. 2020 1000hrs @ VFW

Member @ Large McNamara Report:

Still no VA access

Member @ Large Whitaker Report:

WAA update – With tonight's donations the goal for Post 115 Espanola Event

Has been met and surpassed. Committee will propose to hold overage for the 2021 event.

A question arose from the members in adding an additional cemetery – Tanya can

research as we need approval from cemetery board or owner(s) in order to sponsor a site.

Old Business:

Adj. Owens - Continue discussion of “Directors & Officers Liability Insurance”

Documentation is supplied and some previous questions answered-

New updated quote rec'd - \$508 Annual Premium – same coverage

TABLED TO 14 DEC 2020 MEETING by Adjutant Owens

New Business: none

Initiation: none

50 / 50 Drawing -

Closing Ceremony - Retirement of Colors

Commander's Charge

Chaplain's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned – 2010hrs

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adjutant Post 115